

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2022**

The Board of School Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools met in regular session at the Griffith High School LGI Room, 600 N. Wiggs St. on the eighth of September, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board.

Emily Conner, President of the Board of School Trustees, called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, on call of the roll, members were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Emily Conner, President  
Jason Jaques, Vice-President  
John Volkmann, Second Vice-President  
Donald McCarter, Assistant Secretary

Absent: Kathy Ruesken, Secretary  
Joseph C. Svetanoff, Attorney

Others Present: Leah Dumezich, Superintendent  
Tracy Whitman, Director of Curriculum and HR.  
Terri Chance, Chief Financial Officer  
Amalia Gemelas, Attorney

**Moment Of Silence:**

**Delegations and/or Communications:** None

**Superintendent Update:** Mrs. Dumezich talked about the events happening in all the buildings this week. Powder Puff, Homecoming game, Homecoming dance, Panther Pride Night. Mrs. Dumezich stated that elementary students will receive free tickets to Panther Pride Night. Literacy night at Wadsworth and Beiriger. Grandparents' day at Wadsworth. Mrs. Dumezich sent out information on Schoology regarding the Parent Advisory Group if parents want to join, they can message her. You must be a parent to be part of the Parent Advisory group. Mrs. Dumezich stated that seven parents are interested. Mrs. Dumezich talked about the expense to purchase awnings at Wadsworth for the pods. Mrs. Dumezich stated that a special mixture was purchased for ice melting for the ramps at Wadsworth she also stated that small umbrellas were purchased for each student at Wadsworth along with some large umbrellas.

**Panther Spotlight:** None

**Finance Report:** Ms. Chance gave a financial update for the month of August.

**Board Reports:** Mr. McCarter and Mr. Jaques had no report at this time. Mr. Volkmann reported that the park board would like to put in a skate park in Tot Park, but will need to hold a public hearing. Mr. Volkmann also stated that the park board is preparing their budget for next year.

**Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. McCarter motioned to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes from the 8/11/22 meeting, Regular Claims from 8/12/22 to 9/8/2022, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Donation Request, Grants and the following personnel report:

<b>PERSONNEL REPORT</b>					
<b>September 8, 2022</b>					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Certified</i>	<i>Replacing</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>	<i>Pay Rate</i>	<i>Hourly, Daily, Seasonal, Yearly Contract</i>
Roxanne Luptak	K-2 Intense	New Hire	2022-2023 School Year	\$48,000.00	Contract
	<i>Non Certified</i>				
LaTonya Rogers	Bus Aide		9/12/2022	\$15.50	Hourly
Ashley Jancosek	Bus Aide		9/12/2022	\$15.50	Hourly
Rebekah Zematiss	Para Wadsworth		9/1/2022	\$16.00	Hourly
Jayden Damron	Monitor/Prep Wadsworth	N/A	August 2022-June 2023	\$13.50	Hourly

Brittany Degand	Para Jr./Sr. High School	Stephanie Garcia	9/6/2022	\$15.00	Hourly
Alyssa Mull	Para Jr./Sr. High School	N/A	9/6/2022	\$16.00	Hourly
	<b>Extra-Curricular/Athletics</b>				
Maureen Chavez-Reda	Business Department Head Jr./Sr. High	N/A	2022-2023 School Year	N/A	Contract
Tessa Trueblood	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Kylie Duhamell	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Katherine Crozier	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Kandi Weller	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Ciara Carter	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Daniel Baker	Tutor	N/A	September 2022-May 2023	\$25.00	Hourly
Julie Berrera	8th grade Volleyball Coach	N/A	July 1, 2022-August 1, 2022	\$2,545.20	Seasonal
Jeanine Diaz	Weight Room Supervisor	N/A	8/29/2022-9/1/2022	\$1,908.90	Seasonal
Randi Vianello	Assistant High School Unified Track	N/A	8/29/2022-9/1/2022	\$954.45	Seasonal
Jeanine Diaz	Assistant High School Girls Track Coach	N/A	8/29/2022-9/1/2022	\$1,749.83	Seasonal
JR Ford	Middle School Wrestling Assistant	N/A	11/1/2022-11/1/2022	\$1,908.90	Seasonal
Chris Pajdzik	High School Varsity Wrestling Assistant	N/A	11/1/2022-11/1/2022	\$2,227.05	Seasonal
Joshua Wise	High School Wrestling Assistant	N/A	11/1/2022-11/1/2022	\$2,227.05	Seasonal
Catena Anderson	Assistant Varsity/Freshman	N/A	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	N/A	Seasonal
Josh Bertossi	Head Coach Varsity Soccer Boys	N/A	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$5,000.00	Seasonal
Anna Cochrane	Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach	Linda Wilson	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$2,863.35	Seasonal
JR Ford	Assistant Varsity /JV Football Coach	Ryan Hill	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$4,772.25	Seasonal
Henry (Robert) Harris II	Middle School Head Football Coach	Frank Cervantes	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$4,135.95	Seasonal
Ryan Hill	Assistant Varsity/Freshman Football Coach	Henry (Robert) Harris II	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$4,454.10	Seasonal
Patrick Janke	Assistant Freshman Football Coach	Steve Sammons	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$2,863.35	Seasonal
Eric Klosek	Assistant Varsity Coach Soccer Boys	N/A	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$3,181.50	Seasonal
Scott Oman	Grade 6&7 Football Coach	Logan Sammons	5/1/2023-6/1/2023	\$2,545.20	Seasonal
Mitch Prunty	Head Coach Varsity Soccer Girls	N/A	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$5,090.40	Seasonal
Robert Robinson	Grade 6&7 Football Coach	Caleb Raby	5/1/2023-6/1/2023	\$2,545.20	Seasonal
Jon Vasilak	Assistant Varsity Coach Soccer Girls	N/A	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$3,181.50	Seasonal
Antwone Whiteside Sr	Assistant Middle School Football Coach	Tomas Westberg	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$2,545.20	Seasonal
Lauren Wise	Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Coach Volleyball	Jennifer Urbanczyk	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$3,181.50	Seasonal
Michael Worosz	Assistant Varsity/JV Football Coach	Anthony Zarndt	8/1/2022-10/31/2022	\$4,772.25	Seasonal
Jodie Barham	6th Grade girls Basketball	N/A	9/1/2022-10/1/2022	\$2,227.05	Seasonal
	<b>Separations</b>				
Amy Sandona	Building Sub Beiriger	Resignation	8/24/2022	\$110.00	Hourly
Kristina Taylor	Assistant/JV High School Track Coach	Resignation	8/24/2022	\$3,499.65	Seasonal
Ebonie Johnson	Bus Driver	No Show	2022-2023 School Year	\$22.00	Hourly
Mary (Beth) Rooke	Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria	Resignation	8/30/2022	\$13.50	Hourly
Cassandra Minton	High School Café Prep	No Show	9/6/2022	\$13.50	Hourly
Rachel Jones	Spanish Jr./Sr. High school	Resignation	9/16/2022	\$47,000.00	Contract
	<b>Other</b>				
Kristina Taylor	Girls Varsity Track Coach	Corrected Pay Rate	3/1/2023-6/01/2023	\$5,408.55	Seasonal
Megan McGee	MS Science	Corrected Pay Rate	2022-2023 School Year	\$52,000.00	Contract

