

GIBSON CITY-MELVIN-SIBLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
SCHOOL BOARD Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
MINUTES OF March 6, 2024

The Board of Education of Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley Community Unit School District #5 met in regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the GCMS Board Room located at 307 N Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City. The committee was called to order by Superintendent Jeremy Darnell, roll was called with board members Tucker Davis and Elder in attendance. Also present were district Superintendent Jeremy Darnell, Director of Maintenance Rich Doman, Assistant Director of Maintenance Bob Jones, and Secretary to the Board Lori Kristensen.

Absent

Board member Mussman

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited by all present.

Recognition of Visitors:

None

A motion to begin the meeting was made by board member Tucker-Davis and seconded by board member Elder at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried by roll call with all board members present voting yes.

Additional Agenda Items: None

Discussion Items

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Local organization approached the school district for a possible site on district property to store tools, build beds and store them. The organization has volunteers who will build beds for local children who do not have a place to sleep, 3-4 times a year. The district has offered the north-east side of the middle school concrete parking lot for the organization to place a storage shed to use for the site builds. The organization will provide the shed and full liability insurance on the shed and property. They will also maintain the upkeep to the area around the shed. A contract with the entity will be drawn up for both parties.

Press Box Timeline

- May 13-17: Demolition of the current press box by Lee Excavating
- May 13-24: Boring and electrical work.
- May 28-June 28: Press box installation by Dant Clayton.
- July 1 - 19: Paved walkway installation, electrical connection, ground finishing and fence repair/addition.
- July 1 - 30: Sound System installation/technology work by Heart Technology. MCS will manage network equipment installation and connections.

The total project cost, which has already been approved, is approximately \$600,000.

Solar Update

Installation of solar panels on all three buildings should be complete by mid April. The contractor is currently working on a design and location to install the mechanicals for the solar panels at the high school.

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Summer Projects List

- Press Box - \$600,000
- Asphalt parking lot at the new maintenance (includes walkway to the new press box - \$100,000
- Concrete additions at the Elementary School - \$50,000
- Painting projects - \$20,000 (materials only)
- High School science rooms - new gas lines - \$40,000
- High School Principal's office wall repair - \$300 (material only)
- New Middle School kitchen faucets - \$2,000 (materials only)
- High School classroom window blind replacement - \$3,000 (materials only)
- High School restroom door replacement - \$1,000 (materials only)
- Elementary School sensory room - installation of heat - \$2,500 (materials only)
- Middle School workroom - door window addition
- Elementary School cafeteria pain and sound panels - approximately \$12,000 to \$14,000 (materials)

Historically, the school district budgets/spends approximately \$300,000 - \$350,000 each summer on building projects and maintenance. The committee discussed the Operations, Building and Maintenance fund balances for the year which also includes the summer building maintenance projects.

Future Project Considerations

- Elementary School staff lounge updates
- Flooring replacement (ES north end, ES main entry and hall, MS entry and hall, and HS entries and hall)
- Epoxy flooring in restrooms at the Elementary and Middle Schools
- Playground improvements at the Elementary School main playground and PreK playground and the Middle School outdoor playground
- Landscaping at all three buildings

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by board member Tucker-Davis and seconded by board member Elder at 12:33 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote, with all members present voting yes.

Board President Josh Johnson

Secretary to the Board Lori H. Kristensen