

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2023**

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 eleventh of May, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board. Paused the regular board meeting to go into the Board of Finance meeting.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary  
Tina Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary

Absent:

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

**Moment Of Silence:**

**Delegations and/or Communications:** No Audience participation.

**Superintendent Update:** Mrs. Dumezich wanted Acknowledge teachers for teacher appreciation week. Mrs. Dumezich thanked Krista Elkins, Shari Heins and Elaine Jelenski for putting together goodies for all the teachers that were placed in their mailbox during the week. Lunch was provided for the teachers throughout the week. Mrs. Dumezich thanked ADA who bought donuts for the teachers. Mrs. Dumezich stated that graduation will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> on the football field. Mrs. Dumezich also mentioned that the senior banquet is coming up.

**Director of Curriculum Update:** No Curriculum update.

**Panther Spotlight:** Mrs. Dumezich announced that the Baseball field will be named the Brian Jennings Field after Mr. Jennings. Mrs. Dumezich shared that Mr. Jennings had the following in his career. Wins 448 and loses 338 for his entire career. 27 years overall, 448-338 including 3 at Whiting from 96-98 24 at Griffith, 432-260 Over 40 players went on to play college ball from Griffith 14 Sectional Titles. 8 Indiana All-Stars. 4 Conference Titles. 3 Professional players, Matt Kuna, Nathan Bryan and Kody Hose. 2-time district coach of the year. Nominated for the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame. We will find out in November.

**Finance Report:** Mrs. Dumezich presented the finance report for the month of April.

**Board Reports:** Mrs. Conner reported on the park board. Mrs. Conner shared that the town wide garage sale will be May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Conner stated to get your address in to be placed on the list for the town wide garage sale. Tri Kappa will host their event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am at Woodland Park, More grants for the park. Mrs. Adams reported that the Redevelopment board that the demolition will start soon for the new Menards where the old Kmart building is, and that the Dollar store will be relocated. Mrs. Adams stated that there will be a new Pizza Hut and the demolition of the Dittrich's building will take place soon. Mrs. Ruesken report on the Legislative board. Mrs. Ruesken reported that the Governor signed for 1.4 billion dollars to put towards grants for 5% tuition for this year and 2% next year. This will support the educational side.

**Consent Agenda:** Mrs.... Conner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ruesken motioned to accept the consent agenda Mr. Adduci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes, Accounts Payable from 4/14/23-5/11/23, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Grants, Overnight Trip request and the following personnel report:

<b>PERSONNEL REPORT</b>					
<b>May 11, 2023</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>
Lauren Andree	3rd Grade High Ability Beirger	New Position	8/3/23	\$50,000.00	Contract
Sue Guy	2nd Grade Title Teacher Wadsworth	New Position Internal Transfer	8/7/23	\$86,613.14	Contract
Bonnie Griffee	Technology/Curriculum Coach Beirger	New Position	7/31/23	\$65,315.35	Contract 197 Days
Michael Worosz	Student Support Advisor MS/HS	Alana Anderson	7/31/23	\$83,811.61	Contract 197 Days
Marilyn Brunk	Math Instructional and Technology Coach MS/HS	New Position Internal Transfer	7/31/23	\$75,355.15	Contract 197 Days
Marianna Moschos	Curriculum Technology Coach Wadsworth	New Position Internal Transfer	7/31/23	\$68,326.96	Contract 197 Days
Christopher Tomsci	Secondary Math Teacher MS/HS	Marilyn Brunk	8/3/23	\$63,000.00	Contract
Ana Alavanja	MS FACS Teacher	New Position	8/3/23	\$42,000.00	Contract
Jon Chance	High School Principal	Moving From Asst. Principal to HS Principal	7/1/23	\$118,000.00	Contract
Samuel Kessler	MS/HS PE/Health Teacher	Michael Worosz	8/3/23	\$46,000.00	Contract
Chris Tomsci	Girls Varsity Head Basketball Coach	Ken Anderson	5/1/23	\$10,310.00	Seasonal
Shanna Gulley	Head High School Cheer Coach	Kelly Larney	5/11/23	\$4,200.00	Seasonal
Abigail McCampbell	8th Grade Volleyball Coach	Julie Barrera	6/1/23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
	<b><i>Non Certified</i></b>				
Daniel Young	Director of Safety and Security	Mike Vode	7/1/23	\$84,500.00	Contract
	<b><i>Clubs</i></b>				
	<b><i>Separations</i></b>				
Linda Bishop	Bookkeeper MS/HS	Resignation	4/28/23	\$19.25	Hourly
Jon Vasilak	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach	Resignation	4/20/23	\$4,200.00	Seasonal
Amy Skura	7th Grade Volleyball Coach	Resignation	4/30/23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
Danielle Barenie	MS/HS English Department Head	Resignation	End of 2022-2023 School Year	\$1,800.00	Contract
Sue Guy	Second Grade Team Leader Wadsworth	Resignation	End of 2022-2023 School Year	\$1,800.00	Contract
Shanna Gulley	Assistant Freshman Cheer Coach	Resignation	5/5/23	\$2,290.00	Contract

Marilyn Brunk	Mathematics Department Chair MS/HS	Resignation	6/6/23	\$1,800.00	Contract
Patricia Lamb	10 Month Custodian MS/HS	Resignation	5/8/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Alana Anderson	Middle School Cross Country Coach	Resignation	5/9/23	\$2,670.00	Seasonal
Alana Anderson	Girls HS Track Assistant Coach	Resignation	End of the 22-23 Season	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
Kennedy Bianchi	Food Services Prep MS/HS	Resignation	5/8/23	\$14.00	Hourly
Michael Worosz	Middle School P.E. Teacher	Resignation	5/11/23	\$79,557.21	Contract
	<b>Other</b>				
Jenna Berzy	Summer School High School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Ellen Purkey	Summer School High School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Josh Belluomini	Summer School High School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Maureen Chavez Reda	Summer School High School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Melissa Diekelmann	Summer School High School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Marty Jarmula	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Brittani Hedrick	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Shane Cooper	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kristin Arras	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Joseph Ramos	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kristina Taylor	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Lisa Driscoll	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Amy Skura	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Tiffany Palmer	Summer School Middle School	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Randy Vianello	Summer School Para MS/HS	N/A	6/5/23	Per Individual Rate	Hourly
Christy Melendez	Summer School Para MS/HS	N/A	6/5/23	Per Individual Rate	Hourly
Clara Carter	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kylie Duhamell	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Heidi Filatov	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Sue Guy	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kristina Kostides	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Emma Loomis	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Amanda Madison	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Sarah Mildaus	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kalie Ostapchuk	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Laurie Perez	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Susan Reyes	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly

Tessa Trueblood	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Analyssa Valdez	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Brittany Valdez	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Christina Wagman	Summer School K-4 Beiriger	N/A	6/5/23	\$50.00	Hourly

**4.1 Gifted Coordinators Program.** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Gifted Coordinators Program. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Gifted Coordinators Program. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.2 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Fire and Safety for bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 request for Food Service Fire and Safety for bid. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Fire and Safety for bid. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.3 2023-2024 Request for Food Service of Warewashing System and Sanitation Program/Temperature Monitoring Program bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve 2023-2024 Request for Food Service of Warewashing System and Sanitation Program/Temperature Monitoring Program bid. Mrs. Adduci made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Request for Food Service of Warewashing System and Sanitation Program/Temperature Monitoring Program bid. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.4 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Grease and Used Cooking Oil Services bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Grease and Used Cooking Oil Service bid. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Grease and Used Cooking Oil Services bid. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.5 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Hood and Exhaust Cleaning bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Hood and Exhaust Cleaning bid. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Hood and Exhaust Cleaning bid. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.6 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Equipment Repair and Maintenance bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Equipment Repair and Maintenance bid. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Equipment Repair and Maintenance bid. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.7 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Work Shirt bid:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Work Shirt bid. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Request for Food Service Work Shirt bid. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.8 2023-2024 Food Service Milk Pricing:** Mrs. Ullman presented and asked the board to approve the 2023-2024 Food Service Milk Pricing. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Food Service Milk Pricing. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.9 Security Monitor Position:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Security Monitor Position. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Security Monitor Position. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.10 Bypass First Reading ag1530 Procedure for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Administrators.** Mrs. Conner made a motion to suspend the rules and first reading of the ag1530 Procedure for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Administrators Policy. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to suspend the rules and first reading of the ag1530 Procedure for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Administrators. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Mrs. Conner requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote was 4 to 1 Mr. Jaques voted not to pass the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the second reading of ag1530 Procedure for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Administrators. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to accept the second and final reading of ag1530 Procedure for Evaluating the Effectiveness of Administrators. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Mrs. Conner requested a roll call vote. Roll count vote was 4 to 1 with Mr. Jaques voting no. Motion passed unanimously.

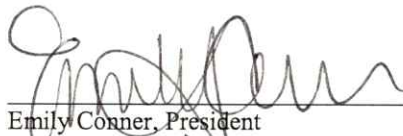
**4.11 Baseball Naming Dedication:** Mrs. Dumezich present and asked the board to approve the naming of the Baseball field to Brian Jennings Field. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Baseball Naming Dedication. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** One Audience participant questioned the legislative update regarding the 1.4 billion dollars if this was based off the ADM count. Mrs. Ruesken explained that the 1.4 billion is statewide and that Griffith will receive money from the state for each student that is registered. The audience participant questioned the 100% retention. Mrs. Dumezich explained that when the Intent to returns were sent out everyone planned to return for the 2023-2024 school year. The same audience participant questioned the security monitor position. Mrs. Dragomer stated that there may be over 200 cameras for this position to watch. Mrs. Dragomer thinks that this is something that could easily be done.

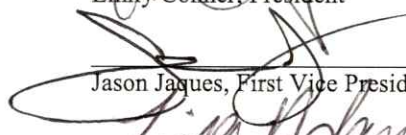
**Good of the Corporation:** Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that her and Sergeant Gang attended the tabletop Stratellite that was held in the Griffith High School LGI. Mrs. Dumezich stated it was a good tabletop with EMS, Fire Department, Public Works, and Department heads. Sergeant Gang stated the Security Monitor Position will be a work in progress. Sergeant Gang stated that the position will have real time information to get to everyone, so everyone is on the same page if anything happens. Mrs. Conner congratulated the class of 2023. Mrs. Conner also thanked all the staff who had part in it. Mrs. Cain wanted to remind everyone about Mc Teacher night from 3:30-6:30. Fries, Milkshakes and apple pies will be sold.

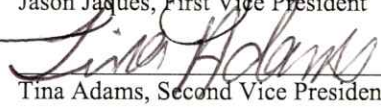
**Upcoming Board Meeting:** The next Regular School Board meeting will be on July 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the High School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jaques motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Emily Conner, President

  
Jason Jaques, First Vice President

  
Tina Adams, Second Vice President

  
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary

  
Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary