

**Gibson County Special School District
Board of Trustees**

GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Gibson County High School Library

May 13, 2025

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Richard Addo 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. Scott Ball to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Mr. Benny Boals. *Motion passed.*

ALC Report

Bullying/Harassment Report

Finance Reports

Funding Applications

FY26 CTE Perkins Basic

CTE Perkins Reserve

Juvenile Court Referrals

Maintenance/Technology Reports

Minutes Approval

Overnight Field Trips

RECOGNITION

Teachers of the Year

Principals of each school recognized their Teachers of the Year and Retirees.

Teachers of the Year

Debbie Reynolds-Dyer School, Lyndsey Norman-GCHS, Marylee Williams, Kenton School, Jennifer McVay-Rutherford School, Jenny Stringer-SGCES, Chelsea Matamoros-SGCHS, John Crenshaw-SGCMS, Gretchen Beauchamp, Spring Hill School, Lori Allen, Yorkville School

Supervisor of the Year - Renee Childs

Principal of the Year - Margaret DeLoach

Retirees

Tracy Abbott, Renee Childs, James "Jim" Hughes, Charles "Scott" Jewell, Thomas "Phil" Rogers, Vance Coleman, Bob McClain, Becky Smith, Katrina Voss, Brenda Wylie

CTSO Accomplishments

Mr. Derek Norman and the advisors recognized students' accomplishments as they shared their successes and experiences through Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) such as TSA, Culinary, FFA, FBLA, HOSA, and FCCLA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several parents addressed the board regarding unfair treatment by faculty and staff, racism, and the targeting of children with disabilities within the GCSSD. The board was unaware of these allegations and inquired whether proper steps had been taken. They advised following the chain of command and speaking with the Director of Schools.

AMENDED AGENDA***

2025-2026 Annual Agenda & Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the 2025-2026 Annual Agenda & Board Meeting Schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve the 2025-2026 Annual Agenda & Board Meeting Schedule, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

Textbook Adoption

Dr. Michelle Goad presented the Textbook.

Science textbook recommendations are:

Savvas for K-8,

McGraw-Hill for Physical Science, Anatomy & Physiology

Cengage for Biology 1 & 2, Chemistry 1 & 2, AP Chemistry, and Physics

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve Savvas for K-8, McGraw-Hill for Physical Science, Anatomy and Physiology, Cengage for Biology 1 & 2, Chemistry 1 & 2, AP Chemistry, and Physics, with a second by Mr. Benny Boals. *Motion passed.*

Summer Learning Camp Budget Amendment

Mr. Rory Hinson presented the Summer Learning Camp Budget Amendment. The Tennessee Department of Education allocated \$477,647.41 to the GCSSD for the Summer Camp program.

The camp is available for rising K-9th-grade students from May 27 to June 19. Students are prioritized according to CASE test results and will receive instruction in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. In addition, they will participate in Response to Intervention (RTI), have daily recess and physical education (PE), and engage in STREAM activities (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics).

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to amend the budget expenditures and revenues by \$477,647.41, with a second by Mr. Benny Boals. *Motion passed.*

Summer Programming

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the summer programming plan, which outlined the courses offered, transportation details, class size ratios, budget including staff compensation, school nutrition needs, staffing, and enrollment criteria.

Policy Revisions

3.219 Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Policy Revisions.

Policy #3.219: Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) now states that visitors and non-GCSSD employees must obtain permission from the district or local administration to operate a drone on GCSSD property. Visitors are required to submit a request using the GCSSD drone flight permission form.

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to approve the policy revision 3.219 Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

TSBA Board of Distinction***

Ms. Treva Maitland challenged the board to complete the checklist to achieve recognition as a TSBA Board of Distinction.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Feasibility Study Work Session Date

Mr. Pruett requested that the Feasibility Study Work Session be held on June 5th at 6:00 PM.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5-9

Mr. Eddie Pruett announced Teacher Appreciation Week was May 5th to 9th. Staff enjoyed breakfast on May 6th.

Staff Lunch

Mr. Eddie Pruett informed the board that all staff would be provided with lunch on Thursday, May 22nd.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to adjourn, with a second by Ms. Treva Maitland. *Motion passed.*