

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
November 21, 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, present

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Emmons, Rosentreter, and Turcol attended the meeting. Michelle Smith, Kevin Wills of First Mid-State, Misty Fritz, Micki Romanus, Austin Peterson, and Dennis Tiburzi also attended the meeting.

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

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel for Roll Call Vote to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:02 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)(1)

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

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt for Roll Call vote to return to open session at 7:15 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the school bus accident in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Personnel

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel to accept the resignation of Full Route Bus Driver Tania Brooks and to post the vacated position. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Schmidt to employ David Staman as a Substitute Bus Driver, pending certification and background check. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated October 24, 2016, and the Finance Committee Meeting minutes dated

November 16, 2016. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Schmidt to approve payment of the November 2016 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$288,500.19
Building Fund	9,294.53
Transportation Fund	<u>5,458.71</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$303,253.43

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

Freedom of Information Requests

No Freedom of Information Request was received.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the public addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

President Hayes advised the board members that they must return the Superintendent Evaluation Form to him by December 9, 2016.

Union President Michelle Smith reported that she would like an open conversation soon to discuss the School Report Card. She also stated that the union would like people to run for the Board of Education Member openings.

Principal Turcol gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report. Teachers are continuing to meet regularly to work on curriculum at each grade level. Robin Schoen and Kayli Boehler attended CPI Training. Valerie Jubelt, Darrick Orban, and Melissa Bussmann attended the Midwest Conference for 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teachers. Tracy Petersen attended the "Reducing Reoccurring Behavior Problems with Difficult, Disruptive, and Non-Compliant Students' Workshop. John Wiemers attended the P.E. Conference. Kim Link attended Pearson's "Illinois Licensure Testing System" workshop. Teachers attended the ROE Institute Day. The Annual Book Fair was held November 15th-17th. Parent Open House was November 16th from 8:30-11:00.

Principal Rosentreter gave the Gillespie Middle School Report. October 26th & 27th approximately 100 families attended Student Led Conferences. The majority of parents provided high ratings; however, the School Improvement Team is working on improvements to the conference process for next year. October 28th the school hosted its first Halloween Dance; 150 students attended and special thanks go to the many chaperones who volunteered. November 9th middle School students and staff held a Veterans' Day Ceremony in the morning and hosted a Veterans' supper that evening. Thanks were extended to the many volunteers that cooked and served food and for the Veterans who attended both events. November 12th -18th GMS hosted the Annual 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Tournament with Hillsboro taking home the 1st place trophy. In November, 6th Grade ELA teacher Mrs. Kim Henderson received an \$1100 James Patterson Library Grant. November 28th – December 2nd GMS will host the 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Regional Tournament. Our GMS girls are seeded first!

Principal Emmons gave the Gillespie High School Report. Mid-term reports will be distributed to students tomorrow. Semester Exams will be December 19th & 20th. All students take first semester

exams. A schedule will be available to students in the office beginning December 1st. Mr. Burns US II Class conducted a mock presidential election November 3rd. US II classes posted throughout the halls facts regarding the 2 candidates. Ballot sample was posted in the English hall and voting was conducted in the library all day. For some GHS students that have turned 18, this was their first trip to the ballot box. Congratulations were extended to Kennedy Clark, 1st place winner in the 9th Annual Anti-Meth Coalition Poster Contest. A poster size depiction of her piece is now displayed in the English hall for students to enjoy. Medical, Law Enforcement, and Engineering Explorers have begun making visits to job sites. This is the first year they have attended the Law Enforcement Explorers. Students were impressed and very interested. Choir Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 11th at 3 p.m. The choir will hold its Annual Cookie Walk December 10th in the Ben-Gil Elementary Commons. Band Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 12th at 7 p.m. Middle School and High School students will perform at both concerts. Kevin Gray donated \$2000, \$1000 for Boys Basketball and \$1000 for Girls Basketball. Three football players were selected for the SCC All-Conference Team: Tate Wargo – 1st team running back & defensive back; Tanner King – 2nd team defensive linebacker; Nick Wyatt – 3rd team receiver.

Superintendent Tieman announced that the Middle School Boys Baseball Team will be recognized at the December 19th meeting for having placed 4th in the State Baseball Tournament.

Superintendent Tieman reported that the new concrete sidewalk from the Band Room to the corner of Oregon & Broadway Streets was replaced by Mr. Rick Spencer and his Ag students. Rob Graham helped with a major role in the project, and the City of Gillespie tore out and removed the old concrete which was also a huge help. There was some old asphalt that needed to be torn out and replaced also. The City of Gillespie did not have any asphalt. Rob Graham called Dave DeLaurent of DeLaurent Construction, and Dave came up with the needed asphalt at no cost to the district. All of this help and donation was greatly appreciated.

Old Business

Discussion of Policy 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students followed. Superintendent Tieman reported that our attorneys advised against this policy. Our District Nurses were concerned, but would comply if asked to do so. Superintendent Tieman also spoke with Josh Ross, EMT Specialist, and Mr. Ross advised that no one can be sure how a person would react. The victim could get aggressive which makes everyone uncomfortable with administering the medicine. Therefore, District 7 is not putting this policy in place.

Discussion of a Student Drug Testing Policy followed. Superintendent Tieman consulted our attorneys and asked them to draft a policy. This project is still in its infancy.

New Business

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Carter to approve the 1st Reading of Press Plus Issue #93, October 2016 as presented: Policy 2:120 – Board Member Development; Policy 2:125 – Board Member Compensation: Expenses; Policy 2:125-E1 – Board Member Reimbursement Form; Policy 2:125-E2 – Board Member Expense Approval Form; Policy 2:125-E3 – Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements; Policy 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings; Policy 2:220 – School Board Meetings Procedure; Policy 2:220-E1 – Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes; Policy 2:220-E2 – Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting; Policy 2:220-E4 – Open Meeting Minutes; Policy 2:220-E5 – Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meetings Minutes; Policy 2:220-E6 – Log of Closed Meeting Minutes; Policy 2:220-E7 – Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings; Policy 2:220-E8 – School Board Records, Maintenance Requirements and FAQs; Policy 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts; Policy 4:110 – Transportation; Policy 4:175 –

Convicted Child Sex Offender; Policy 5:10 – Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 5:60 – Expenses; Policy 5:60-E1 Employee Expense Reimbursement Form; Policy 5:60-E2 Employee Estimated Expense Form; Policy 5:100 – Staff Development Program; Policy 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media, Usage, and Conduct; Policy 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave; Policy 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications; Policy 5:250 – Leaves of Absence; Policy 5:260 – Student Teachers; Policy 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; Policy 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; Policy 6:15 – School Accountability; Policy 6:50 – School Wellness; Policy 6:60 – Curriculum Content; Policy 6:145 – Migrant Students; Policy 6:160 – English Learners; Policy 6:170 – Title I Programs; Policy 6:310 – High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; Policy 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program; Policy 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; Policy 7:60 – Residence; Policy 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy; Policy 7:250 – Student Support Services; Policy 7:260 – Exemption from Physical Education; Policy 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries; Policy 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools; Policy – 7:315 – Restrictions on Publications; High Schools; Policy 8:30 – Visitors To and Conduct on School Property; Policy 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities. Bernot, absent; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Tieman and Principal Turcol gave an explanation of test scores.

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

Discussion of Working Cash Bonds followed. Kevin Wills of First Mid-State gave a review of all the District bonds currently, proposed bond savings, and revenue avenues. No action was taken at this time, but Mr. Wills gave the Board dates to consider if they want to pursue any action with working cash bonds.

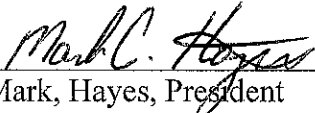
Member Bernot arrived at the meeting at 7:51 p.m.


Superintendent Tieman advised the Board that a Finance Committee Meeting needs to be held between now and December 19th.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Griffel to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Tieman reviewed the School Report Card for the District followed by each principal reviewing their individual School Report Card. Some result concerns included the number of students who approached, met or exceeded on the PARCC test, the graduation rate, number of students who met or exceeded college readiness benchmarks, number of students who enrolled at colleges or universities, student mobility rate, number of low-income students, number of homeless students, and the drop-out rate. New stats added to this year's Report Card included the number of teachers absent less than 10 days of the school year. The full report card is available on the district's website.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Griffel to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.


Mark, Hayes, President


David Griffel, Secretary