

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

GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Dyer School Library

November 11, 2025

Members Present: Dr. Richard Addo, Mr. Scott Ball, Mr. John Campbell II, Mr. Tom Lannom, Ms. Treva Maitland, Mr. Eddie Watkins. Also in attendance were Mr. Jack Ball

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. John Campbell 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. Eddie Watkins to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

ALC Report

Bullying/Harassment Report

Threat Assessment

Finance Reports

Juvenile Court Referrals

Maintenance/Technology Reports

Minutes Approval

Overnight Field Trips

RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

AMENDED AGENDA***

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to approve the amended agenda, with a second by Mr. Eddie Watkins. *Motion passed.*

GCHS Band Boosters

Ms. Jamie Carr and Ms. Alisha Owens requested a reimbursement of \$750.00 for towing the band's semi-truck after it recently broke down.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to approve the reimbursement of \$850.00 for towing and refueling expenses incurred due to the breakdown of the band's semi-truck, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

American Education Week
November 15-21

Mr. Eddie Pruett informed the board about American Education Week, from November 15 to 21. To show appreciation for their hard work, all employees will be treated to breakfast on Tuesday, November 18th.

Board Self-Assessment Results

Mr. Tom Lannom reported the results of the Board Self-Assessment and discussed ways of improvement.

Board Meetings	4.26
Team Building	4.06
Board/Superintendent/Staff Relations	4.30
Vision/Planning	4.12
Board Policy	4.32
Student Achievement	4.40
Board/Community Relations	4.10
Advocacy	4.19
Budget/Finance	4.32
Total	4.24

LEA Compliance Report

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the LEA Compliance report. GCSSD complies with all federal and state education laws, regulations, and State Board of Education rules.

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to approve the 2025 LEA Compliance Report, with a second by Mr. John Campbell II. *Motion passed.*

High School Updates

Mr. Jack Ball reported that GCHS recently celebrated Veterans Day and noted that Mr. Joseph Dickerson is currently deployed. Mr. Stephen Powell, the Transportation Supervisor for GCSSD, has also recently been deployed. The Beta Club has been fundraising in preparation for their upcoming convention, and Lily McCaig will be running for State Beta Club President.

Additionally, Mr. Pruett reported that the SGCHS Cross Country Team competed in the State Tournament meet, finishing 17th out of 24 teams, with Jonathan Lewis placing 6th overall.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GCSSD/UTM Innovation Hub Partnership***

Mr. Eddie Pruett announced that the Gibson County Special School District has established a partnership with the University of Tennessee at Martin to create enhanced opportunities for students interested in the fields of agriculture and education, known as the "Innovation Hub." This initiative allows students to earn college credits through traditional dual-enrollment courses offered by UTM, in addition to new experiential learning and credit-by-exam opportunities.

This program is designed to prepare students for future careers in teaching through the Teaching as a Profession (TAP) pathway, which effectively reduces the duration of their educational journey, enabling them to enter the teaching profession more promptly. Furthermore, it expands post-secondary credit opportunities in agriculture, enhances STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education, and promotes career exploration for elementary and middle school students. The initiative also provides internships for current UTM students, facilitating hands-on experience and equipping both students and educators to navigate the challenges posed by the increasing influence of artificial intelligence and the evolving economy.

TSBA Annual Convention & Leadership Conference — November 13-16

Mr. Eddie Pruett reminded the board about the upcoming TSBA Annual Convention & Leadership Conference on November 13–16.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Tom Lannom.
Motion passed.