

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 10, 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 tenth day of August, 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, 1st Vice-President
Tina Adams, 2nd Vice-President
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary
Jesse Adduci, Assistant secretary

Absent:

Others Present: Leah Dumezich, Superintendent
Terri Chance, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph C. Svetanoff, Attorney

1.2 Moment of Silence:

4.1 Delegations and/or Communications: None

4.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that day two of the new school year went smoothly, she is proud of the students. There was no dress code or cell phone issues. Everything went smoothly in the elementary buildings as well. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the transportation department last year we had 650 students ride the bus. This year we are over 900. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to remind parents if your student is not registered for school, yet the student will be put on a list for the second semester for transportation if needed. Mrs. Dumezich wants to wish Mrs. Whitman well and thank her for her time at Griffith Public Schools. Mrs. Dumezich went over the new House Bill with parents and students. If a student wishes to identify as a different name that Administration or a counselor will contact the parent to come in and put it in writing.

4.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge and thank Dan Young Director of safety. Dan is doing a great job and is all hands on. Mrs. Dumezich also wanted to acknowledge Maria Contreras, a secretary in Central office. Maria does an outstanding job. We had a lot of compliments regarding registration.

4.4 Finance Report: Ms. Chance had no finance information to report.

4.5 Board Reports: None

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. 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 7/14/23-8/10/23, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Grants, Professional Leave, and the following personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Replacing</i>	<i>Effective Date(s)</i>	<i>Pay Rate</i>	<i>Hourly, Daily, Seasonal, Yearly Contract</i>
	<i>Certified</i>				
Jenna Santacaterina	School Psychologist District	New Position	8/3/23	\$72,000.00	Contract
Jessica Jones	LRE Teacher Beiriger	Jasmine Valerio	8/3/23	\$61,000.00	Contract
Shannon Hassel	Alternative Education High School	Kim Corman	8/3/23	\$56,000.00	Contract
Laura Christopherson	Kindergarten Teacher Wadsworth	New Position	8/7/23	\$42,500.00	Contract
Kristen Mitcheltree	Middle School Math Teacher	Daniel Baker	8/7/23	\$63,500.00	Contract
	<i>Non- Certified</i>				
Amanda Purkey	Paraprofessional Jr./Sr. High School	N/A	8/9/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Crystal Kime	Instructional Paraprofessional Jr./Sr. High School	New Position	8/9/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Demetri Blanco	Security Monitor	New Position	8/7/23	\$18.00	Hourly
Jennifer Kocon	Registered Nurse Wadsworth	Megan Lounsbury	August-23	\$29.00	Hourly
Blanton Porter	Custodian Jr./Sr. High School	Jeanette Collins	August-23	\$16.00	Hourly
Lisa Robertson	Cafeteria Jr./Sr. High School	Donna Ploskonka	August-23	\$14.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
Robert Ince	Boys Head Varsity Tennis Coach	Garry Zellers	August-23	\$4,965.00	Seasonal
Thomas Ehrlich	Assistant Freshman Football Head Coach	Ryan Hill	August-23	\$5,725.00	Seasonal
Melissa Pride	6th Grade Volleyball Coach	Stephanie Almaguer	August-23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
Amy Skura	7th Grade Volleyball Coach	Returning	August-23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
Jeff Rutherford	Varsity Baseball Head Coach	Resignation	7/31/23	\$6,870.00	Seasonal

