

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
July 18, 2016**

President Hayes called the regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Superintendent Tieman and Principals Emmons, Rosentreter, and Turcol attended the meeting. Jan Dona, Kim Henderson, Lisa Tucker, Leanne Link, Katina Weller, Dennis Tiburzi, Micki Romanus, and Austin Peterson also attended the meeting.

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

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel for an executive session at 6:01 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, legal matters and student matters. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Alepra to return to open session at 7:00 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Personnel

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Schmidt to recall paraprofessionals for the 2016-2017 School Year as presented: Amy Baker, Katherine Barylske, Theresa Carter, Sharon Heyen, Sheila Katich, Laura O'Brien, Misty Parker, Amy Reiniesch, Ella May Roemer, Brandi Schoen, Tim Wargo, Kathy Wheeler, and Nikki Zenner. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Griffel to accept the resignation of Jake Bilbruck as Freshmen Assistant Football Coach. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Member Bernot arrived at the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel to appoint Jake Bilbruck as the Gillespie High School Varsity Football Assistant Coach for the 2016 Season. Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to post the Freshmen Assistant Football Coach position for the 2016 Season. Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Griffel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session minutes of June 27, 2016, and the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 5, 2016. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent. Motion carried.

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

Education Fund	\$223,530.81
Building Fund	31,433.69
Transportation Fund	<u>2,545.52</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$257,510.02

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

Freedom of Information Requests

No requests were received this month.

Recognition of the Public

Kim Henderson representing the "Communities for Drug Awareness & Prevention" addressed the Board. She read the following statement:

"Communities for Drug Awareness & Prevention" is a group of individuals, which was formed in August 2015, due to the concern about the amount of drug abuse going on in our local area. We decided it was necessary to create a group to educate and help our community cope with the problem. Last year we introduced Officer Chris Coyne from Troy to our administrators to have him inform our teachers about the drug situation in surrounding areas. Our administrators invited him to come back again later to educate students. He brought Dr. Kari Karidis, a former teacher and current principal at Collinsville, to tell about the story of her son who died of a heroin overdose. Finally, Coyne came back again to talk to the public at the United Methodist Church, which has helped several parents be able to cope and find help in dealing with a loved one suffering from drug addiction. We've been meeting on a semi-monthly basis and recently met with John Crum, who is the director of Edwardsville/Metro East Addiction Treatment Strategies Clinic (also known as ATS). He informed us that he wrote a grant to help get free services for drug treatment at our Maple Street Clinic, which is directed by Kent Tarro and Angela Weidner (an RN and CEO). The ATS is an outpatient clinic where 65-70 outpatients meet two times per week after working hours to get help. Currently, they are maxed out with patients, and have a waiting list of many more. John suggested that drug addiction could be solved by educating students as early as ten years old about healthy choices and the effects of addiction on their brain when they begin using before the age of 28. He said many students begin using drugs at age 12. In his opinion, DARE is not a good program because it only introduced and entice kids to want to experience drugs, rather than teach the neurobiology of the brain on drugs. John would be willing to speak during one of our in-service teacher institute days. We would also like to have Chad Sabora visit our school this year to speak to students and teachers about his addiction experience. Chad was an assistant state prosecuting attorney, who became addicted to heroin and lost everything. He has a great story about how he overcame his addiction and is helping others as the cofounder of The Missouri Network for Opiate Reform & Recovery (www.monetwork.org). Our goal is to educate our community about drug awareness and prevention through bringing in speakers to educate our community, our teachers, and our students. We are asking for the support and help

of anyone who is interested in this cause. Your thoughts and ideas are greatly appreciated. You may contact anyone on the Drug Awareness committee, which includes:

- Lisa Tucker @ 217-710-9381
- Kim Henderson @ 217-710-0863
- Leann Link @ 217-851-1833
- Mary Kirk @ 217-430-8799
- Annie Anderson @ 217-710-7384
- Katina Weller @ 217-556-7966
- Diane Kozak @ 217-320-5784

Superintendent's Report

There was no Union Representative at the meeting, and there was no Union Report.

Since school is not in session in July, the three building principals combined their administrative updates from Ben-Gil/GMS/GHS as follows:

2016-2017 Encore classes at GMS:

- 6-Type to Learn – Ms. Garde (Lab 4)
- 6-Experimental Science – Mrs. Blevins
- 6-Music – Mr. Simon
- 6-Research/Study Skills – Ms. Kirk
- 7-Health – Mr. Lamore
- 7-Experimental Science – Mrs. Edgerton
- 7-High School Plan I – Mrs. Prough
- 7-Computer Keyboarding – Mr. Ringer
- 8-Constitution – Mr. Smith
- 8-Lego Robotics – Mr. Herron (Mobile Lab – small 20)
- 8-High School Plan II – Mrs. Weigand
- 8-Computer applications – Mrs. Zehr

Prior to this evening's meeting, CUSD#7 coaches met. We reviewed the coaches' Handbook, learned the IHSA/IESA policy updates and to have the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns.

The GMS Baseball pre-season parent/player meeting will be held next Monday, July 25 in the cafeteria at 6 p.m.

GMS students have been active this summer. The cheerleaders continue to practice and will attend summer camp at the end of this month, while volleyball and basketball players have attended open gyms and camps. Some students have volunteered to come in and help with a mural that will be displayed in the GMS foyer. The mural portrays the "7 Habits" that will be incorporated into daily practices this year in the Middle School.

Thanks to the custodians, the buildings look great as they are being prepared for the return of students and staff. The MS foyer now has a new trophy case displaying the trophies of our 2015 7th Grade Girls' Basketball team.

On Tuesday, August 16, Ben-Gil will have its "Book Bag Distribution" during evening hours. A reminder that on August 17, Ben-Gil will open its doors from 5:30 – 6:30 for "Stop N Drop" while GMS will host an Open House for all students and parents from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. followed by New Student Orientation at 7 p.m.

The school's website has registration packets available along with Health forms and school supply lists for parents who want to print these out prior to registration week (August 8-11).

GHS now has a Facebook page and we would like parents to "like" our page so they can be up to date on high school activities, such as Senior Meetings with Ms. Baker. Go to GHS Facebook page to find the link to schedule a meeting time that is best for you.

HS Football will begin practice on August 8th. Please see the FB page for the day and time of the required parent meeting.

GHS Orientation will be held on Monday, August 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the GMS/GHS cafeteria. It is recommended that freshmen and their parents attend, but all students and parents are welcome.

The IT Department, Steve Compton and Mark Carpani, are installing new cameras for security.

Superintendent Tieman stated that he would like a volunteer from the Board to serve on the Discipline Committee that is to be formed to comply with Senate Bill 100. President Hayes volunteered to serve on that committee.

Superintendent Tieman gave the Financial Report. June 30th the General assembly passed a bill to fully fund State Aid (first time in a number of years). Even though the stop-gap budget that was passed will expire at the end of the year, the education budget is in place for the entire fiscal year. District #7 should receive \$148,000 more than last year. Right now that is just a promise, as in the past the State has prorated state aid in March and April. The district has not received approximately \$121,000 in Transportation and Special Education reimbursement from last year. That would make the \$148,000 more like \$27,000 increase if the short fall in Transportation and Special Education is never received. Superintendent Tieman stated that preliminary fiscal reports indicate that the budget will come under what was expected in expenditures. The education fund looks good; however, the building fund is off the mark from what was projected. Transportation and IMRF is always in the red and he will wait for the auditors to give firm numbers. Superintendent Tieman also stated that he has begun the budgeting process and the auditors will be in the second week of August. Superintendent Tieman credited his building principals for holding the line on spending.

Superintendent Tieman gave the Maintenance Projects Update.

- Student Parking lot has been rocked and chipped
- Asphalt on the west side of the Vocational Building is completed
- Baseball field project is proceeding

The sod on the baseball field will be removed and field tiles put in place to help with the drainage. Dirt will be brought in and new sod will be put in place. Superintendent Tieman stated that he would need volunteers to help re-sod when it is ready. There are repairs that need to be done on a square of concrete that is crumbling at the Band Room Door Entrance.

Superintendent Tieman reported that the Illinois State Board of Education announced that PARCC testing will no longer be given at the high school level. The SAT will be given to juniors as a requirement and as a college admissions tool instead of the ACT. 10th grade students will still take the Science Test.

Old Business

There were no "Old Business" agenda items.

New Business


Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to approve a Paraprofessional Job Description and Evaluation tool as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Bernot to declare 97 & 99 International Buses as surplus property and the list of Instructional Materials as surplus property as presented. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Regarding the Annual School Board Conference held in Chicago, Illinois, the District #7 School Board still wants to skip attending this fall in lieu of expenditures.

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

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Griffel to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Alepra, yes; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.



Mark, Hayes, President



David Griffel, Secretary