

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

March 16, 2009

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Duquette, Nettleton, Sarantakos, McCall, and Kerber. Member Cope was absent and member Taylor was present via phone connection from 6:16 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Also present were Jamie Zbinden, Jill Doran, Susan Riley, Kathy Weber, Jeremy and Kim Darnell, John and Jan Darnell, Doris Benter, Jim Killian, Jean Thackeray, Rick Brackmann, Mike Lindy, Mike Bleich, 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 attending were Kathy Weber of Ridgeview School District, Jeremy and Kim Darnell and his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Darnell.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member McCall and seconded by member Sarantakos. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$2,497,482.53 (Education fund \$1,867,347.62 Building fund \$554,898.67 Debt Service fund \$-0-, Transportation fund \$55,852.95, IMRF fund \$19,383.29, Capital Projects fund \$-0-, W/C \$-0-, Tort \$-0-, F/HLS \$-0-, and payroll of \$349,552.97 (Education fund \$327,615.23, Building fund \$19,448.48, and Transportation fund \$2,489.26. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$366,302.44 (Education fund \$364,458.75, Building fund \$155.61, IMRF fund \$1,688.08) and payroll of \$28,404.34 education fund.

There were no committee reports from the Building, Grounds & Transportation, Personnel and Finance or Policy Committees. The Policy Committee set a meeting date to review quarterly policy updates on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and the Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee set a meeting for Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to review summer projects. FCSEC had no report.

A total of \$360,621.16 has been approved for payment by ISBE but has not been released by the State of Illinois Comptroller.

A motion to approve the FY10 calendar as presented was made by member McCall and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by voice vote.

A review of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests that GCMS has received since June 1999 was presented. A motion to approve the list of FOIA requests as presented was made by member Duquette and seconded by member McCall. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Gibson Area Hospital has agreed to provide nursing services for the GCMS School District on a contractual basis. GCMS will pay \$30,000 annually for services from GAH at a prorated rate for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. A motion to approve the contract with the Gibson Area Hospital to provide health services for the GCMS School District retroactive to March 2, 2009 was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Nettleton. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Superintendent Aubry submitted the ideas for the additions previously discussed to the elementary building to Craig Gillett from Henneman Engineering. Jim Slack, who attended the last committee meeting with Craig Gillett is no longer associated with Henneman. Mr. Gillett put the ideas into an architectural drawing for review. The next step will be to meet with Mr. Gillett to try and determine costs involved for the various projects.

Mr. Lindy updated the Board on how the AutoSkills Academy for Reading & Math program is being used in the high school. Grades 9-11 were pre-screened. Not all math students were screened for intervention. Currently 90 students are using the program with specialized programs being created for those students. Feedback has been positive, the implementation process is going well, and the students have been cooperative. The staff was very pleased with the training in that they were very thorough and professional. Post tests done in May will show growth results in reading and math. The program will be tried at the middle school the 4th quarter and the elementary will also be looking at the program.

The county clerks have until April 28th to canvass election results and proclaim the winners of the 2009 consolidated election held on April 7th. This will prohibit us from seating the new board members at the April 20th board meeting. It was suggested the Board call a special meeting for 8 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009, for the school board to reorganize by seating new members, electing officers, and setting a time and place for the regular meetings. This will allow the current Board time to take action on the policies reviewed for a second reading and also on the summer projects that will be discussed at the April meeting so the new member won't be dealing with items they are not familiar with. A motion to schedule a special board meeting on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 8 p.m. to reorganize by seating new members, electing officers, and setting a time and place for the regular meetings was made by member McCall and seconded by member Sarantakos. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member McCall on behalf of the FCSEC to accept the resignation of Lesley Ellison as a Speech Language Pathologist at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member McCall and seconded by member Nettleton to accept the resignation of Troy Escamilla as Reading Specialist effective as at the conclusion of the day on March 20, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Duquette to accept the maternity leave request from Teri Eichelberger. Her anticipated due date is May 22, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by member McCall and seconded by member Nettleton to employ Jim Gramley as the assistant boys' baseball coach for the spring of 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member Duquette to appoint Kyle Bielfeldt as an assistant varsity football coach for the fall of 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Duquette to appoint Julie Withrow as the 2009 Middle School Summer School Director. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member McCall to appoint Diana Harmon as the 2009 Elementary Summer School Director. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member McCall and seconded by member Nettleton to approve the following individuals as volunteer track coaches pending all paperwork and certification requirements are met: Gene Everett, Vic Jennings, A. J. Richards, Daniel Young, Jim Chism. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion on behalf of the FCSEC to approve the extended maternity leave for Deborah Cook through the end of the year as requested was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member McCall. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member Duquette to employ Jeremy Darnell as a principal. Mr. Darnell's contract will be from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2012, with a salary of \$75,000 for the first year. Mr. Darnell will be assigned to the middle school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Principal reports were given by building.

GCMS will be participating in an IHSA sponsored bass fishing tournament consisting of a six-member co-ed team. The sectional will be held April 24th at Clinton Lake and state on May 8-9 at Carlyle Lake. Jim Lewis and Mike Lindy will secure two boats and have volunteered as coaches for the team that consists of seniors and juniors. The only GCMS expense involved will be van transportation to and from fishing locations. A motion to approve the bass fishing as presented

was made by member Nettleton and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. was made by member Sarantakos and seconded by member Nettleton. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary