

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
Unit Office Annex
510 West Elm Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
February 24, 2020**

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

ROLL CALL: Hatlee, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present; Tiburzi, present; Alepra, present; Carter, present

Superintendent Tieman and Principal Sandretto attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Micki Romanus, Katie Prange, Tracy Petersen, Chris Best and Lorraine Strutner also attended the meeting.

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

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:01 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)
- D. Discussion of collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi for Roll Call Vote to return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hatlee to amend the agenda as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session Matters

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Hatlee to post a Title I Reading Teacher position with Reading Specialist Certification preferred. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to post a Technology Integration Specialist position. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Hatlee to extend Principal Owsley's Contract by one year. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to extend Principal Rosentreter's Contract by one year. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to extend Principal Sandretto's Contract by one year. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, present; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hatlee to increase Principal Owsley's Salary by the appropriate Salary Schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Tiburzi to increase Principal Rosentreter's Salary by the appropriate Salary Schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hatlee to increase Principal Sandretto's Salary by the appropriate Salary Schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, present; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to employ Jason Brown as a District custodian, pending background check. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Tiburzi to employ Janelle Cherry as a Substitute Bus Driver, pending certification and background check. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hatlee to accept the resignation of Paraprofessional Pam Strausbaugh effective February 19, 2020. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Schmidt to post a paraprofessional position. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hatlee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated January 27, 2020 and the Regular Session Minutes of the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting dated February 17, 2020. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Alepra to approve payment of the February 2020 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 82,194.25
Building Fund	27,087.39
Transportation Fund	<u>8,756.47</u>

Grand Total of all Funds \$119,038.11
Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, 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 of Education.

Superintendent's Report

District Focus was presented by Katie Prange, High School English/Accounting Teacher. She shared her travel experience to Poland for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. She has written about the experience in an essay published February 2nd in the State Journal-Register. She has a master's degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Jennifer Brown gave the Union Report. She referred the Board to Principal Sandretto's report, as they had the same things to report and Mrs. Brown did not want to duplicate.

Principal Sandretto gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report as follows:

- School News
 - Annual Candy Sale
 - Ended February 12
 - Final Information will be given in March
 - Peggy Allen
 - Focused on writing – Power Writing
 - School Improvement presentation March 6th
 - Debbie Poffinbarger – ROE
 - Best Practices – Bringing Standards to Life in Classrooms
 - Working with grade level teams in March
 - Data Teams
 - Data Teams met to review the information and make any changes to student Tiers
 - Math Committee
 - Continuing explore current math series
 - Meeting with MS Wednesday, March 4th
 - Star Lab
 - Mr. Casey Niehaus
 - GBES students
 - Head Start student
 - Macoupin County Spelling Bee
 - 5th Grade
Adam Petersen
 - 4th Grade
Zaydin Burch
Gabe Mendoza – 3rd place winner

Principal Rosentreter (supervising a GMS Volleyball Game) submitted the Gillespie Middle School Report as follows:

- Multiple teams from all three grade levels represented GMS at the annual Olympiad Competition in Bunker Hill. A 6th grade team brought home a 4th place plaque (out of 31 teams).
- Two students from each grade level represented GMS at the Macoupin County Spelling Bee.
- Michael Bertetto has been elected by his teachers/coaches for the 2020 IESA Student Athlete candidate. Michael's essays are now being judged by the IESA committee. He is competing against hundreds of other 8th grade students across the state.
- Leo Page has been chosen to represent GMS at the Annual Principal's Student Recognition Breakfast at Greenville College in March.
- 5th Grade classes visited the middle school during a tour/Meet & Greet the GMS staff.
- Liz Thackrey, Steph Wilson, Chase Peterson and Amber Allen have organized a 4K run in April for any student wanting to participate. 50-60% of GMS students are participating and practicing for the event by running thirty minutes 3-4 times a week under the supervision of the organizers.
- The Annual GMS Trivia Night is scheduled for this Friday, February 28 @ 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. All teachers are the donors of the prizes and students will pay admission by bringing canned goods to be donated to our local Caring Center.
- Volleyball is winding down regular season with 8th grade Night tonight.
- Approximately 60 students have signed up for track and practice begins next week.
- 8th Grade Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4. Parents and students are invited to come to the cafeteria and learn about HS requirements, meet staff and learn about available elective classes.
- Scholar Bowl Team is doing very well. County Tournament is this evening.

Principal Owsley (supervising the Boys Basketball Regional Tournament) submitted the Gillespie High School Report as follows:

- ✓ January 28th: F.C.A. Meeting with Ms. Kirk was held @ lunch, NHS Members tutored at Ben-Gil Elementary. FFA competed at Job Interview Career Development Competition in Edwardsville.
- ✓ January 30th: Transitional Math Conference at the ROE in Carlinville.
- ✓ January 30th: Women's Basketball Senior Night vs. Carlinville
- ✓ February 3rd: Attended a Restraint/Time-Out room training in Staunton about the new laws enacted recently.
- ✓ February 4th: Met with Tom Hyde to discuss shop expansion and to provide a wish list for new science labs.
- ✓ February 5th: Section Awards (Record Keeping Competition)
- ✓ February 6th: District leadership Team met to discuss Strategic Plan.
- ✓ February 7th: Held a Middle School/High School Tornado Drill.
- ✓ February 8th: Macoupin County CEO concert was held at Carlinville High School.
- ✓ February 10th-13th: I.H.S.A. Women's Basketball Regionals were held at Gillespie High School. The Lady Miners lost in the Regional Semi-Finals to Alton Marquette. Breese Mater Dei won the Regional Title.
 - I'd like to thank Mr. Bertagnolli, Officer Stinnett, and Brenda and Dan Smith for all the help during Regionals week. I'd also like to thank the custodial staff for their hard work preparing the gym for each night's games.
- ✓ February 11th: Gifted Olympiad @ Crossroads Community Church in Brighton
 - Junior Class were 4th out of 32 teams (Megan Labby, Jack Herron, Sydney Bires, Anthony Ribes)

- Senior Class were 3rd out of 32 teams (Megan Hatlee, Katie Reed, Chance Reiniesch, and Ruby Savant)
- ✓ February 11th: Progress Reports went home
- ✓ February 12th: GMS/GHS Parent Track Meeting was held. Corner Café sold pork burgers at lunch to help support the Comfort closet. Presented to one of the 8th Grade Encore classes on what to expect next year as a 9th Grader
- ✓ February 13th: Attended a SCC Principals Meeting in Litchfield where conference expansion was discussed. Thoughts??
 - East Alton Wood River has asked to rejoin the South-Central Conference.
- ✓ February 13th and 14th: Drama club held a bake sale, Juniors stayed for a CEO Presentation during 8th hour.
- ✓ February 14th: SADD Shines Day/MPACT'D Presentation, MPACT'D sold Valentine's Day Cookies that were delivered 1st hour, School Improvement Day with Staff working on Units of Study and the Creation of meaningful Assessments.
- ✓ February 15th: Katie Prange was awarded the Alpha Tau Chapter Illinois State of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Grant. This grant provides Mrs. Prange \$100 to spend on classroom supplies.
- ✓ February 17th: Science Department visited Pleasant Plains High School to visit their Science Labs.
- ✓ February 17th-22nd: FFA Week
- ✓ February 18th: Men's Basketball Senior Night vs. Vandalia, Girls Track Practice Begins
- ✓ February 19th: Kennedy Clark had her artwork displayed in the Art & Design West Gallery at SIUE. Her piece was part of the Annual High School Art Exhibition.
- ✓ February 20th: FFA Alumni Chili Supper, Women's Soccer held their parent meeting.
- ✓ February 21st: Holocaust Trip to the Holocaust Museum in St. Louis
- ✓ February 21st: Honored 100 Years of Gillespie Basketball.
- ✓ February 22nd: Pancake Breakfast (Ag/FFA)
- ✓ February 24th: Gillespie High School will host the I.H.S.A. Men's Regional Basketball Finals
- ✓ February 27th: Poultry Career Development Event

**Congratulations to our January Student of the Month Ms. Katie Reed
 Congratulations to the Sophomore Class for having the best overall attendance in the
 month of January. They will receive doughnuts from B&K Bakery**

Superintendent Tieman reported that East Alton-Wood River wants to rejoin the South Central Conference. That would be 11 teams. Supposedly other teams are interested also to join but have not made a formal request yet. 11 teams would not work, but more teams would work making 2 divisions, but that would all need to be discussed whether to agree or not agree.

Word was received from Greenville Basketball that Gillespie School was the cleanest school they have ever been in.

Superintendent Tieman reported that meetings are still being held about updating the high school science lab.

Old Business

There were no Old Business agenda items.

New Business

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to approve the Golden Apple Accelerators Program as presented. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the District Seniority Lists as presented. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Hayes to approve the Vocational Building Roof Project as presented. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

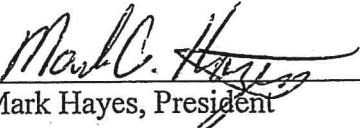
Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Vocational Building Expansion Project as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Dobrino to approve the Life-Safety Amendment as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.


Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Alepra to approve the \$50,000 Matching Grant as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to approve the Threat Assessment Plan as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.



Mark Hayes, President



William J. Carter Jr., Secretary