

RESCHEDULED REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 13th, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM AT THE STEGALL-LONG FIELDHOUSE
421 SW EMBREE – GEARY, OK 73040

The Board of Education, District I-080 met in Regular Session at the Stegall Long Fieldhouse Board Room, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK. 73040 on January 13, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Board President, Afton Jameson.

The Geary Board of Education has complied with the Open Public Meeting Law.

Notice of this meeting was posted on, January 9th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK, 73040; Stegall Long Fieldhouse, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK 73040; Geary High School, 300 S. Blaine, Geary, OK 73040; and Geary Elementary School, 221 S. Galena, Geary, OK 73040; and on gearyschools.org

The following members were present: Jason Bernhardt, Afton Jameson, David Lawson, Taylor Burns, and Kendra Houston. Superintendent Sean Buchanan, Nikole Upchego Minutes Clerk Assistant were also present.

Visitors at the meeting were: Kenny Horn, Jim Rainey, Ashley Johnston, Jaryn Meyer, Katie Kodaseet, Chelsea Pratt, Charlotte Wetselline, Eric McKee, and Jonathan DeJesus

Afton Jameson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing from the Public:

Charlotte Wetselline, Katie Kodaseet, Chelsea Pratt, and Eric McKee addressed the board with concerns regarding recent school events and staff concerns.

Presentations

Baby Bison Ranch Report as presented in the packet.

Baby Bison Ranch Board Report

Month December 2024

Children Enrolled: 20

Average Daily Attendance: 20

Staff Happenings/Staff Changes:

We currently are licensed for 20 children in total

Gretchen Melvin is the Director of Baby Bison & Master Teacher

Jacee Lewis; Infant Classroom

Deanna Burns; Infant and 1 yr. old Classroom

Alexis Sealy; 2's & older Classroom

Baby Bison closed the week Dec 23rd-Dec 27th for Christmas Break, and reopened the week of Dec 30th-Jan 3rd, Closing on Jan 1st for New year's.

We are down a full-time teacher as Mrs. Burns does not work when school is not in session. Mrs. Finney filled in as a sub/as needed.

We have been working hard to update and continue training classes to provide the best care possible for the children. The staff has been working hard to keep the kids healthy, safe and making sure they have a fun day with us, along with daily work and keeping each classroom clean.

of DHS only Pay Children: 9
of Tribal Subsidy Children: 2
of Regular Pay Children: 7
of School Aged Children: 3

Elementary Principals Report

Board Meeting

January 13th, 2025

- The Staff Meeting was held on December 4th.
- Middle of Year STAR Testing took place on December 10th & 11th.
- The Communication Committee met on December 11th.
- The Winter Music Performance was held on December 12th at 6pm in the Field House. We had a great turnout and the children did an amazing job!
- The Bison Pride Assembly took place on December 13th.

Discuss:

- During the month of December, the staff who chose to, played Secret Santa. This was a fun holiday activity that helped to strengthen staff relationships and the culture of unity.
- The last week of school December 16th-20th, Mr. Buchanan and the administrators led the school in a district wide spirit week of Underground Dress-Up Days. This meant that the teachers and staff dressed up, but it was a surprise for the students. Monday-Ninja Day (wear black), Tuesday-Tattoosday (wear fake tattoos), Wednesday-Dress like Mr. Maib/Ms. Finney, Thursday-Anything but a Cup Day, Friday-Socks with Sandals. This was a fun experience that all enjoyed.
- The last week of school December 16th-20th, treats were provided to the staff. Monday-Donuts & Swadley's (Swadley's was provided by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe.), Tuesday-Cookies, Wednesday-Staff Potluck, Thursday-leftovers, Friday-Hot Chocolate Bar.
- We had a party on December 17th during lunch for students who moved up 3 or more units in Lexia during the first semester. They received their choice drink and Ms. Sheri's brownies.
- The Toy Store event took place on December 19th. Toys were donated by Family Dollar. Students at Baby Bison and the Elementary School were given the opportunity to come shop and pick out 2 toys each to take home.
- On December 19th, the administrators also played a game with the staff. The game was "Find the Missing Elves." Twelve elves were hidden

throughout the school. When a staff member found an elf, they brought it to the office where they were given the correlating color gift bag. The teachers and staff had a wonderful time playing this game and were grateful for the teacher inspired gifts.

- We had Polar Express Day on December 20th. Students were allowed to dress in pajamas. The administrators gave the teachers the gift of time, by supervising the students while they watched Polar Express and enjoyed hot chocolate.
- Holiday parties were also held on December 20th in the classrooms.

High School Principals Report

BETA-Led by Traci Toho (Caldwell) won several awards at the National Conference. They won the Outstanding Leadership School Award. The group had a challenge where they had to create a project called Lead Outside the Box.

Christmas Program was amazing. Brook Bernhardt lead the band and did an amazing job.

Angel Tree Program which was lead by Traci Toho with the help of Jaryn Meyer, together the program served over 80 kids and families with gifts. The local churches and city helped with donations to make this program successful.

Food Cupboard-Managed by Mrs. Louthan located at the High School served 30+ families over the holiday break. Some staff went door to door delivering food to local families.

There has been additional supervision present at the school and school events by our local sheriff's and city's police department. We also had additional presence during the Wrestling Tournament.

Football team was awarded the State Academic Award. Also, several football players received Individual Awards:

Jayden Woods – 8 man All-Star Team, 8 man All State by class, and 2nd Team All District Offense

Carlos Cardoso- 8 man All Star Alternate, 1st All District Offense

Logan Castleberry- 1st team All District Defense
Sergio Pineda- 1st team All District Defense, 2nd Team All District Offense
Rylan Peralta-Bates - 2nd Team All District Offense
Roderick Barker- 2nd Team All District Offense
Quaid Lawson- 2nd Team All District Defense
Braylon McKee- 2nd Team All District Offense

Wrestling Tournament was a success. One of Geary's wrestler's Braden Berg beat a state semi finalist in one of his matches. This was a great win for Geary.

Esports won State Championship last month playing a game called "Finals".
The players that won state were: Donnie Spottedcorn, Kameon Kiener, Calixto Silva, Alex Sanchez, and Easton Gorman.

School Board Recognition

The Board enjoyed the snack and gift bags that the MS/HS Staff and Students prepared for them. Also, the Woodshop class made cutting boards for the Board and the Elementary students and staff made an appreciation poster. They all wanted to show the Board appreciation for everything they do for the students and the district. The Board thanked the MS/HS Staff and Students, Woodshop Class, the Elementary students for the appreciation shown to them.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION

None

Consent Agenda

David Lawson made the motion, seconded by Taylor Burns, **Approve** A. through I.
Consent agenda items with one vote:

- A. Minutes of Regular December 9th, 2024 board meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Activity Fund report
- D. General Fund encumbrances – FY24- 201 thru 205
- E. Building Fund encumbrances – FY24-0
- F. Child Nutrition Fund encumbrances – FY24- 0
- G. Sinking Fund – FY24- 0
- H. All Change Orders as list
- I. Revised Extra Duty List 2024-2025

Those voting by roll call were: Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; Afton Jameson, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Executive Session

Kendra Houston made the motion, seconded by Jason Bernhardt, to move to Executive Session at 6:41 p.m. inviting Superintendent Sean Buchanan to join them for the purpose of: A. Proposed executive session pursuant 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes and 307 (B)(3) of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. Resignations and new employment received after posting of the Agenda, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1)
2. Discuss Certified Personnel positions/staffing Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1)
3. Discuss the purchase or appraisal of real property
4. Discuss Superintendent's Contract for FY 2025-2026

Those voting by roll call were: Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; Afton Jameson, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Return to Open Session Acknowledgement.

The Board of Education went into executive session at 6:41 p.m. inviting Mr. Buchanan to join them for the purpose of:

- A. Proposed executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of discussing the following items:
 - 1. Resignations and new employment received after posting of the Agenda, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1)
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The Board discussed these items and no other items. The Board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m. This constitutes the minutes of the executive session. No action was taken at this time. Present during executive session: Jason Bernhardt, David Lawson, Afton Jameson, Taylor Burns, and Kendra Houston.

Jason Bernhardt made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **Approve** the following on Attachment "A" Resignations, employment, and reemployment as listed on Attachment A and/or resignations, new employment, reemployment received after posting of the Agenda, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1): RESIGNATIONS NON-CERTIFIED: Lauren Kleinpeter – Encumbrance Clerk Assistant and Sheri Lawson – Elementary Secretary/Activity Fund Custodian ; NEW CERTIFIED STAFF **FY25**: Kera Wallis – Band. Those voting by roll call were Jason Bernhardt, ye

s; David Lawson, yes, Taylor Burns, yes; Afton Jameson, yes and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston to **Approve** the following listed on Attachment "A" Title 25, Statutes Section 307 (B) (3) the purchase of real property with Building fund P.O. number 3. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes, Taylor Burns, yes; Afton Jameson, yes and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Jason Bernhardt made the motion, seconded by Taylor Burns to **Approve** Superintendent's Contract for FY2025-2026. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes, Taylor Burns, yes; Afton Jameson, yes and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Superintendent's Report:

The new building is coming along great and we are just waiting on the State Fire Marshal.

The 80th Geary Tournament is now in the books. Even with the weather, it was still a success.

We are currently in the 2nd semester. As stated in the principal's reports, we have had both athletic and academic successes. It is really nice to see the balance of sports and athletics is finally coming back to the school. This shows the goals we have had over the last 4 years are coming to fruition.

New Business:

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Jason Bernhardt, to **Approve**

The new requisition and PO # 206. Those voting by roll call were: Taylor Burns, yes; Kendra Houston, yes; Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes and Afton Jameson, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Board Member Comments: None.

Kendra Houston made the motion, seconded by Taylor Burns to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Those voting by roll call were Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Afton Jameson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 5-0.

Board President

Board Clerk