Bess Fary	Kindergarten Teacher Wadsworth	Resignation	7/31/23	\$51,092.90	Contract
Shari Heins	Account Payable Central Office	Resignation	8/10/23	\$21.50	Hourly
Donna Ploskonka	Cafeteria Worker High School	Resignation	7/17/23	\$14.00	Hourly
Kandi Weller	Jr./Sr. High School Teacher	Resignation	7/24/23	\$55,541.50	Contract
Tracy Whitman	Assistant Superintendent	Resignation	8/1/23	\$106,500.00	Contract
Megan Lounsbury	Registered Nurse Wadsworth	Resignation	7/27/23	\$29.00	Hourly
Kelly Bacon	Cafeteria Cook High School	Resignation	8/3/23	\$15.00	Hourly
Mike Worosz	Boys Varsity Golf	Resignation	8/7/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
Daniel Baker	Jr./Sr. High School Teacher Math Intervention	Resignation	8/7/23	\$54,207.52	Contract
	Other				
Ramona Dujmovic	Kindergarten Aide	Position Change from Title One aide	8/9/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Rebecca Kruit	2nd Grade Team Leader	Sue Guy	8/4/23	1800 + Two Days	Stipend Rate
Jeanette Collins	Custodian	Position Change will now cover the athletic wing.	8/7/23	\$15.50	Hourly
Lisa Crafton	Cafeteria Cook Jr./Sr. High School	Kelly Bacon	August-23	\$15.00	Hourly

6.1 Resolution # 762 To Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to The Operations Fund: Ms. Chance presented and asked the board to approve Resolution # 762 To Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve. Ms. Adams made a motion to approve. Resolution #762 To Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Adoption of 6th Grade Civics Book State Mandated Standards: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the adoption of the 6th Grade Civics Book State Mandated Standards. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve. Mr. Adduci made a motion to approve the adoption of the 6th Grade Civics Book State Mandated Standards. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po5420 Reporting Student Progress: Mrs. Conner requests a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po5420 Reporting Student Progress. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po5420 Reporting Student Progress. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po3120.11 Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meetings Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po3120.11 Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po3120.11 Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.5 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po2431 Interscholastic Athletics: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po2431 Interscholastic Athletics. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po2431 Interscholastic Athletics. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po2435 Driver Education: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of policy po2435 Driver Education. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po2435 Driver Education. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.7 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po2464 Programs for High Ability Students: Mrs. Dumezich requested the board to table the second and final reading of policy po2464 Programs for High Ability Students. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to table the second and final reading of policy po2464 Programs for High

Ability Students. Mr. Jaques made a motion to table the second and final reading of policy po2464 Programs for High Ability Students. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion to table the second and Final Reading of Policy po2464 Programs for High Ability Students. Motion passed unanimously.

6.8 Approval of Second and Final Reading of Policy po2432 Grievance Procedure for Violation of State Law Limiting Participation of Transgender Girls in Athletics: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy po2432 Grievance Procedure for Violation of State Law Limiting Participation of Transgender Girls in Athletics. Programs For High Ability Students. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy po2432 Grievance Procedure for Violation of State Law Limiting Participation of Transgender Girls in Athletics. Programs For High Ability Students. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.9 Approval of First Reading of Policy po8510 Wellness: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to suspend the rules and approve policy po8510 Wellness. Mr. Jaques made a motion to suspend the rules and approve policy po8510 Wellness. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve policy po8510 Wellness. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve Policy po8510 wellness. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.10 Approval of First Reading of Policy po8120 Volunteers.: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po8120 Volunteers. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po8120 Volunteers. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.11 Approval of First Reading of Policy po6250 Required ADM Counts for The Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po6250 Required ADM Counts for The Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the first reading of policy po6250 required ADM Counts for The Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.12 Approval of First Reading of Policy po5610 Suspension and Expulsion of Students: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po5610 Suspension and Expulsion of Students. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the first reading of policy po5610 Suspension and Expulsion of Students. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6.13 Approval of First Reading of Policy po6550 Travel Payment and Reimbursement: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy po6550 travel payment And Reimbursement. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the first reading of policy po5610. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Good of the Corporation: Mr. Jaques stated 26 days left before the first day of school.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the High School.

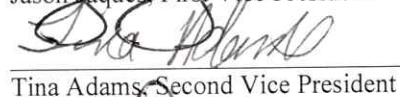
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ruesken motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jaques seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



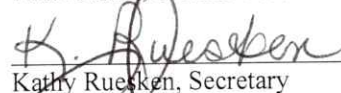
Emily Conner, President



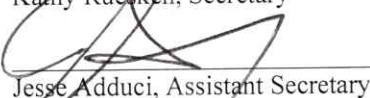
Jason Jaques, First Vice President



Tina Adams, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary