

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 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 ninth of November, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Tina Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
Jesse Adduci, Assistant secretary  
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary

Absent:

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

**1.2 Moment Of Silence:**

**2.1 Delegations and/or Communications:** None

**2.2 Superintendent Update:** Mrs. Dumezich shared that she attended the Entrepreneurial award lunch at the Avalon to support Ann Coglianese who received the women Entrepreneurial award for the year. Mrs. Dumezich stated that Ann is an Anti-Bullying certified specialist. Mrs. Dumezich stated she will be attending the Language Education of New Mexico virtual with Mark Ferrino.

**2.3 Panther Spotlight:** Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge and recognize the PAP Class. Casey Varady gave a presentation of all the things the class has been doing. Casey works with the students on job development and job skills.

**2.4 Finance Report:** Ms. Chance reported on the conversion project.

**2.5 Board Reports:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Conner requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jaques motioned to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Professional Leave, Donations, and the following personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT					
November 9, 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>				
Sarah Lannin	Paraprofessional MS/HS	Debbie Goodale	11/9/23	\$16.00	Hourly
Melissa Harty	Paraprofessional Wadsworth	New Position	11/9/23	\$16.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
Oscar Beecham	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Kelly Dimos	12/18/23	\$2,670.00	Seasonal
Jodie Barham	7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Adam Trevino	10/25/23	\$2,670.00	Seasonal
John Phillips	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Tom Haluska	12/18/23	\$3,820.00	Seasonal
Odeh Issa	6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Jodie Barham	10/25/23	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
Philip Mason	Athletic Supervisor Winter Season	New Position	11/10/23	\$4,000.00	Seasonal
Kristen Arras	Girls JV Head Basketball Coach	Angie Silvas	11/10/23	\$6,490.00	Seasonal
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
Denise Crews	Bus Aide	Termination	Termination No Call No Show	\$16.00	Hourly
Shirley Doss	Bus Driver	Resignation	11/3/23	\$24.00	Hourly
Jon Vasilak	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach	Resignation	10/24/23	\$6,490.00	Seasonal
Kristin Arras	6th Grade Girls Basketball	Resignation	9/23/23	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
	<i>Other</i>				



**4.1 Descon:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Descon proposals for new menu boards in the cafeterias. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Descon proposals. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.2 911 Dispatch Certification:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the 911 Dispatch Certification. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the 911 Dispatch Certification. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.3 DHH Consultant:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and ask the board to approve the DHH Consultant. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the DHH Consultant. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.4 Administration And Hourly Employee Increases:** Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Administration And Hourly Employee Increases. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Administration and Hourly Employee Increases. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.5 Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies #767:** Mr. Svetanoff presented and asked the board to approve the Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies #767. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies #767. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.6 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po6550 Travel Payment And Reimbursement:** Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po6550 Travel Payment And Reimbursement. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po6550 Travel Payment And Reimbursement. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.7 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po5610 Suspension And Expulsion Of Students:** Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po5610 Suspension And Expulsion Of Students. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po5610 Suspension And Expulsion Of Students. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.8 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po8120 Volunteers:** Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po8120 Volunteers. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po8120 Volunteers. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.9 Approval Of First Reading Of Policy po0167.3 Public Participation At Board Meetings:** Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the First Reading Policy po167.3 Public Participation At Board Meeting. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po0167.3 Public Participation At Board Meetings. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.10 Approval Of First Reading Of Policy po9700 Relations With Special Interest Groups:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to Approve the First Reading Of Policy po9700 Relations with special Interest Groups. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po9700 Relations With Special Interest Groups. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.11 Approval Of First Reading Of Policy po8600 Transportation:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the First Reading Policy po8600 Transportation. Mrs. Jaques made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po8600 Transportation. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.12 Approval Of First Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.13 Approval Of First Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.14 Approval Of First Reading – Professional Staff – Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the First Reading - Professional-Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the First Reading -Professional Staff-Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.15 Approval Of First Reading – Administration – Policy po1521 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting:** Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the First Reading - Administration - Policy po1521 Personal Background Checks, References And Mandatory Reporting. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the First Reading -Administration-Policy po1521 Personal Background Checks, References And Mandatory Reporting. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4.16 Approval Of First Reading – Support Staff – Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting:** Mrs. Conner presents and made a motion to approve the First Reading – Support Staff – Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References And Mandatory Reporting. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the First Reading – Support Staff – Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** None

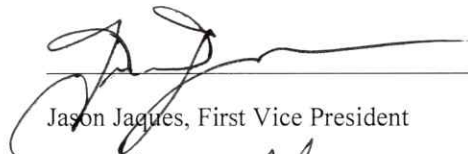
**Good of the Corporation:** Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that the culinary class will prepare a Friendsgiving at the Senior Center on 11/16/2023. Mrs. Dumezich also wanted to share that in February the district is planning dinner & theater pick up from the senior center. Dinner will be served, and the seniors will be transported to the school to watch the play. Mrs. Dumezich stated when she receives more information, she will share it with the community regarding the new Senate Bill 4.54 increasing adjusted growth income threshold for 65 years or older. Mrs. Dumezich announced that The Play That Goes Wrong will be performing this weekend in the auditorium. Mr. Jaques wanted to Thank all the teachers and parents that chaperoned the students to Disney.

**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. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



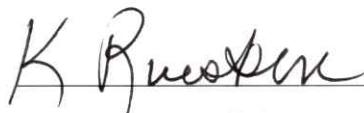
Emily Conner, President



Jason Jaques, First Vice President



Tina Adams, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary