

Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School
District 72-C
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Thursday, November 19, 2020
7:00 PM
Board Minutes

The school board meeting was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Denny Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call

Members Present:

Terri Balcom, Denny Christensen, Nick Hamilton, Brad Male, Lauren Vitko, Jamie Wilkey

Absent: Jerry Olsen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Recognition

- Congratulations to GSWB Cross Country Girls Sectional Champions
- Recognition of Betsy Hennessy on the completion of LBS / Certification
- School Board Member Day - November 15th. Dr. Merritt presented IASB certificates to each board member.

Audience/Visitor Participation

- Erica Schramm provided a presentation and detailed explanation of a Blended Preschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year

Motion to approve Board of Education minutes from October 2020

1st: Male, 2nd: Vitko

Ayes: Male, Vitko, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Financial Business

Motion to approve payment of bills for the month of November 2020.

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Wilkey

Ayes: Christensen, Wilkey, Balcom, Hamilton, Male, Vitko

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,124.44(gross) \$70,016.38 (net).

- 1. Reflecting 3 educators movements of lane per contract. Two moved 1 lane, one moved 2 lanes.**

1st: Male, 2nd: Wilkey

Ayes: Male, Wilkey, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Vitko

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month of October 2020.

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Christensen, Hamilton, Balcom, Male, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Superintendent Report/New Business

a. ISBE/IDPH COVID-19 Updates

b. Gardner 72C School Reopening Task Force Meeting - Dec. 3

c. Motion to approve offering a Tuition-Based Blended Preschool Program for 2021-2022

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Vitko

Ayes: Christensen, Vitko, Balcom, Hamilton, Male, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

d. Blue Sky Solar Project Update

- e. **Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents (IARSS) Bus Safety Video - all teachers have played video for their learners**
- f. **Halloween Festivities**
- g. **Holiday Musical**
- h. **No Shave November - Proceeds to Grundy County Heroes and Helpers**
 - **No Shave November Participants: Dr. Merritt, Mr, Cornale, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Rury**

Old Business

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- a. **CES Fire Panel**
 - **Currently staying with CES for service, while keeping options open to other companies if service becomes harder to obtain**
- b. **Original Transportation Contract**
- c. **Intergovernmental Agreement with GSW HS for Transportation Bid**
- d. **IASB Goal Setting Workshop - Nakia Hall**
 - **Dr. Merritt and Denny Christensen will attend this workshop on December 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm**
- e. **School Board Petition Packet Deadline - Dec 14 - Dec 21**

X. Board Committee Reports

a. Building and Grounds Committee (Hamilton/Male)

1. Motion to Approve 10 year Health Life Safety Survey for entire facility (cost estimate provided in packet)

- **Mike Cornale provided detailed explanation**

1st: Male, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Male, Hamilton, Balcom, Christensen, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

b. Curriculum (Male/Vitko)

1. Update from Oct. 29 Meeting

2. Motion to approve 2020-2021 E-Learning Plan

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Christensen, Hamilton, Balcom, Male, Vitko, Olsen

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

c. Finance Committee (Balcom/Olsen)

1. Presentation of proposed 2020 Grundy County Tax Levy

- **Dr. Merritt facilitated the presentation**

2. Update from Oct. 22 Meeting

d. Handbook (Hamilton/Vitko)

1. Linked to GGS website

e. Personnel (Christensen/Wilkey)

**1. Motion to approve non-certified classroom assistants
to supervise classroom activities during the Governor's
declaration of a disaster during the public health emergency**

- a. Amie Olsen**
- b. Megan Ragland**
- c. Sam Siano**
- d. Linda Tyler**
- e. Jessica Wilson**

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Christensen

Ayes: Wilkey, Christensen, Balcom, Hamilton, Male, Vitko

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

**2. Certified educator working conditions during potential
full remote model**

- **Educators will work from their classrooms
from 8am - 3pm on school days**

f. Sports (Christensen/Olsen)

1. GSWB Coop Meeting

g. Technology (Balcom/Wilkey)

**Motion to adjourn into closed session to consider information regarding the
appointment, employment, or any permissible matter under the Open
Meetings Act 5ILCS 120 (2) (1) Time: 9:05 pm**

1st: Male, 2nd: Balcom

Ayes: Male, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to adjourn closed session and return to regular session. Time: 9:51 pm

1st: Male, 2nd: Balcom

Ayes: Male, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Male, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve the hiring of Angie Tjelle for the 7th / 8th grade boys basketball coach for the 2020-2021 season

1st: Male, 2nd: Christensen

Ayes: Male, Christensen, Balcom, Hamilton, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve the hiring of Sara Countryman for the 5th / 6th grade girls basketball coach for the 2020-2021 season

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Male

Ayes: Wilkey, Male, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Vitko

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve the hiring of Austin McDowell for the 7th / 8th grade girls basketball coach for the 2020-2021 season

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Vitko

Ayes: Wilkey, Vitko, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Male

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion to approve the hiring of Anne Simms for the Track & Field coach for the 2020-2021 season

1st: Male, Hamilton

Ayes: Male, Hamilton, Balcom, Christensen, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Motion for adjournment: Time: 9:58 pm

1st: Male, 2nd: Vitko

Ayes: Male, Vitko, Balcom, Christensen, Hamilton, Wilkey

Absent: Olsen

Motion carries

Board President_____ Board Secretary_____