

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
November 29, 2023

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in a special session on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the GCMS Board Room for the purpose of approving the **FY24 GCMS Tax Levy**. The board was called to order by Board President Josh Johnson, roll was called with members Tucker-Davis, Elder and Leonard in attendance. Also present were: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Erin Nuss, GCMS Education Association President Susan Riley, Elementary Principal Justin Kean, High School Principal Kyle Bielfeldt, Middle School Principal Kent Nash, FCSEC Director Jesse McFarling, Secretary to the Board Lori Kristensen and District Superintendent Jeremy Darnell.

Absent: Board members Whitehouse , Friday and Mussman

Recognition of Visitors: None

Superintendent Darnell reported that he is anticipating another big EAV increase as calculated by the county assessors, which should result in more property taxes collected next summer. On November 2, the Ford County Assessor issued a certificate of the anticipated EAV percentage for 2023. The levy projects a total of \$9.89 million in real estate taxes to be collected next summer, including \$6.9 million for the district's education fund, \$1 million for the operations and maintenance fund, \$800,000 for the Tort fund, \$101,654 for the working cash fund, \$150,000 for the Social Security fund, \$225,000 for the municipal retirement fund, \$101,654 for the fire prevention and safety fund, \$101,654 for the leasing fund, and \$81,323 for the special education fund.

Public Comment: None

A motion to adjourn the session was made by member Leonard and seconded by member Elder at 6:09 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Board President Josh Johnson

Secretary to the Board Lori Kristensen