

**Gibson County Special School District**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**GCSSD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Yorkville School Library**  
**February 12, 2026**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ALC Report**

**Bullying/Harassment Report**

**Finance Reports**

**Funding Applications**

**FY 2027 Voluntary PreK Grant**

**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. John Campbell II to approve the regular agenda, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

### **Stockpile Day Approval**

Mr. Eddie Pruett recommended allocating an additional stockpile day for inclement weather. This measure would prevent the need to make up the seventh day of missed school.

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the additional stockpile day to be used for inclement weather, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

### **Schoen Foundation Grant**

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Schoen Foundation Grant. The Schoen Foundation is a guaranteed-donation campaign to support Gibson County teachers through DonorsChoose—a \$50,000 poll designed to help as many teachers in Gibson County as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Ball to approve the Schoen Foundation DonorsChoose Grant, with a second by Ms. Treva Maitland. *Motion passed.*

### **TISA Outcomes Budget Amendment**

Mr. Rory Hinson presented the TISA Outcomes Budget Amendment.

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to approve the budget revenue amendment for \$455,937.00, with a second by Mr. Scott Ball. *Motion passed.*

### **Food Service Management**

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented on Food Service Management. He recommended postponing any decisions regarding the cafeteria to give staff time to improve participation and engage in training and other improvement efforts, particularly since we have a Volco contract that runs until December 2026. After discussing various options, the board decided to pause the application process to allow for these improvements in the cafeteria.

A motion was made by Mr. John Campbell II to pause the application process for Food Service Management to allow the cafeteria to make improvements, with a second by Ms. Treva Maitland. *Motion passed.*

### **Free & Reduced Meals**

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the Free and Reduced Meals and handed the discussion over to Ms. Erica DuRall, the Food Service Director. Ms. DuRall explained that the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a meal service option that allows schools and districts in high-poverty areas to offer free meals to all students without requiring household applications. To qualify, schools must have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 25%. The ISP includes students who are directly certified for free meals through programs such as SNAP, TANF, FDIR, and Medicaid, as well as students who are experiencing homelessness, are runaways, migrants, or in foster care. An ISP of 60 % or higher revenue increases; 50% breaks even in revenue, but at 40%, revenue

decreases significantly. Schools do not need to meet the 25% threshold individually if the entire district or a group of schools within the district participates and meets the requirement.

Ms. DuRall reported that the data show that the district's overall Identified Student Percentage (ISP) is 25.21%. However, if all students in the Gibson County Special School District were to receive free meals, the district would face a monthly deficit of \$90,368.77. She noted that the combined ISP for Gibson County High School, Dyer School, Kenton School, Rutherford School, Spring Hill School, and Yorkville School is 54.90%, which generates a monthly revenue of \$376,608.75.

Ms. DuRall stated that, based on this data, the district cannot support all of GCSSD under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the long term and would need to find alternative funding sources before pursuing this option. Only non-federal funds—such as state and local funds, cash donations, and contributions from outside sources, including volunteer services—are permitted.

The discussion about Free and Reduced Meals in all GCSSD schools continued; no action was taken at this time.

### **Surplus**

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the surplus items.

A motion was made by Mr. Benny Boals to approve the surplus items and sell at auction, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

### **Policy Revisions**

#### **1.901 Charter School Applications**

#### **2.804 Expenses and Reimbursements**

Mr. Eddie Pruett presented the revisions to the policy as follows:

1.901 Charter School Applications — This revision adds a requirement for boards to provide charter sponsors with estimates of state and federal per-pupil funding. It also includes a timeline for reporting the board's actions regarding these applications.

2.804 Expenses and Reimbursements — This change allows the district to reimburse individuals for sales tax, provided that the board has an existing policy authorizing this practice.

A motion was made by Ms. Treva Maitland to approve the policy revisions, with a second by Dr. Richard Addo. *Motion passed.*

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Upcoming Conferences:**

#### **Legislative & Legal Institute**

#### **SCOPE Conference**

M. Eddie Pruett presented the upcoming conferences.

Legislative & Legal Institute — February 16–17  
SCOPE Conference — March 3

**High School Updates**

Mr. Eddie Pruett congratulated Mr. Jack Ball on receiving a scholarship. He reported that GCHS is gearing up for prom.

**ADJOURN**

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