

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 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 December, 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
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: Mr. Konopasek a Griffith resident shared information he had on careers for students.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the PTC for a lovely Christmas event they put on for the students. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to say thank you to Mr. Maloney for doing an outstanding job and fitting in so well with the district. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that the choir concert was outstanding, and the bowling team is amazing. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to remind parents to go over discipline with their student and remind them of doing the right thing.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge and recognize what a great job Merv Barenie, Dan Young the school's Safety Director and the SRO's. are doing Both Merv and Dan presented a presentation of their achievements. Merv presented on a trip he has taken. Mr. Dan Young presented the Stopit tip line system. Mr. Youn explained how the system and app works for any student to report any unsafe behaviors.

2.4 Finance: Ms. Chance did not have a finance report to give.

2.5 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, Agreements/Contracts, Fundraisers, Professional Leave, Donations, Overnight Request, Grants, 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 Resolution # 768 2024 Bond Of School Trustees Regular Meeting Dates: Mrs. Conner presented and asked the board for a motion to approve Resolution #768 2024 Bond Of School Trustees Regular Meeting Dates. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Resolution #768 2024 Bond Of School Trustees Regular Meeting Dates. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Approval Of Bonds 2024: Mrs. Conner presented and asked for a motion for the Approval Of Bonds 2024. Mr. Jaques made a motion of the approval OF Bonds 2024. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 2024 Administration And Salaried Employee Increases: Mrs. Conner presented and asked for a motion for approval of the 2024 Administration And Salaried Employee Increases. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the 2024 Administration And Salaried Employee Increases. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Administrative Fringe Benefit Package: Ms. Chance presented and asked the board to approve the Administration Fringe Benefit Package. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the Administration Fringe Benefit Package. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Athletic Pay Scale Effective 1/1/2024: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Athletic Pay Scale Effective 1/1/2024. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Athletic Pay Scale Effective 1/1/2024. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Mr. Jaques Sustained. Motion passed 4 to 1.

4.6 Tennis Courts: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Tennis Courts. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Tennis Courts. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po167.3 Public Participation At Board Meeting: Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po167.3 Public Participation At Board Meeting.. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po167.3 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po167.3 Public Participation At Board Meeting. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of po9700 Relations With Special Interest Groups: Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po9700 Relations With Special Interest Groups. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of po9700 Relations With Special Interest Groups. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of Policy po8600 Transportation: Mrs. Conner presented and requested a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Policy po8600. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po8600 Transportation. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.10 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum: Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to Approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum. Mr. Adduci made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2221 Mandatory Curriculum. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.11 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality Instruction: Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality Instruction. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po2414 Reproductive Health And Family Planning And Human Sexuality Instruction. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.12 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of Professional Staff Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting: Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of the Professional Staff Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks References And Mandatory Reporting. Mandatory Curriculum. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Policy po3121 Professional Staff Policy po3121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.13 Approval Of Second And Final Reading Of Policy Administration po1521 Personal Background Checks References, And Mandatory Reporting: Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of the Administration Policy po2414 Personal Background Checks References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Of Administration Policy po1521 Personal Background Checks References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

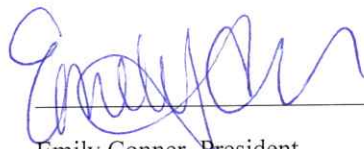
4.14 Approval Of Second And Final Reading – Support Staff Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting: Mrs. Conner presented and made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading Support Staff-Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the Second And Final Reading -Professional Staff-Policy po4121 Personal Background Checks, References, And Mandatory Reporting. Mr. Adduci second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank Mrs. Leber and the National Honor Society for the toy drive that they had. Mrs. Dumezich stated that they received toys and coats for families in need and it made a great impact for these families. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to remind parents to have their students check the lost and found table for any items they may be missing. Ms. Chance shared information regarding the Panther Closet and we currently have Coats and Hats for the students in need. Ms. Chance stated any donations would be appreciated. Ms. Chance shared that it's in the works with athletics for families to get in free to a game if they bring an item for the Panther closet. Mrs. Jaques wanted to thank Mrs. Polise for an outstanding job with the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade drama club. Mrs. Jaques also stated that the Middle School and High School Band and Choir is doing an amazing job and that both programs are growing. Mrs. Conner wanted to Thank the staff for a great job and for everything they do.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on February 8, 2024 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 7:16 p.m.



Emily Conner, President



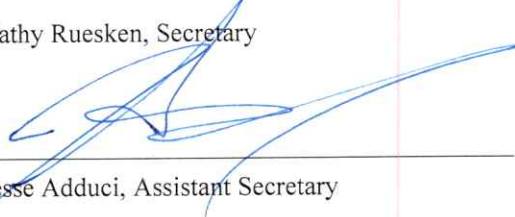
Jason Jaques, First Vice President



Tina Adams, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Jesse Adduci, Assistant Secretary

Resolution # 769

January 11, 2024

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Resolution to Transfer 2024 Interest Income to Rainy Day Fund

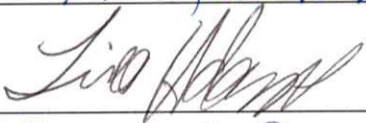
This resolution is adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools of Lake County Indiana


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the resolution to transfer 2024 interest income earned from the


Operating and Reserve Bank Accounts to the Rainy Day Fund on a monthly basis is adopted.

Adopted by the Griffith Public Schools Board of School Trustees on January 11, 2024.



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Resolution # 770

January 11, 2024

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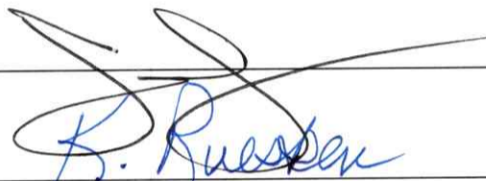
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Lisa Adams

Cindy Owen

