

Board of Directors Meeting
June 2, 2026
6:00 p.m. at GCC meeting room

Board members in attendance were: Mike Fawl (President), Brandi Wells (Vice-president), Marshall Madill (Treasurer), Kelli Forbes (Secretary), Berrigan Willmott, Cheryl Garrett, Jim Briggs, Dustin Elder, Kit Bostrom and Trina Wood. Also in attendance were Becky Florance, Brittany Lang, Mike Lawson and Eric Johnson.

Opening prayer was led by Marshall Madill.

Approve agenda and minutes of 5/5/26 meeting: Mike added that under “other business,” we will talk about our board, and in “executive session,” we will talk about staffing issues.

Motion: I move we approve the agenda as amended. By: Kit Bostrom; Second: Jim Briggs. Motion carried.

Motion: I move we approve of the 5/5/26 minutes as presented. By: Jim Briggs; Second: Marshall Madill. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors, meet and greet & celebration: Mike stated that four board members will be off the board after this meeting and we need to fill board positions to start in July. He introduced Eric Johnson and Mike Lawson as potential new board members. There was a 15-minute meet and greet time.

Board members introduced themselves to Eric Johnson and Mike Lawson, and they were given an opportunity to ask questions of the board. Mike Lawson shared his background of being in the Army for 31 years and that he is a champion of simplicity. He spoke about the purpose of what you're trying to accomplish needs to be clear. Discussion was had.

(Mike Lawson and Eric Johnson leave from the meeting room.)

Preschool update: Brandi reported that they have met with Adam and KDHE and they are working with the fire marshal to get approved. The nursery area at GCC would be the easiest place to get approved as a preschool. She explained the three licensing choices. Becky stated she has met with Crystal who does the kids ministry at GCC, and she would prefer the preschool use the two small areas and we could make it ours. They would offer a 3 to 4 year old preschool and a 4 to 5 year old preschool with birthday effective September 1st.

Brandi has posted a preschool interest form on the school website. The board would decide on the pricing, but a ballpark price would be \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year. Abeka does preschool, so it will be an easy transition. A lengthy discussion was had.

Motion: I make a motion that we move forward with pursuing a preschool for our school. By: Dustin Elder; Second: Brandi Wells. Motion carried.

Further discussion was had. It was agreed that the goal is to start the preschool this year. By common consent, board members agreed to post the preschool teacher position. Becky stated we will allow for candidates to apply for the preschool teacher position through the rest of June and will do interviews in July.

Financial report: Marshall and Trina reviewed the financial report. Marshall spoke about paying volunteers, which was not done last year. Discussion was had, and by common consent, board members agreed that volunteers will have a tax deduction instead of pay. The music teacher will continue to be paid. Becky stated she is looking for a theater teacher and Brian Spencer is thinking about it. Discussion was had about the price of specials. Discussion was also had concerning the rent paid to GCC.

Principal's report: Becky reported that there was a huge turnout at Field Day and activities were well done. The National Day of Prayer went well but there were less people than last year.

Becky applied for a book fair and hopefully they will have it the first part of the school year.

Jerry Kramer will do school pictures the first part of the year in September.

Graduation and promotions went well and the feedback was positive. The Art & Music Program was wonderful.

Becky stated she met with Carl about the yearbook and he knows the deadline. Discussion was had.

Executive Committee: The Bylaws were reduced from 20-some pages to 11 pages. Brandi asked if there are any changes. There were none. Mike thanked Brandi for her time and effort.

Motion: I make a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended. By: Dustin Elder; Second: Berrigan Willmott. Motion carried.

Brandi stated the teacher contracts are the same. Teacher pay will be discussed in executive session.

Site Committee: Becky reported that the GCC Cabinet would like to draft a lease agreement with the school.

There was paint left in the sink but was probably not from the school. Becky suggested having the elementary janitor also clean the upstairs. The elementary area is being cleaned once per week. Discussion was had.

Grant-writing Committee: Becky has applied for a grant through Advisors Excel, \$5,000 to help with tuition. They have a Christian background and help with low-income families.

The Jones Fund has grants for schools which are also community buildings, and she plans to work with Adam on this since the church is used for voting. They would like to make it handicapped accessible. Discussion was had.

The Masonic Lodge has a grant which we were picked to fill out for K-12 non-profit private schools with proposed projects that benefit the community at large. Mike stated the preschool may qualify. Discussion was had about the playground.

PTO report: The PTO is off for the summer.

Future fundraising plans: Becky stated that Adam has given permission to do a fundraising event at the 3rd of July celebration at GCC. Ideas were discussed such as a dump booth and ice cream truck. Hannah Powell will do the 5K run again the morning of July 4th. Shirts for the 5K are for sale.

Upcoming Events: Enrollment will be July 31st at 9:00 a.m. The Back-to-School Picnic, which is hosted by the board, will be August 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Discussion was had.

Becky stated that staff training/volunteer training is not on the schedule for August, but will be sometime the week of August 17th. Professional Development will be September 4th.

Other business: There was discussion on the size of the board, and members shared their thoughts on how many members is best. The Bylaws state there needs to be 5 to 9 members.

Executive Session: A brief discussion was had that an executive session is needed with the board and Becky Florance present to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: I make a motion we go into executive session for approximately 15 minutes.
By: Dustin Elder; Second: Kit Bostrom. Motion carried.

(Executive session was held with the board and Becky present to discuss personnel matters from 8:20 p.m. and was extended to 9:30 p.m.)

Board members voted on potential new board members privately on paper. Trina Wood announced that two new members were voted in, Mike Lawson and Caitlyn Willmott. Eric Johnson had withdrawn his application at this time as the Bylaws state the spouse of a teacher at the school cannot be a board member.

Becky shared an e-mail that Reuschhoff looked at their bid again for the security doors and it will be under \$10,000. The doors will cost \$9,810. The remainder of the \$10,000 grant can go to the playground because the grant was for security and playground. Discussion was had.

Closing prayer was led by Berrigan Willmott. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m. The next meeting will be on July 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the GCC meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Forbes, Secretary