

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 24, 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 twenty fourth of October, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board. Followed by the Public Hearing Collective Bargaining and the Special Meeting for Budget.

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
Jesse Adduci, Assistant secretary
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary

Absent: Joseph C. Svetanoff, Attorney

Others Present: Leah Dumezich, Superintendent
Terri Chance, Chief Financial Officer
Amalia Gemelas, Attorney

1.2 Moment Of Silence:

2.1 Delegations and/or Communications: One audience member wanted to know what expenses have been paid since the YMCA started occupying Ready. Mrs. Dumezich directed the audience member to complete a public records form to request the information from 2020 to present and to list everything that information is wanted on. The audience member said thank you for updating the minutes on the website.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich welcomed everyone back from Fall break. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the Fire Department and Vest for all their hard work and for keeping us safe. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that Summer School will be for 22 days 4 hours a day. Mrs. Dumezich would like to remind parents that tutoring is offered. Mrs. Dumezich would like to welcome the Band and Choir students back from Disney. Mrs. Dumezich received a call from a friend that was on the same flight as the Band and Choir students and that the students were all well behaved. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge Tiffany Ullman. Her staff organized a pumpkin decorating contest in the cafeteria for the students to vote for the best pumpkin. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to remind parents that the Monster Mash and the Middle School Social is next week. The Unified Trunk or Treat was a success in the field house. Mr. Jaques shared that Griffith American Legion will be holding a Trunk or Treat.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge and recognize the Bowling team for all their hard work. Mrs. Dumezich stated that they practice at Set 'Em Up in Griffith and that the team has such great students on it. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that Joey LaPatra will be going to state again. Joey had an interview on WJOB.

2.4 Finance Report: Ms. Chance presented the finance report for the month of September.

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Conner reported on the Park Board. The Park Board was approved for a 4-million-dollar bond. This bond will be used for the work at Tot Park and for the lighting around the playground at Central Park. The Park Board purchased one pickup truck and is looking to purchase a second truck. The Park board is still looking for an indoor place for Yogo in the winter since they had a big turn out in the summer.

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ruesken motioned to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Professional Leave, Donations, Overnight Trip Request, 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>				
	<i>Non- Certified</i>				
Camesha Scheeringa	Paraprofessional High School	New Position	10/23/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Oliver Doppler	Maintenance - District	Mike Wencloff	10/30/23	\$25.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
Amir Wright	Head Varsity Baseball Coach	Jeff Rutherford	10/16/23	\$6,870.00	Seasonal
Adam Kessler	Assistant Boys T/F Coach	Joshua Bertossi	11/27/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
Shannon Hassel	Girls Assistant Track & Field Coach	Alana Anderson	9/15/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
J.R. Ford	MS Head Wrestling Coach	Shawn Kinnie	10/16/23	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
Luann Pramuk	Fine Arts ACAD Coach High School	N/A	10/25/23	\$3,625.00	Stipend Position
Jenna Berzy	English/Literature ACAD Coach High School	N/A	10/25/23	\$3,625.00	Stipend Position
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
J.R. Ford	Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach	Resignation	9/21/23	\$2,670.00	Seasonal
Sylvia Fish	First Grade Teacher Wadsworth	Resignation	10/10/23	\$50,071.04	Contract
Mike Liesenfelt	PT Pool Maintenance	Resignation	9/29/23	\$20.50	Hourly
Megan McGee	Varsity girls Tennis Assistant Coach	Resignation	9/22/23	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
Andja Marich	Mild Interventionist High School	Resignation-Resignation was not received to place on Board when she resigned.	End Of 2022-2023 School Year	\$75,000.00	Contract
Joshua Bertossi	Assist. Boys Track Coach	Resignation	10/16/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal

LaTonya Rogers	Bus Aide	Resignation	8/14/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Debbie Goodale	Para Middle School	Resignation No Call No Show	10/23/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Martin Barnes	Sub Custodian High School	No longer needed	9/14/23	\$15.00	Hourly
	Other				
Janet Reyes	Long Term Sub for Susan Reyes	N/A	Will sub intermittent for Susan's FMLA Leave up to 12 weeks	\$120.00	Daily
Emma Loomis	Before School Tutor K-2	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/2023, 11/2/23, 11/16/23, 11/18/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Tina Newton	Before School Tutor K-2	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/2023, 11/2/23, 11/16/23, 11/18/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Kalie Ostapchuk	Before School Reading Tutor	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/23, 11/2/23, 11/6/23, 11/8/23, 11/9/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Sarah Mildaas	Before School Reading Tutor	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/23, 11/2/23, 11/6/23, 11/8/23, 11/9/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Laurie Perez	Before School Reading Tutor	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/23, 11/2/23, 11/6/23, 11/8/23, 11/9/23	\$50.00	Hourly
Pier Smith	Before School Reading Tutor	N/A	10/24/23, 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 10/30/23, 11/1/23, 11/2/23, 11/6/23, 11/8/23, 11/9/23	\$50.00	Hourly

5.1 JUUL Settlement Altria Group/Philp Morris: Mrs. Conner presented the JUUL Settlement Altria Group/Philp Morris. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the JUUL Settlement Altria Group/Philp Mooris. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 Handbooks: Mrs. Dumezich presented and ask the board to approve the Handbooks. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the Handbooks. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.3 Summer School Calendar 2024: Mrs. Dumezich presented and ask the board to approve the 2024 Summer School Calendar. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the 2024 Summer School Calendar. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.4 School Calendar 2024-2025: Mrs. Dumezich presented and ask the board to approve the School Calendar for 2024-2025. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the School Calendar 2024-2025. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.5 YMCA Lease Amendment: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the YMCA Lease Amendment and MOU. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the YMCA Lease Amendment and MOU. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.6 Registrar Job Description: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Registrar Job Description. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Registrar Job Description. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.7 Registrar Position: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Registrar Position. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Registrar Position. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5.8 Middle School & Elementary Spanish Position 2024-2025: 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.

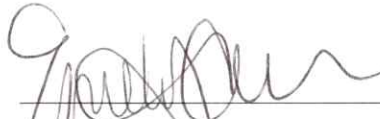
5.9 Renaming Keyboarding to Computer Science: Mrs. Conner made a motion to add item 5.9 to the agenda to rename 6th Keyboarding to Computer Science second semester. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve to add item 5.9 Renaming 6th Keyboarding to Computer Science in the second semester. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Conner requested a motion to rename Keyboarding to Computer Science. Mr. Adduci made a motion to rename Key Boparding to Computer Science. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: One audience member questioned what the ADM count was. Mrs. Dragomer stated on October 2, 2023, the ADM count was 1,969. The audience member wanted to confirm that there was no increase to the rent in the Ready Amendment.

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge and thank the PTC for all the hard work they do.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on December 14, 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 6:24 p.m.



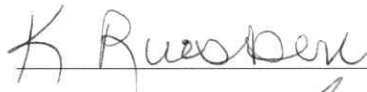
Emily Conner, President



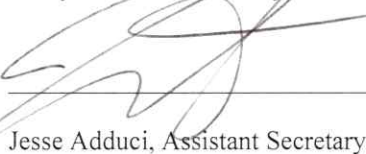
Jason Jaques, First Vice President



Tina Adams, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary