

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District #7  
High School Cafeteria  
612 Broadway Street  
Gillespie, Illinois 62033  
June 30, 2020**

The regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hayes at the High School Cafeteria, 612 Broadway Street, Gillespie, IL 62033.

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

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Shane Owsley, Jill Rosentreter, Tara Cooper, and Angela Sandretto attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Michelle Smith, Dave Ambrose, Micki Romanus, Chris Best, and Nancy Schmidt also attended the meeting.

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

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Hatlee 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)(11)
- 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 Schmidt, seconded by Carter for Roll Call vote to return to open session at 7:36 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried

**The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.**

**Action on Closed Session Matters**

Motion made by Hatlee, seconded Schmidt to employ Jennifer Brown as Gillespie High School Summer Consumer Education Teacher. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Carter to employ Jennifer Brown as Gillespie High School Summer Driver Education Teacher. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hatlee, seconded by Tiburzi to approve Christina Blevins' request for Maternity Leave effective at the time of delivery until Christmas Break. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Dobrino to accept the resignation of Elementary Teacher Casey Niehaus. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to appoint Jennifer Brown as High School Cheerleading Coach for the 2020-2021 School Year. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Hatlee to accept the resignation of Stephanie Bray as Middle School Yearbook Sponsor and post the vacated position. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Tiburzi to accept the resignation of Joe Kelly as High School Assistant Softball Coach. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion Carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated May 18, 2020. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion Carried.

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

Education Fund	\$56,923.08
Building Fund	\$21,188.77
Bond & Interest Fund	\$ 2,003.14
Transportation Fund	<u>\$ 6,180.72</u>
For a Grand Total of	\$86,295.71

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

### **Freedom of Information Requests**

No requests were received.

### **Recognition of the Public**

There was no participation.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Union President Michelle Smith gave the Union Report. She questioned the number of vacant elementary positions. She was advised that there is no Title position vacancy, and there are 2 elementary vacancies. The Board stated that the negotiation team will meet with the Union Negotiation Team sometime in July and discuss coaches and their salaries regarding sports and Covid-19.

Principal Sandretto gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report:

Summer Focus

- Building
  - Custodians are working to prepare the building for the upcoming school year
  - Including all the following:

- Waxing
  - Cleaning
  - Preparing rooms for new guidelines
  - Moving rooms as directed
- Closing 2019-2020 school year
  - Finalizing grant requirements
  - Ensuring all data/information is current for final uploads
- Opening of the new school year
  - Working with the administrative team to develop plans for the following
    - Re-opening of school
      - Reviewing guidelines & creating plans
      - Creating schedules
      - Working with stakeholders (cooks, transportation, maintenance)
      - Meeting with SMASE representative to review requirements and plans

#### Summer Programs

- Birth-3
  - Parent Educators continue to work with families during summer months
  - The “Visit” format has changed but providing activities/educational materials has not changed
    - Activities for students
    - Educational materials for parents
    - Family activity ideas

#### Principal Rosentreter gave the Gillespie Middle School Report:

- Teachers completed a series of Microsoft trainings (in preparation for 1:1, remote/blended instruction) followed by assessments and turning in badges as evidence of completion.
- Met with Golden Apple Committee for placement of candidates.
- Meet every other week with principals through IPA to discuss re-opening strategies and challenges.
- Engenuity training: current summer school Consumer Ed class and possible future classes providing credit recovery and classes not currently offered at GHS.
- Attended a three-part series training course from ISBE for Transitional Math that will offered to GHS students during the 21-22 school year.
- Updated 20-21 Teachers’ Handbook and Coaches’ Handbook. (Coaches’ Handbook will be presented to the School Board during the July meeting.)
- Continuous revision on Remote Learning plan, Re-Opening plan and Blended Learning (in cooperation with administrative team, MCHD, school nurses, custodial supervisor, transportation director and technology department)
- Attended Evaluwise seminar: involved evaluating teachers while considering the changes in classroom instruction.
- Met with AIR representative to discuss 20-21 instructional needs (through IL-EMPOWER)
- Advised fall coaches on IHSA/IESA safety and health guidelines. Received coaches’ plans for approval from administration and MCHD.

#### Principal Owsley gave the Gillespie High School Report:

- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Attended a webinar about the CARES Grant to determine how to apply for the grant and acceptable expenses. The administrative team completed the application and it has been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. (\$394,686)
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with the Golden Apple Representatives and attended a Webinar with Edgenuity. Edgenuity is an online resource that provides Summer School Courses, Credit Recovery Courses, and Additional Electives for students. This program is something I’d like to utilize during 8<sup>th</sup> hour in the future.

- May 21<sup>st</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with representatives of Grow Gillespie.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: The South-Central Conference received word that Roxana would be leaving the conference. A formal invitation has been sent to North Mac High School to join the South-Central Conference.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>: The administrative Team worked on and completed the After-School Grant. The application was submitted and accepted by the Illinois State Board of Education. (\$19,867)
- May 26<sup>th</sup>/May 27<sup>th</sup>: Certified Staff were provided training on the Microsoft Training Suite. They were also asked to complete an online training academy through Microsoft in case remote learning is extended into next school year. I would like to thank Mrs. Katie Prange for providing the Zoom Training.
- May 27<sup>th</sup>/June 1<sup>st</sup>/June 3<sup>rd</sup>/June 5<sup>th</sup>: Met with Mr. Tieman and began looking at the 2020-2021 District Budget.
- May 29<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting hosted by the Illinois Association of School Administrators to discuss challenges/concerns for the upcoming school year.
- June 6<sup>th</sup>: Gillespie High School's virtual Graduation Ceremony was posted. I would like to thank Ms. Mary Kirk for her extensive work on this project.
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Summer School began. 23 students are participating in Drivers Education and 25 students are participating in Consumer Education. Summer Math and English were not offered this summer because of low student interest (5 and 4 students respectively).
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: Hosted a Zoom meeting for CUSD #7 Coaches about the IHSA's Return to Play Protocol. At this point both Football, Men's Soccer, and Behind the Wheel Driving have submitted plans that have been approved by the Macoupin County Health Department.
- June 9<sup>th</sup>: We received word that ETI has received the refund for the cancelled Band and Choir Trip. Refund checks have been created and sent.
- June 10<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom meeting with area superintendents and the Macoupin County Health Department for updates/concerns.
- June 10<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Webinar with the Illinois State Board of Education about the 2019-2020 calendar and how it should be coded.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Attended the End of School Year Webinar with the Illinois State Board of Education.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with Regional Superintendent Michelle Mueller and area superintendents.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with the Macoupin County Public Health Department and area superintendents.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Met with Architect Tom Hyde and David Leggans about the Shop expansion project.
- June 15<sup>th</sup>: Met with the administrative team to begin drafting a new remote learning plan.
- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Attended a demonstration at Carlinville High School from CDS (Thermometers)
- June 17<sup>th</sup>: Met with Mark Carpani and Katie Prange about Microsoft and remote learning.
- June 17<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with MCPHD and area superintendents.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with Michelle Mueller and area superintendents.
- June 19<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with MCPHD and area superintendents.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with ROE #40 regarding truancy.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Attended virtual meet and greet with other first year superintendents in Illinois.
- June 24<sup>th</sup>: Attended a Zoom Meeting with the MCPHD and area superintendents.
- June 24<sup>th</sup>: A re-opening committee has been created and met for the first time on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Currently the committee is made up of MCPHD employees, the administrative team, and district nurses. This group will expand once meeting restrictions are lessened.
- June 25<sup>th</sup>: Attended Illinois State Board of Education Webinar on the new Data Review and Verification Tool.
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: Again met with the administrative team, Maintenance Director, school nurses, SMASE Administrator, and Transportation director about school opening in the Fall.
- June 30<sup>th</sup>: Met with IASA Field Rep Bill Phillips to begin looking at the district's financial status for the upcoming year/budget.

Superintendent Tieman commended the principals and Board Member Hatlee regarding the school with Covid Rules, Health Department, etc.

There will be a Special Meeting July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

School Board Members presented Superintendent Tieman with a plaque commemorating his retirement.

### Old Business

Principal Owsley gave an explanation presentation on 1:1 Computer Initiative. The laptop computers approved for purchase last month have been purchased so every student will have access to a laptop for remote learning. The money for the laptops was available through the federal CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security). After purchasing the laptops, about \$19,000 in federal CARES money is left. Mark Carpani is in the process of identifying areas in the district where students can access WIFI internet as providing district wide access is cost prohibitive. Mr. Carpani is looking into providing internet access onboard school buses through AT&T.

### New Business

Regarding the Vocational Building Project bids should be ready for Board consideration at the July meeting with the project to begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Carter to approve Employee Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield as presented. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to accept the bid from Kohl Wholesale as presented. Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes Alepra, yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Carter and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Prevailing Wage Statement as presented. Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion Carried.

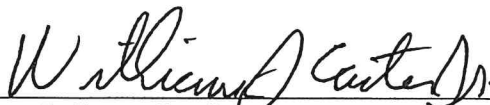
Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Schmidt to adopt the IMRF Resolution, as required by law, as presented. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Carter to approve the 2020-2021 Teacher/Staff Handbook as presented. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Thermometers are being purchased as every student and teacher/staff must have their temperatures taken to enter the building. Cost is \$9,000.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Dobrino to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Hatlee, yes; Carter, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion Carried.

  
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Mark Hayes, President

  
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William J. Carter Jr., Secretary