

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

May 18, 2009

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:45 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Doran, Young, Duquette, Taylor, McCall, and Kerber. Member Cope entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Also present were Chanc and Clay Persons, Susan Riley, Doris Benter, Jim Killian, Jean Thackeray, Rick Brackmann, Mike Bleich, Chuck Aubry and Marge Ehlers.

Member Young recited the Oath of Office and was sworn in by President Kerber.

A motion to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 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), and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) was made by member McCall and seconded by member Taylor. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

There were neither agenda additions nor visitors who wished to address the Board.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member Taylor and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$1,797,793.18 (Education fund \$1,287,627.06 Building fund \$83,867.49 Debt Service fund \$101,718.75, Transportation fund \$59,057.11, IMRF fund \$19,326.29, Capital Projects fund \$-0-, W/C \$156,196.48, Tort \$-0-, F/HLS \$-0-, and payroll of \$359,552.52 (Education fund \$337,760.24, Building fund \$19,156.24, and Transportation fund \$2,636.04. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$65,807.96 (Education fund \$63,964.19, Building fund \$155.69, IMRF fund \$1,688.08) and payroll of \$28,574.11 education fund.

There were no committee reports. President Kerber announced Committee assignments as follows: **Building, Grounds, & Transportation** – Kerber, Taylor, McCall; **Personnel & Finance** – Cope, Taylor, McCall, **Policy** – Young, Duquette, Doran, **Special Education** – Doran, **Technology** – Young, **Curriculum** – Kerber, **GCMS Education Foundation** – Cope, **Gibson City Liaison-T.I.F.** – Duquette.

The Building and Grounds Committee set a meeting date for Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss building options.

Rick Brackmann of FCSEC advised while FCSEC employs a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA), it also contracts an Occupational Therapist (OT) from Health Services in Champaign to conduct the OT evaluations in both GCMS and PBL and to supervise the COTA. The OT works 4-8 days per month. Health Services new contract for the 2009-10 school year is at a rate of \$82.00 per hour portal to portal (an increase of \$1.00 per hour over the current year). A motion was by member McCall and seconded by member Taylor on behalf of the Ford County Special Education Cooperative, authorize the Director to renew the contract with Health Services Consultants, Inc. for the services of an Occupational Therapist 4-8 days per month for the 2009-10 school year at a rate of \$82.00 per hour portal to portal. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Director Brackmann also advised the Illinois State Board of Education in action mandated by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in Washington, D.C. reviews special education data annually and reports the data to the federal government. The different areas are broken down into "indicators". GCMS and PBL were found to be not in compliance with the 95% level of Indicator 13 for the 2006-07 school year, and two weeks ago were cited for the same non-compliance of Indicator 13. GCMS was at a level of 94% and PBL at 92%. Because of being cited two years in a row, ISBE said there will be restrictions on our ARRA (stimulus) money designated for special education (IDEA Flow-Through and Pre-School Grants). Both districts had been working to be in compliance throughout the year. Director Brackmann reviewed the data for both districts and believes ISBE has made a calculation error for Indicator 13 data and that both districts are at or above the 95% level required. On behalf of each district, he has written a letter of appeal with supporting data documentation.

A Work Load Plan for Special Educators must now be incorporated into the GCMS and PBL bargaining unit agreements as required by Illinois Administrative Code 23, Section 225.735. A draft of the document was presented for the first reading.

A total of \$203,722.66 has been approved for payment by ISBE but has not been released by the Comptroller. The state did release some payments of which some were for the transportation fund. With these payments, the transportation fund for the district should remain in the black till the end of the fiscal year.

The 2009-10 district fee schedule was presented and reviewed. A slight increase (\$5) in registration fees and breakfast/lunch rates (\$.05) was suggested for the 2009-10 fee schedule. GCMS is experiencing deficit spending (over \$40,000) in the hot lunch program. A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Duquette to approve the 209-10 fee schedule as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

Superintendent Aubry requested direction on the Elementary School addition needing to know if the project should move forward. On suggestion was to ask the architect to submit two proposals - one for architectural fees for design work for the additions to the elementary school toward the south end and the other for the north end. A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member McCall to move forward and direct the superintendent to request the architect provide the district with the architectural fees for design work for the additions to the elementary school and the same for the addition at the north end of the building for the district office expansion. Motion

carried by voice vote.

Our bus transportation contract with First Student was originally bid for three years with the option of extended the bid for two years. First Student has proposed a one-year extension to our present contact at a zero percent increase for the 2009-10 school year. A motion to accept the one year extension with no increase with First Student was made by member Taylor and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Duquette to uphold the in school suspension for student described as 080901. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by member McCall and seconded by member Taylor to approve the following individuals as summer workers: Mitchell Cope, Justin Bleich, James Sarantakos. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member Cope who abstained.

A motion was made member Cope and seconded by member Taylor on behalf of the FCSEC to employ Sarah McCall as speech language pathologist for 190-day contract for the 2009-10 school year. Her salary of \$43,369 TRS will be adjusted to reflect any new pay rate/salary increases determined by the FCSEC. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes except member McCall who abstained.

A motion to accept the resignation from Marissa Pearlman as a teacher and high school cheerleading sponsor effective at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school term was made by member Doran and seconded by member McCall. Motion carried by voice vote.

Principal reports were given for the elementary and middle school buildings.

A motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. was made by member Young and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by voice vote.

President

Secretary