**4.1 High Ability Grades 1-10 Vocabulary High Ability Grant:** Mrs. Whitman asked the board to approve the High Ability Vocabulary for grades 1-10 as presented. Mr. Volkmann made a motion to approve with a second from Mr. Mrs. McCarter. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.2 Prealgebra Cengage Learning:** Mrs. Whitman asked the board to approve the Prealgebra Cengage Learning as presented. Mr. McCarter made the motion to approve with the second from Mr. Volkman. Motion passed unanimously

**4.3 Final Reading of Policy po226 Title IX :** Mrs. Conner asked the board to approve the final Reading of po226 Title IX as presented. Mr. Volkman made the motion to approve with a second from Mr. McCarter. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.4 po5136 Personal Communication Devices:** Mrs. Conner made a motion to suspend and pass on the first reading of policy po5136. Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Dumezich explained the policy. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve with a second from Mr. Volkman. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Conner asked the board to approve po5136. Mr. McCarter made a motion with a second from Mr. Jaques. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.5 po5111 Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for enrollment of students without legal settlement in the corporation:** Mrs. Conner made a motion to suspend and pass policy po5111. Mrs. Conner and Mrs. Dumezich explained the policy. Mr. Volkman made a motion to approve with a second from Mr. Jaques. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Conner asked the board to approve po5111. Mr. McCarter made a motion with a second from Mr. Jaques. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.6 Middle School Dance Team:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the new Middle School Dance team at Griffith Public Schools. Mr. McCarter made a motion to approve with a second from Mr. Jaques. Motion passed unanimously.

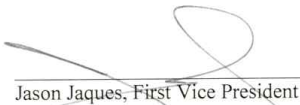
**Audience Participation:** One community member started asking questions that were not on the agenda. Mrs. Conner thanked her and encouraged her to email Mrs. Whitman with the questions she may have.

**Good of the Corporation:** Lori Rose with Panther Parents spoke about panther night. The 1997 Football champions will be introduced at half time of the football game on Friday. Lori Rose said they will have some memorabilia along with the state ring will be in the show case by athletics. On Saturday they will have a party at Bridges in Griffith for \$25.00. Mrs. Conner stated that there is a taco dinner Friday as well. Mrs. Conner stated that there will be a Champion parent meeting October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge the behavior of the Jr. High. She wanted to remind parents and students that you have to keep your hands to yourself. If students do not keep hands to themselves students can face up to five-day suspension. Mrs. Dumezich stated that students are doing a good job with cell phones and that the dress code is getting better. Mrs. Dumezich stated the car lines are going great in each building.

**Upcoming Board Meeting:** The next Regular School Board meeting will be on October 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the High School.

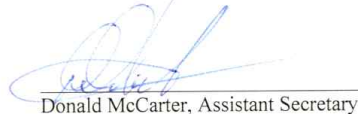
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. McCarter motioned to adjourned the meeting Mr. Mr. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
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Emily Conner, President

  
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Jason Jaques, First Vice President

  
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John Volkman, Second Vice President

  
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