

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

February 17, 2009

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Duquette, Taylor, Nettleton, Sarantakos, McCall, Cope, and Kerber. Also present were Tyler Young, Jill Doran, Susan Riley, Frank Titus, KiLee Lidwell-McFerren, Jean Noellsch, Doris Benter, Jim Killian, Jean Thackeray, Rick Brackmann, Mike Lindy, Mike Bleich, Shelley Overman, Chuck Aubry 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), 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) was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Taylor. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:14 p.m.

There were no agenda additions.

Visitors addressing the Board were as follows:

Dave Ruecks of the Allstate Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Teens for Safe Driving/Project Ignition team. Members Stephen Massey, Kelsy Brewer, Nick Bode, Adam Sommer, Jacob Dickey, Spencer Vetter, Joel Hood and Judy Weber-Jones were on hand to accept the generous check.

Frank Titus presented a \$10,000 check recently received from the Gene and Helen Hool Charity Foundation to be used toward the purchase of band instruments. Purchases being looked into for the use of the generous donation for the GCMS band program include a \$4,600 (discounted school pricing) chimes, along with a \$2,900 tuba, a pair of crash cymbals and possibly a small tuba or baritone. The current tuba is approximately 52 years old.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Nettleton. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$917,759.06 (Education fund \$395,114.39 Building fund \$53,058.40 Debt Service fund \$45,083.80, Transportation fund \$192,322.61, IMRF fund \$59,706.91, Capital Projects fund \$-0-, W/C \$172,183.20, Tort \$-0-, F/HLS \$289.75, and payroll of \$342,931.30 (Education fund \$322,314.08, Building fund \$18,116.50, and Transportation fund \$2,500.72. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$211,460.59 (Education fund \$209,376.14, Building fund \$396.37, IMRF fund \$1,688.08) and payroll of \$28,288.91 education fund.

There were no committee reports from the policy and personnel and finance committees. The Building, Grounds and Transportation January 30th meeting results will be discussed during the superintendent's report.

The "Eligibility Determination Criteria Developmental Delay" was presented along with the suggested changes reviewed at the January meeting by Rick Brackmann. A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member McCall to approve the "Eligibility Determination Criteria Developmental Delay" as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Rick Brackmann of FCSEC explained there has been a push for students with IEP's to resume attendance within regular education classes. Mr. Brackmann has been tracking the progress through test results, which show progress toward 80-100% attendance in a regular classroom.

Late state payments to GCMS totaled \$374,110.94 that had been approved for payment by ISBE but not released by the Comptroller as of February 12, 2009.

A preliminary school year calendar for FY10 was presented for review. The calendar and any changes that are made will be approved at the March meeting and will be very similar to the PBL calendar.

FIPHD has been unable to fill our nursing services vacancy and has given a 30-day notice that services will end. Gibson Area Hospital may have a solution for the district after they meet on February 28th. Authorization was given to the superintendent to pursue a solution with GAH. If a workable solution is not found, GCMS may need to post an opening for the position. A district nurse has become a necessity with the growing number of student needing services.

GCMS currently carries its "Property & Casualty" insurance coverage with CISIC, an insurance cooperative with 5 other schools. GCMS has been a member of CISIC since June 2003. Our coverage including FCSEC has been placed through Indiana Insurance for the past several years. Our local agency, IPG, has stated they can write the same coverages through Indiana Insurance for the same premium. As a result, GCMS would like to drop out of the pool and change agents to our local agent instead of the Champaign agent. A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Sarantakos to approve the Agent/Broker of Record change from CISIC for each carrier to Insurance Providers Group (IPG) effective July 1, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes. The insurance coverages will be bid for the school year of 2010-2011.

The estimated cost of providing a summer school program as GCMS has done in the past is \$35,073 including transportation. A motion to approve the 2009 summer program as has been done in the past was made by member Cope and seconded by member Taylor. 90-100 district students benefit from summer schools services. Next year depending on costs and finances, the program may need to be reevaluated.

KiLee McFerren presented information on a Freshman Transition Program. Upper classmen would mentor incoming freshman students with the help of faculty advisors. A freshman bridge course would start the same time as the Jump Start Summer School program, third week in July. Attendance would be from 8 a.m. to noon for 15 dates. The student would have the opportunity to

earn one credit for completing program toward graduation requirements.

A committee meeting was held on January 30th to discuss the elementary school addition. Two drawings of proposed additions to the elementary building were presented. Authorization was given to send the drawing #2 to the architect for their input.

A Special Board Meeting to interview middle school principal candidates will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room

A motion on behalf of the FCSEC was made by member McCall and seconded by member Taylor to enter into a multi-year agreement with Rick Brackmann as Special Education Director. The term length of this amended contract will be from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member Cope to accept the resignation of Christine Benway as the freshman/J.V. volleyball coach effective immediately. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion on behalf of the FCSEC was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Taylor to accept the maternity leave request from Pam Adkins. It is anticipated that the leave will begin April 10th and Mrs. Adkins intends to return June 4th. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Principal reports were given by building.

A motion to re-enter executive session was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member Taylor at 8:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to 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). Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was made by member McCall and seconded by member Nettleton. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary