

Regular School Board Meeting  
High School Library Media Center  
November 11, 2024  
6:30 PM.

Members Present: Jay Larkin, Laura Schleusner, Dan Goll, Jack Toppin & Kim Upmeyer

1. President Larkin called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. Jack Toppin motioned to approve the agenda as presented & Dan Goll seconded the motion.  
Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
3. Board Reports
  - a. Elementary: Mr. Meyering gave updates on the preschool playground which is coming along really nice.
  - b. Middle School: Student Council had a dance for 7/8 which is a great opportunity to learn planning and organization. Admin are wrapping up the first round of formal evaluations with certified staff. KUDOS to Mr. Henken as we now have girls' wrestling at the JH level. We are finalizing our special ed count. Please attend our fine arts concerts!
  - c. High School: For professional development, we are continuing our partnership with Solution Tree regarding the PLC process. Brig Leane was on campus on October 28 providing embedded coaching to teachers. Through our grant with the Hancock County Foundation, guest speaker Tara Soesbe from TILL360 shared her presentation "Be. A. Champion" with middle school and high school students. Tara shared that she has never had staff so willing to engage as she did at GHV. Mrs. May and her students did an excellent job in the fall play, "Radium Girls", and Jan Bier organized a fantastic Veteran's Day program.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes
    - i. October 14, 2024 Regular meeting
    - ii. October 29, 2024 Community Meeting/Work Session
    - iii. November 7, 2024 Work Session
  - b. Resignation: Kevin Hanson (Transportation Director)
  - c. Staff Contract/ Letter of Assignment Approvals
    - i. Seth Moore- JJV Girls Basketball
    - ii. Ashley Rebman- Special Education Paraprofessional
    - iii. Emory Ochoa-JH Girls Wrestling
    - iv. Kelsey Strickland- Health Associate
    - v. Scott Gaskill- JJV Boys Basketball
    - vi. Kevin Tapia- JV Assistant Baseball
    - vii. Adam Sears- JJV Assistant Baseball
    - viii. Dan Schuknecht- Volunteer Boys Basketball
    - ix. Jeremy Young- JH Wrestling
  - d. Open Enrollment
    - i. Open Enrollment (Out) Iowa Connections Academy
  - e. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:4 Nays:0. Kim Upmeyer abstained.
5. Bills & Financial Reports
  - a. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve & Dan Goll seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0 Carried.
6. North Central Conference Invitation

- a. GHV board of education has motioned to not move forward with the NCC Conference for the 2026-2027 school year. Ayes: 2 Nays:3. Motion did not pass.
7. Organizational Meeting for 2024-2025
  - a. Election of President and Vice President: Kim Upmeyer motioned to nominate Dan Goll as Board President Jack Toppin motioned to cease. Kim Upmeyer motioned to nominate Jay Larkin as Vice President Jack Toppin motioned to cease. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve Dan Goll as President & Jay Larkin as Vice President. Jack Toppin seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
8. Determine Dates & Time of Meetings
  - a. Currently the board meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Laura Schleusner suggested moving the meeting time to 5:30 P.M. And continue on the second Monday of every month.
  - b. Laura Schleusner motioned to approve the time change & Jay Larkin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
9. Appoint Board Secretary and School Board Treasurer
  - a. GHV Board of Education moved to approve Holly Fischer as the Board Secretary and School Board Treasurer.
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
10. Approval of account signatures
  - a. GHV Board of Education moved to approve that Holly Fischer along with Dan Goll be authorized to sign on the following accounts: General Fund, Management, PPEL, SAVE, Capital Projects, Nutrition & Activity Fund.
  - b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Jack Toppin seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
11. Appoint Official Newspaper
  - a. The GHV Board of Education moved to approve The Leader as the official newspaper.
  - b. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve & Jay Larkin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
12. Appoint Board Counsel
  - a. The GHV Board of Education moved to use Ahlers & Cooney as the board attorney firm for the coming school year.
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
13. Resolution Naming Official Financial Depository
  - a. The GHV Board of Education moved to approve to continue to utilize Clear Lake Bank & Trust, Reliance State Bank, UMB Bank & Farmers State Bank. as the official financial depositories up to the amount of \$20,000,000.00.
  - b. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve & Jay Larkin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
14. Appoint Level 1 & Level 2 Investigation
  - a. The GHV Board of Education moved to approve the Level 1 investigator to be the building principals & Level 2: Hancock County Sheriff.
  - b. Kim Upmeyer motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
15. Approval of County Conference Board Representatives for Hancock County and Cerro Gordo County.
  - a. Dan Goll will represent Hancock County. We will not have a representative for Cerro Gordo County due to board members not living in that county.

- b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Jack Toppin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 16. Appointment of Board members of Finance Committee
  - a. Jack Toppin & Laura Schleusner will serve on the Finance Committee
  - b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 17. Appointment of Board members on Building & Grounds Committee
  - a. Jay Larkin & Dan Goll will serve on the Building & Grounds Committee.
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 18. Appointment of Board members on Transportation Committee
  - a. Kim Upmeyer & Jay Larkin will serve on the Transportation Committee
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 19. Appointment of Board members on Negotiation Committee
  - a. Jack Toppin & Dan Goll will serve on the Negotiations Committee.
  - b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 20. Appointment of a Representative for the Education Foundation Board
  - a. Laura Schleusner will serve on the Education Foundation Board.
  - b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Kim Upmeyer seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 21. Approval of Coordinators
  - a. Equity Coordinator- Shawn Miller (Principal)
  - b. Homeless Coordinator- Angie Bierle (Counselor)
  - c. 504 Coordinator- Mike Meyering (Principal)
  - d. Affirmative Action Coordinator- Debra Steenhard (Principal)
  - e. Laura Schleusner motioned to approve the coordinators listed above & Jack Toppin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 22. Early Retirement
  - a. GHV Board of Education has decided to not offer early retirement for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 23. Board Meeting Policy
  - a. GHV Board of Education has updated the Board Meeting Policy to adjust the time from 6:30-5:30.
  - b. Jack Toppin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 24. Decision on Project Delivery Method
  - a. GHV Board of Education moved to approve a Construction Manager at Risk as the project delivery method for the upcoming construction project.
  - b. Jay Larkin motioned to approve & Laura Schleusner seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.
- 25. Ahlers & Cooney Attorney: Bond Counsel
  - a. GHV Board of Education moved to approve Ahlers & Cooney will provide legal counsel for the General Obligation for this upcoming school year.
  - b. Laura Schleusner moved to approve & Jack Toppin seconded the motion. Ayes:5 Nays:0. Carried.

26. Confirm Date & Time of Next Meeting

a. December 9, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

27. President Goll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

a. Jack Toppin motioned to adjourn the meeting & Jay Larkin seconded the motion. Ayes: 5  
Nays:0. Carried.