

Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:00 PM

City of Gering Council Chambers
1025 P Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. GPS Board of Education Information

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

Present: Brian Copsey, Brent Holliday, Josh Lacy, B.J. Peters, Brady Shaul, Mary Winn.

2.3. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Opening Meetings Act

5. Reports and Discussions

5.1. Superintendent's Report

Foundation Director Jennifer Sibal presented the various ways the Foundation supports GPS through community engagement. Brent Holliday inquired about current efforts for attracting private donors. Sibal indicated the Foundations has been receiving continuous support throughout this year. With this, despite the current environment created by the pandemic, the focus remains on retention as opposed to new lines. Holliday thanked Sibal for helping the district and Board of Education navigate this unique year, and sacrificing time to invest in communications while also noting "Don't forget what you were hired for." Sibal highlighted the distribution of Innovation Grants to classrooms tomorrow stating "Sometimes budget constrains promote innovation, so despite circumstances, we are excited to see how our students can continue to adapt and grow through this."

5.2. Announcements of Upcoming Events for the Board

6. Action Items

6.1. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action regarding the resignation of Christopher Guadarrama effective January 4, 2021.

6.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action regarding a proposed update to the 2020-21 school calendar to move the GHS graduation ceremony to Saturday, May 15, 2021.

Superintendent Gary cooper noted the proposed calendar revision would allow the graduation ceremony to be held at Five Rocks Amphitheater with greater flexibility with the event time and in alignment with pandemic safety protocols. Longtime board member and former GHS educator Mary Winn noted that there are additional advantages such as guest travel when the ceremony is on a Saturday.

7. Executive Session

8. Reconvene from Executive Session

9. Any Action Deemed Necessary as a Result of Executive Session

No further discussion or action taken.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.