

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

LEVY HEARING

December 15, 2011

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met for the levy hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Shoemaker, Whitehouse, Swearingen, Kerber, and Cope present. Members Young and Doran were absent. Also present were Sylvia and Ed Day, Jean Noellsch, Joanie Cox, Doris Benter, Mike Allen, Susan Riley, Angie Funk, Rick Brackmann, Mike Lindy, Jeremy Darnell, Anthony Galindo and Marge Ehlers.

A motion was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Whitehouse to appoint member Shoemaker as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of member Young. Motion carried by voice vote.

Superintendent Galindo referred to the GCMS historical levy fact book that contains a multitude of historical information on the GCMS district. The FY11 Tax levy was reviewed. The tax rate will be \$5.2897. Last year the rate was \$5.28. The fund balances remain healthy and are projected to end FY12 at \$6,975,231. EAV is estimated to be \$110,868,644. A tax abatement of \$16,472.50 will be scheduled as in the past reducing the bond payment to \$500,000. The levy request without the bond payment is at \$4.8387 (\$5,364,576.00) and with the bond payment is at \$5.2897 (\$5,864,576.00). The 2011 levy request increase is 6.2704%. ARRA Funding has been lost, GSA decreased, CPPRT will be reduced to pay for the ROE Superintendent salary, and Transportation fund has also been reduced.

A motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Shoemaker. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

December 15, 2011

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 6:23 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Shoemaker, Whitehouse, Swearingen, Kerber, and Cope present. Members Young and Doran were absent. Also present were Angie Funk, Susan Riley, Mike Allen, Jean Noellsch, Joanie Cox, Doris Benter, Terry Lowery, Joel Hood, Sydni Meunier, Justin Kean, Jeremy Darnell, Mike Lindy, Anthony Galindo and Marge Ehlers.

A motion to go into executive session at 6:24 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 Shoemaker and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

There were no agenda additions.

Terry Lowery was congratulated on his recent retirement and presented an engraved mantel clock along with a \$200 gift certificate for his thirty years of service as an elementary custodian to the district.

Seniors Joel Hood and Sydni Meunier showed a short video of the recent Interact trip to Joplin, MO to help with the devastation from the tornado of May 2011. Ten students comprised of ten males and two females made the trip to Joplin, MO. Once there they connected with Project 195 that put them in touch with Catholic Charities that sent them to Jim's house for painting and preparing wooden floor installation. Across the street was a catering business that previously had held most catering supplies in the basement. The students organized and cleaned out the basement. They would like to request to alter their normal Senior Trip to 6 Flags and instead return to Joplin to help the Joplin area from Wednesday, March 28, 2012 to Saturday, March 31, 2012. It is estimated it will be 3-5 years before Joplin returns to normal. The trip back to Joplin is estimated to cost \$5,000 for lodging for approximately 50 senior students and 4-6 chaperones. The senior class is at 83 to date, however, it is anticipated some will have commitments, etc. Food will also need to be provided, however, some assistance is provided for food. Staff members have stepped forward to volunteer as chaperones; however staff substitutes might be issue to consider. The trip would be based on the same guidelines as the senior trip and they would plan to use the mini buses and vans. Rotary liability covered Interact for the trip. Mr. Galindo will check to be sure the school would be covered for liability if seniors would return to help in lieu of their regular senior trip to 6 Flags. More information will be provided as details are known.

Mike Allen, athletic director, advised the Booster Club will be donating \$8,000 to secure a retractable batting cage thereby allowing the cage to be up year round. No opposition was heard from the Board.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Whitehouse. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$1,178,797.39 (Education fund \$913,972.22, Building fund \$69,803.69, Debt Service fund \$-0-, Transportation fund \$50,119.54, IMRF fund \$25,278.07, Capital Projects fund \$93,144.62, W/C \$-0-, Tort \$23,598.00, F/HLS \$2,881.25, and payroll of \$360,609.18 (Education fund \$337,395.06, Building fund \$20,553.62, and Transportation fund \$2,660.50. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$87,405.61 (Education fund \$85,386.94, Building fund \$152.32, IMRF fund \$1,866.35) and payroll of \$31,210.08 education fund.

The following policies were reviewed and presented to the board for first reading by member Shoemaker: 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 6:300, 6:320, and 7:305.

The Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee met with architect, Mike Sparks regarding the cost of a metal roof, time frame to complete and rebid the roof to give contractors more time to install. Five bids were received with options from the base bid of 1 ½” insulation to 3” insulation. All bids were over \$50,000 with \$57,000 being the base low bid to \$77,607 being the high bid with 3” insulation. The recommendation was to reject all bids since they were all over \$50,000, advertise and rebid with a new bid opening date of January 4, 2012. This would still allow the roof to be paid out of Capital Project Funds due to the bid date.

Personnel and Finance had no report. FCSEC reported at their November meeting that revenues were up over expenses by \$200,000. The State of Illinois December 1st Child Count Program showed GCMS has 139 children with IEP’s in the district.

A motion to approve the FY11 Levy as presented was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Shoemaker. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. A motion to approve the 2011 Debt Service Tax Levy resolution to reduce the 2011 tax levy by \$16,472.50 was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The amount levied will be reduced from \$516,472.50 to \$500,000.

The State Financial Reimbursement Report for 2011-12 for GCMS show the State of Illinois is late in delivering \$320,873.30 for this fiscal year of which \$88,548.03 is for transportation.

The new windows are in the process of being installed at the Sangamon Avenue district office. Two storage rooms above the stage and another storage room by the kitchen are in the process of being moved and some furniture has been moved to the new office. The move is still on for January 3, at this point.

Sara Stimson feels it would be better to move her classes over spring break. We will be meeting as soon as the unit office is moved out to see what work needs to be done before her classes move in.

A motion was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Whitehouse to approve the regular GCMS Board of Education meeting dates and times for 2012 as presented. 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 Dean Summers as the 6th grade Boys Basketball assistant Coach at GCMS middle school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Kerber voting no.

A motion was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Kerber to hire Sarah Sarantakos as the full time GCMS District Office Manager effective January 4, 2012, pending approved background check and all other required documentation of the district. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Whitehouse to approve the following people as spring volunteer coaches for GCMS High School for spring 2012 pending approved background checks and any required certification and information required by GCMS. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mark Golden – Varsity and JV baseball
Greg Brucker - Varsity Softball
Adam Schaefer – Boys and girls track
Jimmy Barnett – Varsity baseball

Principal reports were given by building. The elementary building is in need of more fencing on the west side playground area for safety reasons. Two bids have been received under \$8,000. The project will be paid out of Capital Projects money as the fence is in a new area. Ground cover still needs to be purchased and applied to the elementary playground. Original bids were only good for 30-60 days. With 6"-9" depth, the area will need to be dug out. A bid of \$60,000 for rubber material only had been received.

A motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. was made by member Whitehouse seconded by member Swearingen. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary