

Gibson County Special School District
Board of Trustees
GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Kenton School Cafeteria
December 11, 2025

Members Present: Dr. Richard Addo, Mr. Scott Ball, Mr. Benny Boals, Mr. John Campbell II, Mr. Tom Lannom, Ms. Treva Maitland, Mr. Eddie Watkins. Also in attendance are Isaac Scherer and Jack Ball

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Eddie Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Eddie Watkins 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. John Campbell II. *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

REGULAR AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the regular agenda, with a second by Ms. Treva Maitland. *Motion passed.*

Audit Review

Ms. Marcie Williams from ATA, CPA, presented the results of the 2024-2025 Internal School Funds and District Audit. The audit highlighted common errors related to the Internal School Funds, particularly concerning the segregation of duties and accountability for resale fundraisers at multiple schools. Ms. Williams pointed out that several schools use debit cards for routine operating expenditures, despite the manual stating that debit cards should only be utilized in emergencies due to the risks associated with using an unsecured payment method. Recently, staff received training to assist with budgeting, and changes made to the Internal School Funds Manual. Additionally, Ms. Williams mentioned a new requirement in the manual regarding signatures for gift card purchases, noting that several schools lacked the necessary documentation. The District Audit reported no findings and indicated that expenditures were under budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to approve the 2024-2025 audit report, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

Electronic Participation for Family Visits Abroad Resolution

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Electronic Participation for Family Visits Abroad Resolution. This resolution allows Board members to participate in meetings electronically while they are away for family visits. Currently, Board members can only participate electronically when they are out of town for work-related reasons.

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to approve the Electronic Participation for Family Visits Abroad Resolution to be added to next year's TSBA Delegate Assembly agenda, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

2026-2027 School Calendar

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

- Option 1 - 39.2%
 - 5 Days Fall Break
 - 3 Days Thanksgiving Break
 - 5 Days Spring Break
 - Semester One: August 3-December 18
 - Semester Two: January 5-May 21
- Option 2 - 32.9%
 - 5 Days Fall Break
 - 5 Days Thanksgiving Break
 - 5 Days Spring Break
 - Semester One: July 30–December 18

- Semester Two: January 5–May 21
- Option 3 - 7.2%
 - 2 Days Fall Break
 - 5 Days Thanksgiving Break
 - 5 Days Spring Break
 - Semester One: August 4 - December 18
 - Semester Two: January 5–May 21
- Option 4 - 20.8%
 - 2 Days Fall Break
 - 3 Days Thanksgiving Break
 - 5 Days Spring Break
 - Semester One: August 6 - December 18
 - Semester Two: January 5–May 21

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to approve option 1 (5 fall break and 3 Thanksgiving) for the 2026/2027 school calendar, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

High School Updates

Student Board Members Mr. Jack Ball and Mr. Isaac Sherer provided updates on their respective schools. Mr. Ball reported that four students from GCHS received academic recognition at the Beta Convention. Meanwhile, Mr. Sherer praised the Hornets' football team for their impressive playoff performance and noted that the Lady Hornets basketball team remains undefeated so far this season.

Surplus

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Surplus items.

A motion was made by Dr. Richard Addo to approve the surplus items, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TSBA Annual Convention & Leadership Conference Overview

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented an overview of the TSBA Annual Convention and Leadership Conference. Board members discussed their takeaways and future goals.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to adjourn, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*