

June 9, 2023

BEARCAT BOARD STORY



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The Gasconade County R-1 School Board met on Thursday, June 8, 2023 for the regular board meeting, and an executive session.

The Regular Board Meeting began with Dr. Neill reading this month's Board Norm:

- We will not let situations that happened in the past keep us from serving our students, employees, and the community. The Governance Highlight is: The Superintendent or designee, will continue the process of enhancing the safety and security systems of the district.

The next item of business was the Building reports with the following updates:

- This month's board reports included the end of the year counseling report, which included a recommendation that the district keep in mind the MSIP recommendations for counseling services and add resources as possible to meet student needs.
- The High School will be focusing more on student performance and learning assessments for the class grading measurements. Homework will continue to be part of the grading system, but assessments will be a stronger percentage of the overall grade a student receives.
- Enrollment for K-12 for the 2023-2024 year is anticipated to be just under 800.
- Summer school is going well with steady attendance; the last day is June 23rd.
- Appreciation was given for all the work our Title team put in to create the Federal Programs Annual Report.
- A new bus is scheduled for delivery on July 6th; this bus was paid for by a grant. We will continue to add to and replace our busses as needed.

The Board listened to the MSBA June Board Report. The following items were shared:

- The MSBA Legislative Session that just ended was overall positive for public schools; the bills that we were concerned about such as open enrollment, expanding the school voucher program and charter schools didn't make it through the approval process.
- As the Legislators are back in their home districts this summer, we will continue to keep in close contact with our legislators to voice our issues. We encourage everyone to individually contact their legislators to share your opinion.
- The state budget positively impacted public schools by fully funded the foundation formula, fully funded transportation, funding the minimum teacher pay grant at \$38,000, and providing grant funding for school safety programs.
- The MSBA School Administrator's Conference is November 2 – 4th in Kansas City; the event will feature keynote speakers and numerous breakout sessions.
- Annual Medicaid Eligibility reviews have re-started this year; these were halted during the pandemic. Over four million Missouri Medicaid participants will be impacted and schools will play a critical role in making sure families are aware of the actions required to maintain continual Medicare eligibility.

The next item of business was our district's finances. We continue to be positive in our financials and will have a surplus at the end of the year of approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. To be conservative, we are trending down our revenues a bit, as we know the ESSER money will end. We will transfer \$1 million into Fund 4, which will still leave us with a strong positive balance at the end of the year. We continue to monitor our budget and revenue projections.

Old Business:

- The Board approved the updates to the following policies:
 - GCPB Resignation of Professional Staff
 - GBCBC Staff Absences
 - Sick Leave/PTO Policy – the change from sick leave and personal days to PTO. These include GCBDA Professional Staff Short Term Leaves, GDBDA Support Staff Leaves and the associated Regulations: GCBDA-R1 Professional Staff Short Term Leaves and GDBDA-R1 Support Staff Leaves

In New Business, the Board approved the following:

- The updated 2023-2024 Extra Duty contract.
- The 2022-2023 Budget to Actual.
- The 2023-2024 Salary Schedules.
- The FY24 Budget Message.
- The bids for Secure Entry for all three buildings; vendors are Franklin County Glass and Lampkin Masonry.
- The Asphalt bid from Hot Shot Asphalt LLC for sealing our parking lot.
- The Schwartz Bus contract for 2023-2025.
- The GCR1 tuition rate for 2023-2024 at \$9,235.
- The declaration of 100 used high school classroom desks.

The Consent Agenda was approved. The Board President shared correspondence from two GCR1 School Board Scholarship recipients, Quin Winkleman and Holly Heldt, thanking the board for their scholarships. In addition, Lindsay Kopp sent a note of appreciation for our Daycare Program. The regular board meeting was adjourned.

In executive session, the Board approved the hire of the following certified teachers for the 2023-2024 school year: Samantha Bratcher (HS Math), Heather Kuhlo (2nd Grade) and Krista Pauley (Title 1 – Math and Reading Teacher). Additionally, the Board approved the hiring of the following classified staff: Jo Ann Boyle (Paraprofessional) and Jamie Willmann (Paraprofessional). The Board also approved the transfer of: Christina Crowe (to MS Special Education Teacher), Tammy Schutt (to MS FACS Teacher) and Ben Noekle (to Asst. Technology Director).

The Board accepted the certified resignation of Karen Scheer (4th Grade), effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, July 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office Board Room.

Upcoming events:

- Athletics/Camps– Please see the events section or the athletics page of our website
- May 30 – June 23rd – Summer School
- August 6th – HS Parent Athletic Meeting
- August 8 – 10th – New Teacher Orientation
- August 9th – HS Registration
- August 15th – Early Childhood Open House
- August 15th – Staff returns
- August 17th - District open house
- August 22nd – Students return – 1st day of new school year

