

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
GREENE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5413 WEST KINGSHIGHWAY, PARAGOULD, AR 72450**



**DATE: September 17, 2026**

**TIME: 6:00 pm**

**GCT Administration Office  
Monthly School Board Meeting**

| <b>BOARD MEMBER</b>       | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
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| <b>McMillon, Zack</b>     |                | <b>X</b>      |
| <b>Morton, Craig</b>      | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Norwood, Terry</b>     | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Rogers, Brad</b>       | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Roswell, Tim</b>       |                | <b>X</b>      |
| <b>Weatherford, Jason</b> | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Williams, Audra</b>    | <b>X</b>       |               |

**Others present:** Mr. Scott Gerrish, Superintendent; Christi Sims, Administrative Assistant; and Kelly Dunn, District Treasurer.

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**Brad Rogers, Board President**, called the **September 17, 2026 Monthly School Board Meeting** to order. (6:00 pm)

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**Public Comment**

No one was present.

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**Annual Report to the Public & Student Academic Data Report**

Mr. Gerrish presented the annual report to the public which includes summaries of student academic performance data. Mr. Gerrish told board members that we received our letter grades today from the Department of Education and they received a handout with each building's letter grade. Mr. Gerrish stated that our district letter grade is an "A". GCT is one of 26 school districts in the state who received an "A". (See attached)

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**Personnel Policy Committee**

No one was present due to no new business.

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**Motion #1**

Moved by **Craig Morton** and seconded by **Audra Williams** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of the **August 20, 2026 School Board Meeting Minutes** as presented.

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #2**

Moved by **Terry Norwood** and seconded by **Jason Weatherford** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of the **District Financial Report** as presented.

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #3**

Moved by **Audra Williams** and seconded by **Terry Norwood** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of the **Proposed Revenue & Expenditures Budget, which includes Special Education & Federal Programs, for the 2026-2027 school year**. (See attached)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #4**

Moved by **Craig Morton** and seconded by **Terry Norwood** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of a **lease agreement** in the amount of **\$296.91 per month (not including tax)** from **Diversy** for **one dishwasher at Intermediate School**. This will be a five-year lease agreement. (See attached)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #5**

Moved by **Jason Weatherford** and seconded by **Audra Williams** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of the **adoption** of **(2) Resolution/Contract Disclosure Forms** as listed below. (See attached)

- 1) Administration recommends approval of the adoption of a Resolution/Contract Disclosure Form which would allow the district to do business with Laura Elias, who is employed at GCT. The estimated amount of business for the entire year is \$2,500.00. This will keep us in compliance with ACT 1955 of 2001.
- 2) Administration recommends approval of the adoption of a Resolution/Contract Disclosure Form which would allow the district to do business with Jaime Edrington, who is employed at GCT. The estimated amount of business for the entire year is less than \$10,000.00. This will keep us in compliance with ACT 1955 of 2001.

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #6**

Moved by **Audra Williams** and seconded by **Terry Norwood** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of **(3) Out of State Trip Requests** as listed below. (See attached)

- 1) Administration recommends approval of an Out of State Trip Request for Band to travel to Orlando, FL on March 18-23, 2027. The number of students attending will be 50.
- 2) Administration recommends approval of an Out of State Trip Request for 7th Grade PACE to travel to Nashville, TN on December 4-6, 2026. The number of students attending will be 29.
- 3) Administration recommends approval of an Out of State Trip Request for AFJROTC to travel to Dayton, OH on March 19-23, 2027. The number of students attending will be 10.

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #7**

Moved by **Terry Norwood** and seconded by **Craig Morton** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of a **quote** in the amount of **\$39,661.50 (not including tax due to this purchase being tax exempt, includes shipping)** from **Apple Inc.** for the purchase of **83 iPads, 40 cases with keyboards, and 83 Mosyle subscriptions for self-contained special education classrooms**. This will be paid from Federal Special Education VIB funds. (See attached)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #8**

Moved by **Jason Weatherford** and seconded by **Audra Williams** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval** of a **quote** in the amount of **\$5,679.88 (not including tax) per month for 39 months from Konica Minolta for the District Copier Lease Agreement**. (See attached)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #9**

Moved by **Terry Norwood** and seconded by **Jason Weatherford** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval of Asphaltting for the High Field Parking Lot not to exceed \$50,000.00 (including tax) from Michelle's Excavating**. Quotes were received from three different companies and are listed below. (See attached)

**Michelle's Excavating \$49,750.00 (including tax)**

Charles Reynolds \$53,995.00 (including tax)

Delta Asphalt \$80,050.00 (including tax)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Motion #10**

Moved by **Craig Morton** and seconded by **Audra Williams** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval of the Purchase Service Agreement with Jaime Edrington, BCBA, for supervision and consultation services from August-December 2026**. The cost of this service will be \$97.50 per hour, with a total contractual amount less than \$10,000.00 for the specified service period. This will be paid from Medicaid, ARMAC, and/or Federal Special Education VIB Funds. (See attached)

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**At this time, Brad Rogers dismissed the board to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. (6:17 pm)**

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**Brad Rogers called the meeting back to order after executive session. (6:48 pm)**

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**Motion #11**

Moved by **Terry Norwood** and seconded by **Jason Weatherford** to accept the Administration's recommendation for **approval of personnel** as listed.

**Resignations**

1. **Krystal Vanhorn** - Resigns from her Paraprofessional position at Middle School, effective September 11, 2026.
2. **Ethan Brickley** - Resigns from his Custodial position at Middle School, effective September 1, 2026.
4. **Desiree Floyd** - Resigns from her Paraprofessional position at Jr. High. Her last working day will be September 18, 2026.

**Termination**

3. **Barry Oglesby** - Terminate his Custodial contract, effective September 17, 2026.

**Leave of Absence**

1. **Rachel Hattenhauer** - Requests a Medical Leave of Absence, effective September 8-23, 2026. She will return to work on September 24, 2026.
  2. **Ashlyn McAfee** - Requests a Maternity Leave of Absence, effective approximately October 7, 2026 lasting 12 weeks.
  3. **Debra Whitaker** - Requests a Medical Leave of Absence, effective August 26-September 30, 2026.
  4. **Mika Gates** - Requests a Maternity Leave of Absence, effective approximately January 25, 2027 lasting 6 weeks.
  5. **Donnie Russell** - Requests to extend his current Medical Leave of Absence, effective for an additional 6 weeks. This will extend his medical leave through October 26, 2026.
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**Contract Adjustments**

1. **Kelley Randleman** - Add an additional Assistant Cheer stipend to her contract for Competitive Cheer, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. She will receive a stipend in the amount of \$750.00.
2. **Mallory Pickney** - Add an additional .4342 of the level 2 stipend to her contract for Competitive Dance, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. **Sadie Coleman** - Add an additional Assistant Dance stipend to her contract for Competitive Dance, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. She will receive a stipend in the amount of \$750.00.
4. **Rita Shettles** - Add duties of English Lead Teacher at High School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. She will receive a stipend in the amount of \$1,200.00.
5. **Jacob Johnson** - Transfer from his current Bus Driver Medium Route position to a Bus Driver Long Route position, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Classified Employment**

1. **Ashley Chipman** - Employ as a Personal Care Paraprofessional at High School, effective September 18, 2026. She will be placed on step 2 of the personal care paraprofessional salary schedule.

Motion Carried, 5 to 0

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**Superintendent's Update – Mr. Scott Gerrish, Superintendent**

October Events

9th – Homecoming

14<sup>th</sup> – Fields of Faith

15<sup>th</sup> – Monthly School Board Meeting

Parent/Teacher Conferences

16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> – No School

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With no other business to be addressed, **Brad Rogers adjourned** the meeting. (6:50 p.m.)

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**Board President**

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**Board Secretary**