

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
District Administrative Unit Office Annex
510 West Elm Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
March 27, 2017**

The regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hayes at the Administrative Unit Office Annex, 510 West Elm Street, Gillespie, IL 62033.

ROLL CALL: Bernot, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present; Griffel, present; Alepra, present; Carter, absent

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Rosentreter and Turcol attended the meeting. Dave Ambrose, Rick Fulton, Micki Romanus, Jan Dona, Jake Bilbruck, Jennifer Brown, Don Rauzi, Dana Tieman, and Dennis Tiburzi also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Griffel to approve the amended agenda as presented. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Dobrino for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:08 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of probable or imminent litigation, pursuant to 105 ILCS (120/2(c)(1)
- C. Discussion of student disciplinary cases, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Member Carter arrived at the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and entered the Closed Meeting at that time.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Griffel for Roll Call Vote to return to Open Session at 7:12 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Action on Closed Session Matters

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Griffel to re-employ all Tenured Certificated Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year as presented: Susan Tiburzi, Kellie Vesper, Tracy Petersen, Lorraine Strutner, Kimberly Link, Jody Dunn, Leanna Sawyer, Melissa Bussmann, Tracy Hostettler, Darrick Orban, Kara Saracco, Kelly Lyons, John Wiemers, Holly Nejmanowski, Jennifer Parker, Anastasia Henderson, Cate Plovich, Amy Price, Nickie Barrett, Jessi Luketich, Mindy Savant, Casey Niehaus, Karissa Smith, Beth Sies, Valerie Jubelt, Carrie Scott-Palmer, Dana Tieman, Sharon Wernle, Marcia Johns, Colleen Favre, Celia Jubelt, Jami Schmid, Nancy Schmidt, Beth Rull, Donna Easton, Christina Blevins, Matt Brawner, Stephanie Bray, Casey Edgerton, Daniel Edgerton, Tammy Garde, Kim Henderson, Jarrod Herron, Kyle Lamore, Rachelle Prough, Jeremy Smith, Karen White, Stephanie Wilson, Ashlee Gibbs, Zach Simon, Kelly Bulla, Amy Goldasich, Holley McFarland, Mary Kirk, Rick Spencer, Beth Zehr, Jack Burns, Mike Bertagnolli, Robert Macias, Casey Sholtis, Jennifer Brown, Jeff Nehls, Mark Goldasich, Jerry Rosentreter, Troy Barker, Michelle Smith, Katie Weigand, Nicole Stoecker, and

Whitney Page. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Bernot to re-employ Certificated Middle School ELA Teacher Tara Allen for the 5th year and to place her on tenure for the 2017-2018 School Year. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter to re-employ the following Non-Tenured Certificated Teachers for the 2017-2018 School Year as presented: Kenna Moats – Speech Pathologist (4th year), Amy Gerdes – Elementary (4th year), Jacob Bilbruck – Elementary (4th year), Kalli Baker – Guidance Counselor (4th year), and Stuart Ringer – Computer/Business Middle School/High School (3rd year). Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Dobrino to post the following 2017 Summer School teaching positions: English, Math, Driver Education, and Consumer Education. Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded Carter to appoint Jake Bilbruck as High School Varsity Football Coach for the 2017-2018 School Year. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to post for a High School Assistant Football Coach for the 2017-2018 School Year. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Carter to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Christina Blevins as 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach and to post the vacated position. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Schmidt to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Kevin Gray as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach and to post the vacated position. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Griffel to post for two (2) 2017 Summer School Food Service positions. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Hayes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated February 27, 2017, the regular and closed Special Meeting minutes of March 9, 2017, and the regular and closed Special Meeting minutes of March 21, 2017. Alepra, present; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Alepra to approve payment of the March 2017 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$244,767.82
Building Fund	<u>22,976.44</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$267,744.26

Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Requests

No Freedom of Information Requests was received.

Recognition of the Public

Don Rauzi addressed the Board asking as to what is going on with the lawsuit with the Railroad. Superintendent Tieman answered advising that the lawsuit is supposed to go to trial in July or August.

Don Rauzi also asked what the litigation was discussed in closed meeting session. Superintendent Tieman answered that imminent litigation is possible to be a lawsuit, but also may not be a lawsuit. Until a lawsuit is made public, it cannot be discussed in open session.

Superintendent's Report

There was no Union Report.

Principal Turcol gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report. Casey Niehaus instructed students in K-5 in the Star Lab which was held March 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, & 9th. A School Assembly was held March 13th for Grade K-2 students Titled "Keeping Your Body Fit – Making Healthy Choices" and for Grade 3-5 students for "Test Preparation" where test taking skills were reviewed. March 15th was PARCC Family Night Titled "Hit It Out of the PARCC". A baseball theme was used for the program. Pete Visitin opened the night and then students and family rotated sessions in ELA, Math, Posters/Notes from Parents, and Concession Stand/Photo Booth. The event was very well attended and received excellent feedback. Students in Grades 3-5 will be PARCC Testing in Reading and Math. The Annual Candy Sale ended. Susan Tiburzi and Kim Link set up a lending library in Benld. 3rd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed March 23rd. April 9th is the Annual Ben-Gil Elementary Spaghetti Dinner featuring Bernhardt's spaghetti and salad. Student Attendance Reports were distributed to Board Members.

Principal Rosentreter gave the Gillespie Middle School Report. Trivia Night was held March 10th and was a huge success with approximately 200 in attendance. GMS Staff donated the prizes. Literacy Night "Heroes Among Us" was held March 15th and was a success with 200 students and family members in attendance. Mrs. Henderson's ELA students performed a Wax Museum which was followed by guest speakers, the book fair and fun activities. Special thanks were extended to our local police, firemen, and EMT's. GMS will be preparing for 2 higher level math classes instead of just one beginning the 2017-2018 School Year. Trenton Gill was elected to represent GMS as this year's IESA Scholar Athlete. Sidney Bires was chosen as the Principal Award Winner where she was honored at Greenville College March 15th. 8th Grade students completed PARCC Assessments; 7th Grade students are in progress; and 6th Grade students will test later this week. In response to recent discussion of student data and how it affects student achievement, GMS data was collected from 2/1 to 3/24 and was distributed to Board Members. GMS teachers are concerned with the trends they observe with student motivation, organization and responsibilities of completing and turning assignments. Multiple strategies are in place to address the trends: Attendance phone calls, home visits, truancy referrals, citations, tardy letters, conferences with school counselor/administrator, behavior strategies, conferences with counselor, and family communication.

Principal Emmons submitted the Gillespie High School Report. PSAT and SAT testing will be April 5th. Juniors will do the SAT Test at the Gillespie Civic Center while 9th & 10th grade students will do the PSAT Test in high school classrooms. 2017 National Honor Society Banquet was held March 16th in the MS/HS Cafeteria. This year's inductees are: Will Bertetto, Ally Clay, Kelsey Farris, Tara Fullington, Macie Halpin, Jason Hartke, Marshal Hatlee, Mackenzie Kasarda, Mari Katich, Hannah

Labby, Maya Marcacci, Cassie McDowell-Clark, Paige Niemeyer, Ben Polo, Haileigh Rife, and Rayanne Thompson. Senior Thomas Jackson placed 1st in the Lewis & Clark Welding Competition. GHS FFA Chapter raised \$600 for a donation to the Gillespie Food Pantry as part of the CHS Harvest for Hunger Challenge. Members sold pork chops/burgers and collected canned goods to help out. The following students have enlisted in the armed services: Jacob Goodson – Illinois National Guard, Trenton Greff – Illinois National Guard as an Information Technology Specialist, and Nicholas Jarman – Illinois National Guard Information Technology Specialist. The 2017 Gillespie Track and Field Mouse Races Fundraiser was a huge success, and thanks were extended to all who attended, helped, and participated to make it the success it was. Wall of Honor Ceremony will be April 2nd at 2 p.m. in the high school gym. This year's inductees are: Robert Fulton Jr., Kristine Alderson Lytton, and Kent Tarro. Spring Break begins April 12th with a 1:40 Dismissal and continues through April 17th. Students and staff return April 18th. Silver Medallion Banquet is April 20th at Lewis & Clark Community College. This year's honorees are: Allison Bires, Daniel Dobrino, Ryan Dopuch, Hannah Doty, Emily Elizondo, Amanda Schmidt, and Rayanne Thompson. Prom is May 6th and "Rustic Romance" is this year's theme. Students may register for Post Prom in the high school office for \$10. Nick Price was named to the Springfield Journal-Register First Team All-Area Basketball Team.

Superintendent Tieman spoke in behalf of the Middle School and the Elementary School Literacy Night. He praised both schools for well-planned interesting programs which students, parents, and community members thoroughly enjoyed.

Old Business


There were no "Old Business" agenda items.

New Business

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel to approve Gillespie High School's Membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for the 2017-2018 School Year as presented. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter to approve the School Calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Griffel to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.



Mark, Hayes, President



David Griffel, Secretary