

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; **APRIL 13, 2021**



JAMES J. GREENWALD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ♦ 3200 MARYVILLE ROAD ♦ GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS 62040

MEMBERS PRESENT: TANJA COOK SEDABRES, TALLIN CURRAN, MATT JONES, LINDA KNOGL, BILL MCMASTERS, ZACK NUNN, AND DENNIS WILMSMEYER.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: STEPHANIE CANN, ED.S., MARY VOSS, CHRIS MITCHELL, AND TOM SCHOOLEY.

OTHERS PRESENT: STUDENT BOARD MEMBER ADVISOR, KAYLEE MCKINZE, GCPD OFFICER, MICHELLE WERNER, MARK JONES, LORI JONES, MEGAN JONES, MACIE JONES, GRACIE SEDABRES, CHRIS SEDABRES

This was a virtual meeting that took place using the Zoom application. There were a total of four (4) Employees, seven (7) Board Members that were physically present and practicing social distancing; Superintendent of Schools Stephanie Cann, Manager of District Communications Chris Mitchell, Executive Director of Human Resources and Recruitment Jim Parker, Executive Director of Educational Operations and AEP Dr. David Keel, Executive Director of K-12 Professional Development/Curriculum Kristen Novacich-Koberna, District Attorney Tom Schooley, Director of Information Systems/Student Services/Enrollment Brad Ervay, Director of Technology Brad Smith, Chief School Business Official Zack Suhre, Special Education/Region I Executive Director Micki Watkins, Special Education/Region I Supervisor Jill Rellenke, Special Education/Region I Coordinator Stephanie Boyer, Supervisor Facilities Management Eric Smith, Food Service Supervisor Chris McCullough, Mary Voss, and Student Board Member Advisor Kaylee McKinzie., Mark Jones, Lori Jones, Megan Jones, Macie Jones, Gracie Sedabres, Chris Sedabres,

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

1. **ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM; ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM;** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President, Matt Jones. Roll was called. All members were present and a quorum was declared. President Jones asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation. He stated that citizens or parents with children in attendance, who did not wish to participate in the Invocation, could wait outside the Board Conference Room until after the Board moved to Item IV, Public Comment. Pastor Chris Sedabres with Second Baptist Church, Offered the Invocation.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT;**

- A. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Christy Dawson, a social worker, the Granite City School District #9.
- B. The Board and Administration recognized President Matt Jones for his 8 years of service as a Member of the Granite City Board of Education. Board Member, Dennis Wilmsmeyer, presented Board President Jones with a plaque for his years of

service and dedication to the Granite City School District #9. Each Board Member thanked President Jones for his many hours of dedication, and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors. President Jones thanked everyone for their kind words, and that he appreciated all their support and cooperation. and that he was looking forward to his new challenge.

C. The Board and Administration recognized Secretary Cook Sedabres for her 4 years of service as a Member of the Granite City Board of Education. Board Member, Knogl, presented Board President Jones with a plaque for her years of service and dedication to the Granite City School District #9. Each Board Member thanked Secretary Cook Sedabres for her many hours of dedication, and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Secretary Cook Sedabres thanked everyone for their kind words; and that she appreciated all their support and cooperation, and that she also was looking forward to her new challenge.

3. **MINUTES;** Motion by Member Knogl, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 23, 2021, as presented on (165 & a-f);

Members voting – Cook Sedabres, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA;** Motion by Member Wilmsmeyer, seconded by Member Nunn, upon the recommendation of the administration, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. **Bill List;** (166 & B 1- B 32)

1. Bill List from March 18, 2021 – April 8, 2021

B. **Requests from Various Organizations;** (167)

1. Granite City Park District; The park district is requesting the following:

- a. permission to use the grounds at Coolidge Junior High School For their 4th of July fireworks and concert presentation. They are also requesting the use of the Coolidge Junior High School Cafeteria for the purpose of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America to use for staging and pre-performance preparations.

- b. permission to use the Niedringhaus Parking Lot for guest parking.
- c. permission to use a small portion of the Granite City High School Band Field.
- d. permission to distribute information to all students regarding their Patriots in the Park Essay Contest.

