

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 14, 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 fourteenth 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, 1 st Vice-President Tina Adams, 2 nd Vice-President Jesse Adduci, Assistant secretary
Absent:	Kathy Ruesken, Secretary
Others Present:	Leah Dumezich, Superintendent Joseph C. Svetanoff, Attorney

1.2 Moment Of Silence:

2.1 Delegations and/or Communications: one audience member questioned whether Mrs. Whitman retired or resigned and if her contract would be paid out. Mrs. Dumezich stated that Mrs. Whitman resigned and that her contract was not paid out. A member from Griffith Pop Warner questioned the conflict of facility rental between Pop Warner and with Griffith Soccer Club. Mrs. Dumezich explained that Griffith Public Schools received the Soccer Tournament dates first and had to honor those dates since they received them. Mrs. Dumezich explained that in the future the two clubs can work together regarding the dates needed.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that progress reports will be going out more often in the Middle School/High School. The progress reports will show the percentage of each letter grade. For the High School we had 1,020 A's 35%, 857 Bs at 17%, 528 Cs 10.6%, 329 Ds 6.6 % and 516 Fs at 10.4%. In the Middle school 1493 As 30%, 594 Bs 12%, 388 Cs 7.8 %, 219 Ds 4.1% and 307 Fs 6.2 %. Mrs. Dumezich stated that Mrs. Sarver will be doing an IREAD presentation in the future. Mrs. Dumezich stated that we will be having more PD days in Science and Reading. Mrs. Dumezich shared that we had a student in the POP program who graduated this week and that she is very proud of this student. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank everyone who came out to support Best Buddies at the Public Safety. Best Buddies raised over \$600.00 dollars. Mrs. Dumezich shared that we have a student doing an Internship with PSI.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Dumezich acknowledged Alana Anderson for doing a great job as the Middle school principal.

2.4 Finance Report: Mrs. Dumezich presented the finance report for the month of August.

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Conner reported on the Park Board. The Park Board has a new reporting secretary, Lorie Rose. The Tree committee approved to take a bond out for the Park Board to fix the bike trail. Yoga in the park is doing well.

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jaques 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 8/12/23-9/14/23, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Professional Leave, donations, and the following personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT					
September 14, 2023					
<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>				
	<i>Non Certified</i>				
Angela Goodson	Elementary Secretary/ECA Beiriger	De-Angela Brewer	9/18/23	\$19.00	Hourly
DeAngela Brewer	Accounts Payable Specialist	Shari Heins	9/18/23	\$24.25	Hourly
Darlene Bowers	Cafeteria Sub - District	N/A	August-23	\$14.00	Hourly
Caroline Orozco	Cafeteria Sub - District	N/A	August-23	\$14.00	Hourly
Anissa Rivera	Sub Custodian - District	N/A	August-23	\$15.00	Hourly
Julian Camp	3rd Grade Paraprofessional Beiriger	New Position	9/5/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Taylor Opfer	Bus Aide Transportation	Will be bus aide while training to become a bus driver.	9/11/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Denise Crews	Bus Aide Transportation	LaTonya Rogers	8/16/23	\$16.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
James Ford	Athletic Supervisor HS/MS	N/A	9/15/23	\$4,000.00	Seasonal
Megan McGee	MS Student Council	Erin Gomez	9/15/23	\$2,670.00	Contract
Lacy Edwards	Assistant Girls Track Coach	Joe Ramos	9/15/23	\$4,580.00	Contract
	<i>Clubs</i>				
Michelle Brown	Math Bowl Club Co-Sponsor Beiriger	Daniel Baker	8/21/23	\$477.50	Contract
Courtney Kurtz	Robotics Club Sponsor	Eric Stiener	8/21/23	\$1,525.00	Contract
	<i>Separations</i>				
Mark Harnew	Tennis Coach	Resignation	8/30/23	\$4,965.00	Seasonal
Shawn Kinnie	Wrestling Head Coach	Resignation	8/11/23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
Joseph Ramos	Varsity Girls Track	Resignation	8/27/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
Michael Wencloff	Maintenance/Custodial MS/HS	Resignation	9/8/23	\$20.50	Hourly

	Other				
Nancy Finn	PM Part Time Bus Aide	Additional- Current Recess aide in the A.M.	8/8/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Kylie Duhamell	Before School Tutoring Beiriger	Various Dates in 2023-2024	9/11/23	\$25.00	Hourly
Melonee Widelski	Before School Tutoring Beiriger	Various Dates in 2023-2024	9/11/23	\$25.00	Hourly
Lauren Andree	Before School Tutoring Beiriger	Various Dates in 2023-2024	9/11/23	\$25.00	Hourly
Tessa Trueblood	Before School Tutoring Beiriger	Various Dates in 2023-2024	9/11/23	\$25.00	Hourly
Amor-Cielo Monjes	Before School Tutoring Beiriger	Various Dates in 2023-2024	9/11/23	\$25.00	Hourly
Regina Balash	k-2 Intense & Therapeutic Homebound Techer Wadsworth	Internal transfer one hour a day five days a week.	9/11/23	\$28.00	Hourly

4.1 Ready HVAC Replacement Open Pricing Information: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Ready HVAC replacement Open Pricing Information. Mr. Conner requested a motion to approve. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Ready HVAC Replacement Open Pricing Information, Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


4.2 Appointment of Board member to Teachers Negotiations: Mrs. Conner made a motion to add line item 4.2 to the agenda appointing Mr. Adduci to attend teacher negotiations. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Adduci to attend teachers' negotiations. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: One audience member questioned if the POP program used to be the GAP program. Mrs. Dumezich stated yes, the POP program used to be the GAP program years ago. The audience member questioned what time remediation started at Beiriger in the morning and why we do not have remediation after school. Mrs. Dumezich explained that remediation starts at 7:00 a.m. and goes on to 8:25 a.m. Mrs. Dumezich explained that with all the extracurricular activities after school students would not show up for remediation.

Good of the Corporation: Ryan Rose, the Kicker of the Griffith Football team brought football schedules to the meeting and would like everyone to come out to support the team. Mr. Jaques wanted to thank everyone in the school district that came out to support the Safety Public meeting. Mr. Jaques stated many clubs and teams came out and that the school was really represented that weekend.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on November 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the High School.

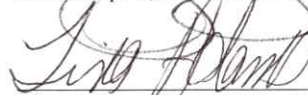
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ruesken motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jaque seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



Emily Conner, President



Jason Jaques, First Vice President



Tina Adams, Second Vice President

Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary