

GREEN CITY R-1 SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION
January 21, 2026

Kind of Meeting: Regular
Place of Meeting: High School Business Classroom
Date: January 21, 2026
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Kellen Hatcher, President; Jason Salas, Vice-President; Katy Foster, Treasurer; Thomas Christen, Member; Sean Ernst, Member; Brody Fude, Member; Tennille Banner, Superintendent; Dallas Halley, High School Principal; Alice Heidenwith, Elementary Principal; and Lindsay Moore, Bookkeeper/Secretary

Absent: JT Thomas, Secretary

Guests: None.

Call to Order

President Kellen Hatcher called the Board meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Jason Salas motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was second by Brody Fude. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Approve Board Minutes

The following meeting minutes were reviewed:

Regular Meeting, Open Session – December 16, 2025

Regular Meeting, Executive Session – December 16, 2025

Brody Fude moved, second by Sean Ernst, to approve the meeting minutes as stated. Motion carried 5-0.

Katy Foster entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Katy Foster moved, second by Jason Salas, to approve expenditures totaling \$75,084.79 and the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-1 with Kellen Hatcher abstaining.

Introduction of Guests

The board read thank you card from staff and community members.

District Evaluations

Tennille Banner reviewed the Business Education Evaluation.

Tennille Banner reviewed the Agriculture Education Evaluation.

Sean Ernst moved, second by Brody Fude, to approve the Business Education and Agriculture Education Evaluations. Motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Administrator's Report

Elementary Principal's Report

Mrs. Heidenwith reported 94.4% attendance for December in the Elementary with 146 students enrolled. Winter Benchmarks and Curriculum Based Measurements (CBMs) have been completed. Reading Success Plans (RSPs) have been updated. The Elementary Christmas Program was successful. In December, Elementary students attended a movie sponsored by the PTS.

Teachers attended a professional development day on January 5th with speaker Josh Varner. Professional Development on January 26th will be with Step Up working with 3rd through 5th grade teachers on MAP preparation.

Office referrals were discussed. Star Early Literacy/Star Reading Data and Star Math Data were discussed.

High School Principal's Report

Mr. Halley presented overall attendance of 95% and enrollment of 124 students in December. Behavior reports were discussed. Star Data and Grade Reports were discussed.

Mr. Halley presented an update on High School events and activities. FFA hosted a Greenhand and Chapter Banquet in December with 85 attendees. Band has 31 members. Art Club has 46 members. Varsity Girls Basketball has nine players and placed first in the Novinger Tournament. Varsity Girls have a record of 7-3. Varsity Boys Basketball has 11 players and placed first in the Novinger Tournament. Varsity Boys have a record of 7-3. Varsity Cheerleading has 10 participants. Dance has five participants.

Schedule changes have been made at the beginning of the new semester. The school is working toward proctoring the ACT test in the Spring. Mr. Halley is currently working on the requirements for proctors and other qualifications. He is also working to get incentives from donors. Smithfield has committed to incentivizing students with gift cards if they earn a certain score. Approximately forty students were recognized at EOC recognition night at a basketball game. The NHS induction ceremonies for Junior High and High School will take place the evening of the 29th.

Superintendent Report

Tennille Banner gave an update on the District.

- Mrs. Banner sent a preliminary draft to staff of the 2026-2027 school calendar for comment. By law, school cannot start until August 24, 2026 or after.
- The transition from FarmBank to Peoples Savings Bank is complete.

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- The school has not yet received bids for the new bus to be purchased with the state's bus grant. The due date for the grant is approaching. Jim Thomas and Mrs. Banner are working with multiple bus companies to receive bids on time.
- Mrs. Banner gave a legislative update.
 - Mrs. Banner testified at a House Committee Meeting regarding a bill to allow teaching certification with a two year Associates Degree paired with two years of observation.
 - The Governor presented the State of the State address last week. In the address, he mentioned:
 - An Executive Order where schools will now be evaluated on an A-F grading system on academics only. With the current legislation, only five percent of schools would be awarded an A and fifty percent would receive a D or F grade. Once the state reaches sixty-five percent of schools at an A or B grade, then the A or B will become harder to obtain, forcing a smaller percentage of schools earning the higher grade.
 - Pathways to Open Enrollment with money behind it.
 - Changing MSHSAA to be under government control.
 - There is talk to eliminate State Income Tax. Two-thirds of the state budget currently comes from State Income Tax.

Old Business

Facilities Plan

Tennille Banner reviewed the Green City R-I Facilities Plan. Thomas Christen moved, second by Sean Ernst, to approve the Green City R-I Facilities Plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Alice Heidenwith and Dallas Halley left the meeting at 6:13 p.m. and returned at 6:16 p.m.

New Business

HVAC Bid

Tennille Banner presented a bid from Peters Heating and Air Conditioning to replace one HVAC unit for \$45,206. Thomas Christen moved, second by Brody Fude, to approve the bid from Peters Heating and Air Conditioning to replace one HVAC unit for \$45,206 as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Brody Fude moved, second by Jason Salas, to enter Executive session to discuss RSMo 610.021.13 Personnel, RSMo 610.021.03 Hiring Personnel and RSMo 610.021.08 Identifiable Student Information at 6:14 p.m. with a roll call vote of Christen-yea, Ernst-yea, Foster-yea, Fude-yea, Hatcher-yea, Salas-yea, Thomas-absent.

The Board reconvened Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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Brody Fude motioned to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion was second by Katy Foster. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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