

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

June 15, 2009

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room. Roll was called with members Doran, Young, Duquette, Taylor, McCall, and Cope. Member Kerber entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Also present were Mike Allen, Sharon Pool, Doris Benter, Jim Killian, Jean Thackeray, Rick Brackmann, Shelley Overman, Mike Bleich, Jeremy Darnell, Mike Lindy, 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 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 Taylor and seconded by member McCall. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. The meeting returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

There were no agenda additions nor visitors who wished to address the Board. President Kerber recognized and thanked retiring principal, Mike Bleich for his many years of dedicated service and also Jean Thackeray for her many years of service reporting for the Ford County Press. This will be the last meeting in official capacity for both of them

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by member Cope and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Bills approved for GCMS were \$761,060.08 (Education fund \$642,718.25 Building fund \$48,707.72 Debt Service fund \$20,037.08, Transportation fund \$11,261.31, IMRF fund \$19,534.19, Capital Projects fund \$-0-, W/C \$18,802.13, Tort \$-0-, F/HLS \$-0-, and payroll of \$385,214.55 (Education fund \$363,566.49, Building fund \$19,062.43, and Transportation fund \$2,585.63. Bills approved for FCSEC were \$65,865.54 (Education fund \$64,050.07, Building fund \$145.39, IMRF fund \$1,670.08) and payroll of \$29,593.87 education fund.

There were no committee reports for Building/Transportation, Finance/Personnel and Policy Committees. Rick Brackmann of FCSEC reported only 50% of the Personnel reimbursement has been received through the Comptroller, State of Illinois for the current fiscal year. Over \$36,000 is still due, but it is not known if the payments will be received.

\$354,624 has been approved for payment by ISBE but has not been released by the Comptroller for GCMS. Transportation payments are still two payments behind and ARRA has now replaced the State Aide payments. Three payments have been received with a 4<sup>th</sup> on the way.

Sharon Pool presented information on the District and School Improvement Plans. The 2008 data showed the district met AYP. A motion to approve the DIP and SIP as presented was made by member Young and seconded by member McCall. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sharon Pool reviewed curriculum annual reviews and studies with the board. Mrs. Pool explained the 18-month process for reviews in Library, Media, Vocational, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Health, Science, Math, Language Arts, Physical Education, Biology, History and the articulation between buildings. A motion to approve the curriculum annual reviews and studies as presented was made by member Cope and seconded by member Taylor. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sharon Pool shared preliminary ACT & ISAT Scores with the Board. An elementary grade level could be tracked through the years with the graphs. Students need to be motivated to take AP Classes. They earn college credit as well as high school credit even if they don't score well. Colleges are looking for students with AP classes. Students with AP classes have an edge over those who don't and could reduce tuition costs by earning additional credits. The district needs to get the word out to parents. A motion to approve the AP bio and AP History classes for 2009-20 was made by member Doran and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reservations will be made at the Swiss Hotel in Chicago for the annual School Board Convention on Friday, November 20 to Sunday, November 22. Board Members are urged to communicate their plans for arrival and departure to the district office as soon as possible. In the past, retiring administrators and board members have been invited for dinner on Saturday night including lodging. Unless, instructed differently, the same practice will be continued.

Henneman Engineering, estimated the proposed elementary school addition project of 14,400 square feet at \$185 per square foot would cost the district \$2,664,000 without architectural fees. Based on this figure, the architectural fees would be \$183,550. This is based on a percent of 6.89 of the total project cost. The fee for the schematic design portion of the project would be \$27,500. The board needs to spend some time to reflect on what actual construction that the board is willing to support before entering into an agreement. As the cost figure goes down, the percentage charged for architectural fees goes up. The Building Committee needs to meet to discuss the proposal and revisit the matter at the July meeting. Construction would not start this year.

Henneman Engineering met Monday with district personnel on the Middle School Concession stand details. Al Beck, GCMS Booster Club President was also present as the Booster Club plans to contribute funds toward the building. Terry Overman, local contractor, was also present for a contractor's viewpoint on the plans. Building plans will be submitted to the Champaign-Ford Regional Office of Education for a building permit. It is anticipated the shell will then be constructed with restrooms this year. The interior will be finished at a later date. The architect would then be able to sign off on the project as long as it is built according the plans.

The second reading for the Special Education Workload Document was presented. A motion to approve the Special Education Workload document for both the GCMS School District and the Ford County Special Education Cooperative was made by member McCall 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 Taylor to approve the maternity request for Staci Lindelof. The anticipated delivery date is September 4, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to accept the resignation of Danielle Kearfott as a teacher aide and permanent substitute teacher effective June 3, 2009 was made by member McCall and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion to accept the resignation of Michelle Marcum as a teacher aide effective June 3, 2009 was made by member Taylor and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member McCall to employ Joshua Carter as a teacher for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Carter will be placed on Step 3 of the Bachelor's Column and will be assigned to the high school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Doran and seconded by member Taylor to employ Karissa Fluegel as a teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms Fluegel will be placed on Step 1 of the Bachelor's Column and will be assigned to the elementary school. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Duquette to employ Walker Willis as a teacher for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Willis will be placed on Step 1 of the Master's Column and will be assigned district duties. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member McCall to employ Erin McKavanagh as a teacher for the 2009-10 school year. Ms McKavanagh will be placed on Step 6 of the Bachelor's plus 16 column and will be assigned to the middle and high schools. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion on behalf of the FCSEC to employ Kimberly Hansen as a school psychologist intern for the 2009-10 school year was made by member Taylor and seconded by member Doran. Ms Hansen will have a 180 day contract will be paid \$9,000. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Young on behalf of the FCSEC to assign the following to summer school duties: Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Heather Messner	(\$22.30 per hour)
Cheryl Elder	(\$25.00 per hour)
Rebecca Edgington	(\$32.97(TRS) per hour)

A motion to employ Christina Young as cheerleading sponsor for the 2009-10 school year pending ASEP certification was made by member Doran and seconded by member Duquette. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion was made by member Young and seconded by member Taylor to employ Craig Acree as assistant wrestling coach for the 2009-10 school year pending ASEP certification. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to accept the coaching resignation from Jim Gramley for assistant high school baseball effective at the conclusion of the spring baseball season was made by member McCall and seconded by member Doran. Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member McCall to appoint Josh Carter to be the high school assistant volleyball coach and assistant high school baseball coach. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A motion to approve the coaching/sponsor appointments as presented was made by member Doran and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by roll call vote with all member voting yes.

A motion was made by member Cope and seconded by member Young to set the Board payment for Group Insurance for the 2009-10 school year (effective July 1<sup>st</sup>) at \$520 per month. This is a \$12 increase due to the premium rate increase being over 5% and negotiations being reopened for this matter. Motion carried by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

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

A motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. was made by member Doran and seconded by member Young. Motion carried by voice vote.

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President

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Secretary