

Gibson County Special School District
Board of Trustees
GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Rutherford School Library
January 8, 2026

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tom Lannom 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 Mr. John Campbell II. *Motion passed.*

ALC Report

Bullying/Harassment Report

Threat Assessment

Finance Reports

Juvenile Court Referrals

Maintenance/Technology Reports

Minutes Approval

RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

REGULAR AGENDA

Teacher Tenure Recommendations

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Teacher Tenure Recommendations.

Dyer School — Katie Valdez and Franklin Leslie

GCHS - Joseph Dickinson

Kenton School — Brandie Hinson

SGCES — Michele Howe and Lucy Truett

SGCMS — Shelby Fisher

A motion was made by Mr. Eddie Watkins to approve the tenure recommendations, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

School Board Appreciation Week January 26 - February 1

Mr. Eddie Pruett announced that School Board Appreciation Week will take place from January 26 to February 1. The board will also donate \$150.00 to the Gibson County Imagination Library.

New extended learning assistant position at SGCMS

Mr. Eddie Pruett informed the board that SGCMS needs to add a new extended learning assistant position. Currently, a substitute is filling this role. Establishing this position will better address the needs of the students.

A motion was made by Mr. Tom Lannom to approve the new extended learning assistant position at SGCMS, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

District Vehicle

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the District Vehicle. The Work-Based Learning transit van was declared surplus last month, enabling us to transfer Mr. Pruett's current vehicle. In return, Mr. Pruett will receive a new Ford Explorer through the state contract with Lonnie Cobb.

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the district vehicle purchase of a Ford Explorer on the state contract through Lonnie Cobb for \$41,130.00, with a second by Mr. John Campbell II. *Motion passed.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February Board Meeting

Food Service Management Company

Pre-Budget Work Session

High School Updates

February Board Meeting — Mr. Eddie Pruett requested to attend the February Board meeting remotely due to his participation in the National Superintendent Conference in Nashville.

Food Service Management Company — Mr. Eddie Pruett informed the board about the timeline for the Department of Education's Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding contracts with Food Service Management Companies. Mr. Pruett recommended that the board consider postponing the process until the 2027–2028 school year, as we are currently about four months behind schedule. However, the board suggested proceeding with the RFP process for the next

school year. Mr. Pruett assured the board that the team would work as quickly as possible and would provide an update next month.

Pre-Budget Work Session — Mr. Eddie Pruett suggested scheduling a pre-budget work session before the March board meeting.

High School Updates — Mr. Jack Ball provided the board with an update on the recent activities at GCHS.

Upcoming Conference:

Legislative & Legal Institute, February 16–17

Mr. Pruett reminded the board of the Legislative & Legal Institute on February 16-17 at Franklin Marriott Cool Springs.

ADJOURN

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

Motion passed.