

Gibson County Special School District Board of Trustees

GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Gibson County High School Library

August 8, 2024

Members Present: Dr. Richard Addo, Mr. Scott Ball, Mr. Benny Boals, Mr. Tom Lannom, Ms. Treva Maitland, Mr. Eddie Watkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Benny Boals led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tom Lannom called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

Finance Reports

Maintenance/Technology Reports

Minutes Approval

Overnight Field Trips

RECOGNITION

AP Students & Spring Awards

Mr. Eddie Pruett honored students who achieved perfect scores on their Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

Ms. Amber Harris, SGCHS Assistant Principal, presented the awards to the following students:

Human Geography - Juliet Baker, Jon Buck, Joshua Gowan, Vincent Lin, Ava Lisin,

Everly Moore, Cooper Mutschler, Clayton Pruett, Ethan Scherer, Andrew Sutton

English Language & Composition - Ryan Baylis

United States History - Ryan Bayliss, Lidiah Mahalati, Aidan Swanger, Adeline Carter,

Mouad Hasan

Calculus AB - Caden Clark, Ethan Dunevant, Madelynn Malone, Dev Patel, Bella Suiter,

Katherine Robison

Computer Science Principles - Caden Clark

Psychology - Ava Holifield, Lidiah Mahalati, Luke Martin
 Statistics - Dev Patel, Bella Suiter

TN Teen Institute (TTI)

Ms. Amy Richardson, the Director of Coordinated School Health, and the students who participated in the Tennessee Teen Institute summer camp shared their experiences.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve the amended agenda, with a second by Mr. Benny Boals. *Motion passed.*

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to add Jace Hart to the amended agenda, with a second by Mr. Eddie Watkins. *Motion passed.*

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to approve the amended agenda and add Jace Hart, with a second by Mr. Eddie Watkins. *Motion passed.*

Jace Hart

Ms. Jace Hart spoke with the board about her daughter's enrollment in the first-grade class at Rutherford School. She expressed her concerns about the handling of policies and procedures. Ms. Hart resides outside the Rutherford School zone. Due to limited space, she was asked to transfer her daughter to the designated zone. The state regulations set a maximum of 25 students for a first-grade classroom, and the class had reached this limit. Therefore, Ms. Hart's daughter and another student were asked to relocate, reducing the student count to 23. This ensures there would be room for new students coming into the area. The board explored different solutions to deal with the situation and eventually agreed to allow Ms. Hart's daughter to continue attending Rutherford School under the condition that if a new student moves into the area, she may be required to change schools.

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to approve Ms. Hart's daughter to attend Rutherford School first-grade class with the understanding if a zoned student enrolls, she may be asked to relocate., with a second by Mr. Eddie Watkins. *Motion passed.*

Health Insurance

Mr. Rory Hinson presented the health insurance plan. Currently, GCSSD contributes 75% to employee-only tiers and 59% to all other tiers of insurance. Mr. Hinson recommended changing the GCSSD contribution to 80% for employee-only tiers and 61% for all other tiers, and amend the budget by \$120,971.16.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve changing the GCSSD contribution to 80% for employee-only tiers and 61% of all other tiers, and amend the budget by \$120,971.16., with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

Christmas / Longevity Bonus

Mr. Rory Hinson presented the Christmas/Longevity Bonus. Bonuses are based on the length of employment within the district, ranging from \$125 to \$800.

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the GCSSD Christmas/Longevity Bonus schedule and amend the budget by \$142,857, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

Bid Recap - Type A Bus

Mr. Derek Norman presented the Type A Bus Bids.

Central States for \$97,027

Central States for \$107,195

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve the Central States bid of \$97,027, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

Bid Recap - GCHS Soccer Paving Addition

Mr. Rory Hinson presented the GCHS Soccer Paving Addition Bids.

Cantrell for \$20,900 with an additional 33C for \$1,900

Sowell Boys for \$24,750

McDonald Asphalt for \$29,863

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to approve the Cantrell paving bid with the additional 33C for \$22,800, with a second by Ms. Treva Maitland. *Motion passed.*

Director's Evaluation

Mr. Eddie Pruett has shared the link with the board to complete his 2023-2024 evaluation.

State & Federal Legislation

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented State & Federal Legislation, stating that most changes will be reflected in policy updates. One change is that schools must obtain permission before a child can receive treatment from nurses or other staff.

Policy Revisions

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Policy Revisions.

[1.501 Visitors to the Schools](#) - Add a code of conduct for visitors on school property.

[1.800 School Calendar](#) - Reference changes only.

[2.403 Surplus Property Sales](#) - Add a notice published on a news and information website.

[2.806 Bids and Quotations](#) - Add services from an insurance provider to the list of exemptions.

[3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan](#) - Changes to the fire drill procedures.

[3.205 Security](#) - Changes to who is notified and when.

[3.400 Student Transportation Management](#) - Each bus must display a notice in a visible location stating that only authorized individuals are allowed to enter. Bus drivers must receive a certificate from the board before operating a school bus, undergo a mental examination, and adds a complaint process.

[4.201 Basic Curriculum Program to Class Size Ratios](#) - Allows larger class size ratios for CTE classes.

[4.213 Family Life Education](#) - Must report to DCS the instructor and curriculum, add internet crimes against children to Family Life Instruction, include a presentation of human growth, and prohibit instructions related to sexual activity for students K-5.

[4.214 Use of Artificial Intelligence Programs](#) - New Policy - District technology staff will manage the implementation of AI programs.

[4.301 Interscholastic Athletics](#) - Home-schooled students can participate in interscholastic athletics, regardless of the school's TMSAA membership status.

[4.403 Library Materials](#) -Establishes standards for immediate removal of material containing certain content; allows a complainant to appeal if the board does not take action within 60 days.

[4.600 Grading System](#) - Dual Enrollment moved from 4 to 5 percentage points

[4.603 Promotion and Retention](#) - Parents/guardians can choose to retain students in K-2nd grade and a new pathway to 5th grade promotion.

[5.307 Physical Assault Leave](#) - Applies to all employees.

[5.701 Substitute Teachers](#) - Annual school safety training is required.

[5.802 Qualification and Duties of the Director of Schools](#) - Must report if a licensed educator has pleaded guilty, no contest, or has been convicted of an offense.

[6.203 School Admissions](#) -Principals may request information if a student has been adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses.

[6.300 Code of Conduct](#) - Requires law enforcement and the Director of Schools to be notified immediately about assaults on school property, revised the list of offenses and procedures.

[6.309 Zero-Tolerance Offenses](#) - The threat Assessment team will determine if the threat is a zero-tolerance offense.

[6.316 Suspension](#) - Invalid threat of mass violence and assault against school employees added to the list of reasons for suspension. If a student assaults an employee, the student can be suspended from attendance at school-sponsored activities for one year.

[6.318 Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students](#) - The principal may ask in writing if a student has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense listed in an investigation.

[6.4052 Opioid Antagonist](#) - States that school district staff may not prohibit individuals from possessing an opioid antagonist on school property or at off-campus school events.

[6.409 Reporting Child Abuse](#) - designate a Child Abuse Coordinator and the Alternate Child Abuse Coordinator to the Department of Children's Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve the Policy Revisions, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Upcoming Conferences

Mr. Pruet reminded the board of the upcoming conferences.

Summer Law-August 9th

Fall District Meeting-August 27th

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Tom Lannom.

Motion passed.