Gifts; (167)

Accepted the following gifts thanks and appreciation:

Prather Pre-K received the following monetary donations for the purchase of a mobile sink:

Six Mile Lode #87 (Odd Fellows)	\$ 500.00
Bill Walker Attorney at Law	500.00
Triple Lodge (Masons)	\$ 1000.00

Members voting – Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

- 5. **RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS (168);** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Nunn upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Retirements and Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Christina Gassett	Secretary/Prather PreK	Retirement	09/01/2026

Members voting – Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, and Knogl, “aye” motion carried.

- 6. **LEAVES OF ABSENCE (168);** Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Knogl upon the recommendation of administration, to accept the following Leaves of Absence:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Thomas Becherer	Custodian/GCHS	Medical	04/05/2021 to 06/28/2021
Rose Evans	Café/Grigsby	Deduct	04/26/2021 to 05/07/2021
Rachel Bilyeu	Parapro/PreK	Medical	03/29/2021 to 06/21/2021

Members voting – Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

7. **CERTIFIED/CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES; (168);** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Curran upon the recommendation of administration, to approve the following applicant be approved as a substitute for the 2020-2021

CERTIFIED:

Name

Deron Terry

Members voting – McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”; Nunn, “aye”; and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

8. **RECOMMENDATION FOR CATEGORY MOVEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY HEAD COACH FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR (168a);** Motion by Member Nunn, seconded by Member Curran, upon the recommendation of administration, to approve recommended change to category movement for the high school cross country head coach for the 2021-2022 school year:

High School Cross Country Coach From: Column 3 Assistant Coach Minor
To: Column 2 Head Coach Minor

Members voting - Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

9. **RECOMMENDATION TO UPHOLD EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE (168a);** Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, upon the recommendation of the administration, to Uphold the Employee Discipline Recommendation:

Members voting - Wilmsmeyer, “aye”, Cook Sedabres, “aye”, Knogl, “aye”, Curran, “aye”, Nunn, “aye”, McMasters, “aye”, and Jones, “aye”, motion carried.

10. **REPORTS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS;**

✓ **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS {FOIA} (170);**

We received two requests under the Freedom of Information Act during the period of March 19, 2021 through April 9, 2021.

1. The first request was received on March 29, 2021 from Lana Turley, Field Service from the Illinois Federation of Teachers. She requested the following information:
 - Names of all secretarial staff full time, part time (union and exempt personnel) employed by the district. Please include the secretary to the Superintendent, two secretaries to the Human Resources Department, bookkeeper, and payroll processor for the last four school terms.
 - Include their date of hire, step (if applicable), current pay and job title for union and exempt personnel for the last four school terms..
 - Provide the salary and benefit and packages for all administration staff included but not limited to Superintendent, all Assistant Principals for the last four school terms.

2. The second request was received on April 7, 2021 from Lana Turley, Field Service Director from the Illinois Federation of Teachers. She requested the following:
 - Provide percentage increase for administrators and executive assistants (union exempt personnel) and raise amount that aforementioned personnel that Board of Education approved.

The requests were handled by Administration.

✓ **GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND STATEMENT, BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT, AND MEMORIAL FUNDS STATEMENT FOR MARCH 2021 (170-173)**

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Motion by Member Cook Sedabres, seconded by Member Knogl, to go into executive session for the exceptions noted under 5 ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2(c)(1)
 - Student disciplinary matters; 2(c)(9)
 - The purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body; or setting a price thereof; 2(c)(5)(6)
 - Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; 2(c)(2)
 - Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed...is probable or imminent.2(c)(11)
 - To discuss school building safety and security and security procedures. 2(c)(8); and
 - Student Safety 2(c)(8)

Members voting - Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", and Jones, "aye", motion carried.

The Board was called into executive session at 5:32 pm.

Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Wilmsmeyer, to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Members voting - all aye; voice vote; motion carried.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Superintendent Cann presented information and a power point on the Use of Grant Funds

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES** (174); Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Knogl, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 23, 2021.

Member voting – Curran, "aye", Nunn, "aye", McMasters, "aye", Wilmsmeyer, "aye", Cook Sedabres, "aye", Knogl, "aye", and Jones, "aye", motion carried.

14. **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**; Monday, May 3, 2021 5:00 p.m. will be a Special Board Meeting for Reorganization of The Granite City School District #9 Board of Education. The next Regular Granite City School District #9 Board of Education will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

15. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Member McMasters, seconded by Member Curran, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40. Members voting – all aye; voice vote; motion carried.



Matt Jones, President
Board of Education
Granite City School District #9



Tanja Cook Sedabres, Secretary
Board of Education
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