

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

January 19, 2012

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 6:15 .p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Shoemaker, Whitehouse, Swearingen, Doran, Young, Kerber, and Cope present. Also present were Kristine Rousseau, Susan Riley, Joni Cox, Doris Benter, Justin Kean, Anthony Galindo, Sarah Sarantakos, and Marge Ehlers.

A motion to go into executive session at 6:16 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), student disciplinary cases 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (9), discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 5ILCS 120/2(c) (21), and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed as is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be records and entered into the closed meeting minutes 5ILCS 120/2(c) (11), was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Kerber. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 6:27 p.m.

There were no agenda additions.

Under recognition of visitors, Kristine Rousseau, High School Head Volleyball Coach, addressed the Board requesting permission to introduce volleyball skills to 5th and 6th grade girls. The program would promote mastering the basic skills to ready the girls for the 7th grade team level. Practices would be held approximately three times a week plus Saturday similar to an open gym at no cost to the students along with the assistant volleyball coach and would be held at the Middle School Gym. A parent meeting would be held prior to the start of the program and no physical would be required. The Board was in agreement to allow the program to go forward.

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 \$328,230.63 (Education fund \$200,358.78, Building fund \$14,329.13, Debt Service fund \$-0-, Transportation fund \$38,484.24, IMRF fund \$17,332.85, Capital Projects fund \$51,631.63, W/C \$-0-, Tort \$5,839.25, F/HLS \$254.75, and payroll of \$361,667.84 (Education fund \$340,746.38, Building fund \$18,289.84, and Transportation fund \$2,631.62. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$73,151.73 (Education fund \$71,116.46, Building fund \$153.10, IMRF fund \$1,882.17) and payroll of \$31,207.33 education fund.

A motion was made member Doran and seconded by member Young to approve policies: 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 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. This was considered the second reading for the policies.

The Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee, Personnel and Finance Committee and FCSEC all had no reports.

GCMS High School and Elementary will be featured for some one minute PBS promotional spots highlighting GCMS's experiences with PBS Learning Media. PBS will be filming the spots in the district on January 20th. IRC (Illinois Reading Council) has also noticed the GCMS student test scores and will use the GCMS testimonials/practices to accomplish these scores as a model for other districts.

The State Financial Reimbursement Report for GCMS currently shows the State of Illinois is late in delivering \$461,020.92 for the fiscal year 2011-2012 of which \$177,082.73 is for transportation.

Three proposals for a new roof at the new district office were received on January 4, 2012. A motion was made by member Kerber and seconded by member Whitehouse to accept the low bid of \$73,000 from Guthrie Builders for new roof on the new district office. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bid specifications indicate the new roof is to be completed prior to the end of July 2012. The project will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund.

The Champaign County 1% School Facilities Sales Tax report shows GCMS total student enrollment at 1,064 with 1,039 students living out of Champaign County and 25 students within Champaign County. 1% of the sales tax for the month of October 2011 for Champaign County was \$1,503,074.75 of which the 25 students in Champaign County generated \$1,557.33 for GCMS. The GCMS percentage is .1036% of the total. The September 1% Sales Tax received was \$1,515.26. This revenue is placed in the Capital Projects Fund.

A quote has been received for blinds for the new district office in the amount of \$5,400 that blocks 98% of the bright morning sun but that can be seen through from the inside. The blinds will be placed on order. The elementary may also be interested in a covering of this type for bright sun coming through the skylights that inhibits learning with the new technology equipment being used.

The district disposed of non-useable old computers, parts and accessories at Morris Tick Recycling and received a check for \$35.64.

Field trip requests were presented to the Board for review.

The 10 year Life Safety Report on the Middle School was received from our architects. A list of violations was also included with a tentative completion schedule. Most minor violations (a) were coded by immediate attention, (b) to be completed within a year and (c) to be completed within two to three years. Some violations were due to various building code revisions. A motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Doran to approve the 10 year life safety record as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A request was received from Reed Construction for the post bid report on the roof project at the new unit office opened on January 4, 2012. The request was received on 1-5-12 and a response sent on January 6, 2012.

A response to unemployment request from NSN was received. The district will not be charged for a claim filed by former employee as he did not work for us for 30 days from the beginning of the base

period through the beginning of the claim.

Superintendent Galindo asked the Board to consider starting each board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board agreed suggested Elementary Students could be selected to lead the Pledge at each meeting. A flag will be placed in the Board Room.

The Superintendent also asked the Board to consider a request for a “District Motto” for GCMS that would be an abbreviated message that depicts and focuses on the district vision statement. For example: Student Success - Our #1 priority. The Board agreed and it was suggested the district involve students, staff and/or community in a contest to select the motto.

A motion was made by member Swearingen and seconded by member Young to open the full and redacted executive session minutes of June 16, 2011, through December 15, 2011 to the public and to destroy the executive session tapes prior to July 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by member Whitehouse and seconded by member Shoemaker to approve the maternity leave request from Lori Tate beginning around May 21, 2012 (depending on delivery date) for 8 weeks or the end of school, whichever comes first. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Young to approve the retirement request for Kenneth Sinn effective June 30, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Very positive GCMS Principal Reports were given communicating current activities in each building.

The Building & Grounds Committee will need to meet to discuss implementation of the Middle School Life-Safety citations and also to visit a list of wants for the ECE classes to move into the vacated unit office area in the Elementary building.

Superintendent Galindo reminded Board Members to complete their Open Meetings Act training that is now mandated. The training can be completed on line through the Attorney General’s office. Members Swearingen and Whitehouse have completed their training. A Corn Belt Meeting is also offering the training at a charge. Members need to sign up if they would like to attend the meeting that will be held on March 1, 2012.

IASB has communicated the district has earned some credit by using the Superintendent Search option. The credit may be used for Board Training and/or Board Self Evaluation for 2 ½- 4 hours in the evening or on a Saturday. The Board would like to pursue this option as an opportunity to grow.

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. was made by member Swearingen seconded by member Young. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary