

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

November 16, 2011

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 6:15.p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Shoemaker, Whitehouse, Swearingen, Doran, Young, and Cope present. Member Kerber entered the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Also present were Diane and Rich Perkins, Doris Benter, Jean Noellsch, Lynne Titus, John Boehner, 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), and student disciplinary cases 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9) was made by member Young and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 6:44 p.m.

Two agenda additions had previously been added and sent out with the agenda, item 9.9 Joint Committee Formation and item 12.1 Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Lynne Titus was recognized as a visitor and presented information on the 2012 Illinois School Library Grant. The grant has been submitted online with an electronic signature page; however documentation is still needed that the information was presented to the Board. Revenue of \$.70 to \$.71 per student is generated for the district. Last year the amount allocated was \$757.00 for library books and materials which was received in October 2011.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$1,034,474.00 (Education fund \$405,766.42, Building fund \$37,683.47, Debt Service fund \$435,796.66, Transportation fund \$46,336.23, IMRF fund \$26,351.84, Capital Projects fund \$58,511.13, W/C \$-0-, Tort \$21,917.00, F/HLS \$2,111.25 and payroll of \$374,205.21 (Education fund \$349,241.84, Building fund \$22,159.66, and Transportation fund \$2,803.71. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$77,026.70 (Education fund \$74,959.71, Building fund \$200.64, IMRF fund \$1,866.35) and payroll of \$31,092.14 education fund.

There were no Committee reports. The Policy Committee will set a date for a meeting to review new policy updates.

Three bids were received for the window replacement at the new district office with Overman Construction being low bidder at \$40,396.00. A motion to accept the bid from Overman Construction as presented for \$40,396.00 was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Kerber. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Even though 18 contractors were at the pre-bid meeting only two bids were received for a new metal roof (a standing metal seam with a specified brand) at the new district office. The two bids ranged from \$132,100 to \$73,000. With such a wide variance it was decided to check with some of the other contractors to see if the time element was the reason for not bidding and to try to determine why the wide variance. Superintendent Galindo has checked with the district auditor regarding spending the Capital Project funds for the roof. As long as the roof is approved or the bid accepted prior to the completion of the entire project, the money can be spent from the Capital Project Fund and completed later. The Building and Grounds Committee will seek information from the architect, project manager, Mike Sparks and/or the contractors that did bid to try to determine the reason the bids were rather high and had such a wide span.

The move in date to the new unit office has been moved back to January 3, 2012 due to the office furniture store that will disassemble and reassemble the cubicles being booked solid until then. The cubicles will not be reassembled in the same formation and will need to be redesigned that requires someone with specialized training to do so. The fireproof cabinets will also need extra care in moving. This will delay moving ECE into the current unit office area and this may be delayed until spring break depending on the updates that would be mandatory to house ECE. An alternate furniture mover will try to be located.

The State Financial Reimbursement Report for FY12 shows the state currently owes GCMS \$320,326.40 of which \$88548.03 is in transportation.

Handouts consisting of company invitations, badges and tags from IASB, and Badge Holders pick-up information were passed out to Board Members for the Triple I Conference.

Levy information was presented based on an estimated EAV of \$108,714,027 and \$110,868,644. Farmland was up slightly and residential EAV was down. Two levy projections were considered with one being an increase of 4.99% and the other a 6.90% increase with the 6.90% being recommended. \$16,000 of the Bond payment will be abated as had been the practice in the past to bring the bond levy payment down to \$500,000. The Tort Fund was \$55,992 short this year and was covered by the fund balance. Mr. Galindo feels it would benefit the district to implement a Risk Management Plan in order to spend more expenses from the Tort Fund such as mandated training, insurances, teacher liability seminars, and items that reduce district liability. By spending these expenses from the Tort Fund, the district can levy for these expenses and recoup the actual expenses. This will allow the district to use more money toward education fund expenses such as new textbooks. In the past the State helped to fund new textbooks, but that practice has been eliminated. A levy hearing will be scheduled prior to the regular December meeting as has been done in the past. A motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Shoemaker to approve the levy resolution as presented with a 1.069% increase. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Swearingen voting no.

Corporate Property Replacement Taxes that are currently due the district will now be reduced to help pay the salaries for the Regional Superintendent based on district enrollment. This practice will be followed for one year. The State of Illinois will continue to seek other solutions for funding the Regional Superintendent salary, however it is felt the burden will most likely be placed on the local area tax payers.

The Joint RIF Committee needs equal representatives (4) for the Board of Education and the GCMSEA to work on new legislation SB7. A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Kerber authorizing the superintendent to appoint Board of Education Representatives to the Joint RIF committee. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

School board meeting dates and times were presented for 2012. A few dates and times will be changed and the list updated and approved at the next meeting.

A motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Swearingen to approve Sara Frankie as a volunteer assistant girls' Volleyball Coach at GCMS middle school. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Doran to hire Ross Harden as the full time night custodian at GCMS high school effective November 2, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Swearingen voting as present.

Motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Young to approve the following people as volunteer coaches for the Youth League for 2011/2012 pending approved background checks and any required certification. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Returning Volunteer Coaches from 2011:** Kyle Aubry, Tom Barnes, Tim Bauer, Bill Bleich; Breeden, Michael; Brown, Dave; Cribbett, Jeff; Elliott, Mike Freehill, Dave; Golden, Mark; Killian, Andrew; Meece, Eric Roderick, Brandon; Roesch, Nick; Rollins, Bryan; Zumwalt, Lyn

**New Volunteer Coaches:** Daughenbaugh, J.B.; Engel, Lonnie; Hunt, Jeff; Rutledge, Kip; Salyards, Brett; Wier, J

A motion to return to executive session at 8:17 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), 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 9:25 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. was made by member Doran seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Secretary