

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF MEETING

October 20, 2011

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 6:15.p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Whitehouse, Swearingen, Doran, Kerber, and Cope present. Member Young was absent. Also present were Scott Shoemaker, Tom Ramage & Linden Warfel of Parkland College, Russ Leigh, Doris Benter, Joni Cox, Jean Noellsch, Rick Brackmann, Susan Riley, Mike Lindy, Jeremy Darnell, Justin Kean, Anthony Galindo and Marge Ehlers.

A motion to go into executive session at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity 5ILCS 120/2(c) (1), collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and student disciplinary cases 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9) was made by member Doran and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:19 p.m.

No agenda additions were added.

Scott Shoemaker was appointed and sworn in as a member of the GCMS Board of Education to fill the vacancy previously filled by Julie Steinman. Member Shoemaker's term will expire in April 2013.

Visitor Linden Warfel, Parkland College Trustee, wished to share where Parkland College is and where it is going. Mr. Warfel introduced Dr. Ramage of Parkland College who gave a very informative presentation concerning Parkland College.

Susan Riley advised the \$100 the Board donated for the 1st quarter GCMS online survey ended this last Friday. Ninety seven results showed the public is very satisfied. The 2nd quarter online survey will go out on November 11th.

A motion to approve the consent agenda correcting Item 7.1 minutes approval date to September 20, 2011 instead of August 16, 2011 was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$1,988,816.96 (Education fund \$1,368,615.22, Building fund \$41,937.46, Debt Service fund \$190,000.00, Transportation fund \$50,568.13, IMRF fund \$23,974.01, Capital Projects fund \$241,562.05, W/C \$20,000.00, Tort \$50,394.75, F/HLS \$1,765.34 and payroll of \$351,849.28 (Education fund \$330,509.47, Building fund \$18,765.03, and Transportation fund \$2,574.78. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$88,819.68 (Education fund \$86,771.71, Building fund \$145.95, IMRF fund \$1,902.02) and payroll of \$31,480.96 education fund.

The Second Reading was held for policy adoption of policies. A motion to approve policies: 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:130, 3:10, 3:30, 3:70, 5:20, 5:125, 5:170, and amended 7:41 was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Kerber. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

The Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee will tour the new district office next Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

The Personnel and Finance Committee will have actions items later in the meeting.

FCSEC had no report.

Russ Leigh, district auditor, stated the GCMS audit has clean opinions, ended the year with a gain in the education fund balance and is still maintains good solid fund balances, and also noted expenditures had been managed very well for the district. The education fund has approximately a six month operating balance on hand. Out of district GCMS tuition for FY11 is \$9,835.56 as compared to FY09 at \$9,907.13, a decrease of \$71.57 per pupil. Mr. Leigh noted the FCSEC audit was also clean. A motion was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Whitehouse to approve the GCMS FY11 Audit as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Doran to approve the FCSEC FY11 Audit as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

The State Financial Reimbursement Report shows the district has now received all of last years Categorical payments. The state currently owes GCMS \$187,965.03 of which \$88,548.03 is in transportation for the current school year, FY12.

The district architect is working on the specs and bid information for the roof on the district office. Mr. Galindo is looking into window replacement options and then may have the architects do the specs on that type of windows so they can be installed as well before the move. No final date for the move has been determined. Capital Development funds can be used for the roof and windows if done as part of the project.

Recommendations were to vote to adopt the resolutions in agreement with IASB recommendations that will be voted on at the Conference in Chicago.

Sara Groom did an outstanding job of addressing issues at the Fall Corn Belt Division Meeting review. Administrators attended a meeting today in Paxton regarding new RIF rules. A RIF list will need to be compiled by evaluations according to Senate Bill 7 by February 2012.

Mr. Galindo has a booklet of schedules for each board member and administrator for the Chicago Triple I Conference and would like to know when each person is going and how transportation there is going to work.

The FY12 preliminary levy was presented. The tax tables in the packet show two different options that will be discussed in November. One option is the maximum the district can pass without a levy hearing. The second would require the district to hold a hearing in December before the regular board meeting because it is over 5%.

A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Whitehouse to approve maternity leave request from Keri Deters, MS teacher as per request. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Swearingen to approve maternity leave request on behalf of FCSEA from Heather Walder - FCSEA Physical Therapy Assistant, as per request. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Shoemaker and seconded by member Doran to accept the retirement request from Denise J. Kearfott and place her into the retirement incentive program as in Article 10, Section 8.2 of the negotiated contract between GCMSEA and the GCMS Board of Education effective 2011 – 2012 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Swearingen to accept the retirement request with group insurance ending with the last date of employment (6/30/2015) from Sharon Pool. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Doran to hire Paul Krogmeier as the Speech Team Coach at the high school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Shoemaker to hire Chuck Aubry as the 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach at the middle school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Shoemaker and seconded by member Whitehouse to hire Michelle Cliff as the middle school cashier at the high school effective 10–11-11. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Shoemaker and seconded by member Whitehouse to accept the resignation of Joanie Davis as the lunch clerk for GCMS Middle School. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Kerber to approve the negotiated contract between GCMS Para-Professional Association and the GCMS Board of Education for 2011 – 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Swearingen who abstained.

At motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Doran to approve Heath Pool as a volunteer Middle School Wrestling Coach pending certification and completion of all paperwork. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Kerber to approve non-certified raises for 2011-12 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Kerber to approve administrative salary increases for 2011-12 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Shoemaker to regretfully accept the Retirement of Marge Ehlers as GCMS Office Manager, FCSEA Office Manager, and GCMS recording secretary, effective April 30, 2012, with thanks for her 21 years of service to the GCMS. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Swearingen voting no.

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by member Doran seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary