

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2024**

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 March, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board.

Jessie Adduci, 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: Jesse Adduci, President
 Emily Conner, 1st Vice-President
 Jason Jaques, 2nd Vice President
 Kathy Ruesken, Secretary
 Tina Adams, Assistant 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: Megan McGee a Science teacher in the Griffith Middle School brought with her the Executive Director and staff of Emberly's. Emberly's gave a presentation on Communication Boards that allow nonverbal children/adults with all abilities to communicate. For one communication Board the sponsorship fee is \$1,000.00. Mrs. Dumezich asked the board to approve two communication boards, one for each elementary playground. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve two communication boards for the elementary playgrounds. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Dumezich stated she would like more Communication Boards in the schools and would Like to see them through out the parks in Griffith.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to send a personal condolence to the Jennings family. Especially to Brad Jennings and his wife for the passing of Tyler Jennings. Mrs. Dumezich shared that she attended the Exception Learners training in Bloomington with the Special Education director Nalie Stork. Mrs. Dumezich stated the number one topic was mental health. Mrs. Dumezich shared they are looking into for Special Education teachers to receive more Licensure without costing a lot. Mrs. Dumezich shared that Unified sports will be going to state and leaving tomorrow. Mrs. Dumezich stated since March is disability awareness month that the unified wheelchair basketball game will be next Friday. Mrs. Dumezich is excited to share information regarding the Boneyard Ballentine newspaper. Mrs. Dumezich has been working with Ms. Larson, Ms. Taylor, journalism, and yearbook students. Mrs. Dumezich stated that the students will be doing all the work for the newspaper. The newspaper will be printed in Blue Island either the week of Spring break or the week after Spring break. Mrs. Dumezich stated that she posted the finalized legislative and everything in final. Mrs. Dumezich will post about absenteeism. Mrs. Dumezich stated that in 2025 third graders that do not pass will be retained. Mrs. Dumezich shared that if students do not have two passing grades in ELA or Math and do not complete summer school they will be held back. Mrs. Dumezich shared that the Kindergarten Round up will be at Wadsworth.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Alana Anderson Introduced Mr. Farnell and the Science Olympiad team and parents. Mrs. Anderson thanked the parents for getting the students back and forth from practice and meets. Mrs. Dumezich introduced Mrs. Ellen Purkey who is the Math LRE special ed teacher. Mrs. Purkey explained how she incorporates real live events such as the Super Bowl & March Madness into a lesson. She explained that the students really took off with this and are so engaged.

2.4 Finance: Ms. Chance presented the February finance report.

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Adams gave the Park Board updated. Mrs. Adams stated that Tot Park is under construction. They had to do a little extra on the playground. On April 1st tresses and steel will be delivered June 1st playground, August 1st Skate Park. They are looking for a late Fall completion. Central Park baseball project. They

are working on the outfields, looking to get turf fields. Concession stands looking to get new electric. Cheever, Woodland, and Fireman's Park only need a little clean up, they are looking to put in water fountains. Emagine Griffith announced the Spring town wide garage sale which will be May 16th-19th. They will also start tree replacement for the trees that needed to be replaced.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Adduci requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Ruesken 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, Grants, and the following personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT					
March 14, 2024					
<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>				
Rena Schueberg	Bus Aide Transportation	New Hire	2/15/24	\$16.50	Hourly
Holly Kwiatkowski	Paraprofessional SEL 3-5 Beiriger	Luke Haney	2/8/24	\$16.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
Michael Worosz	High School Boys Head Varsity Golf Coach	Michael Was the Previous Boys Golf Coach	3/7/24	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
JR Ford	Spring Season Supervision	New Seasonal Position	3/8/24	\$4,000.00	Seasonal
George Tucker	HS Assistant Track Coach	Split Stipend with Oscar Beecham	3/8/24	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
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Demetri Blanco	Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach	Mike Andree	3/8/24	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
Ivana Mileusnic	Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach	Megan McGee	3/14/24	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
David Rodriguez	Substitute Maintenance District	Did Not Meet Hiring Requirements	2/15/24	\$19.00	Hourly
Ashley Jancosek	Part Time Bus Driver	Resignation	2/12/24	\$24.00	Hourly
Madison Lopez	Bus Aide	No Show/Termination	2/27/24	\$16.50	Hourly
Mike Andree	Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach	Resignation	3/8/24	\$3,435.00	Seasonal
	<i>Other</i>				
Ingrid Jobe	Bus Driver	Ingrid Will Be Moving from A Bus Aide/Mini Bus Driver To A CDL Bus Driver	2/12/24	\$22.00	Hourly
Jessica Romero	Bus Driver	Jessica Will Be Moving from A Bus Aide To A Bus Driver.	2/26/24	\$22.00	Hourly

Sue Cramer	Homebound Teacher - District	N/A	2/13/24	\$28.00	Hourly
Maria Contreras	Special Education Secretary	Maria Is Moving from The Central Office Receptionist To The Special Education Secretary.	Summer Of 2024	\$19.50	Hourly
* Backgrounds Pending Approval					

4.1 Apple iPad Lease Quote: Mr. Adduci presented and asked the board to approve the Apple iPad Lease Quote. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Apple iPad Lease Quote. Mrs. Conner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 2024-2024 Registration: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the 2024-2025 Registration Information. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Registration Information. Mrs. Conner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 2024-2025 School Supply List: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the 2024-2025 School Supply List. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Supply List. Mrs. Adams second the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Second Reading and Adoption Of Policies: Mr. Adduci presented and asked the board to approve the second reading and adoption of policies. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of policies, but table po144.2. Mrs. Conner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 First Reading of Policies: Mr. Adduci presented and asked the board to approve the first reading of policies. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve the first reading of policies. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Concrete Pad Quotes: Mr. Adduci presented and asked the board to approve the concrete pad quotes. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the concrete pad quotes. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Special Education Secretary: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the special education secretary job description. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the special education secretary job description. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 Resource Fair: Mrs. Dumezich presented and requested a motion to approve resource fair. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the resource fair. Mrs. Ruesken second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Resolution #774 Redistricting.: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the resolution #774 redistricting. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve resolution #774 redistricting. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.10 Resolution #775 To Donate Construction Trailers: Mr. Dumezich presented and requested a motion to approve resolution #775 to donate construction trailers. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve resolution #775 to donate construction trailers. Mrs. Conner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.11 Design Criteria Consultant Agreement.: Mrs. Dumezich presented and requested a motion to approve the design criteria consultant agreement. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the design criteria consultant agreement. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


4.12 Two Elementary Playground Communication Boards: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the first reading po1615 Tobacco Use Prevention. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the first reading of policy po1615 Tobacco Use Prevention. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: Mrs. Conner explained why we are donating vs selling the pods. Mrs. Conner wanted to make it clear that it would cost more for us to remove them and break them down verse donating them.

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the Lake County Sheriff department for the helicopter, a special thank you to Dan you, Corporal Ghrist, and officer Hemphill for helping with lining the helicopter for us. A special thank you to Elaine Jelenski for all the work on the Easter Egg Hunt. We have 13,000 eggs.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the High School.

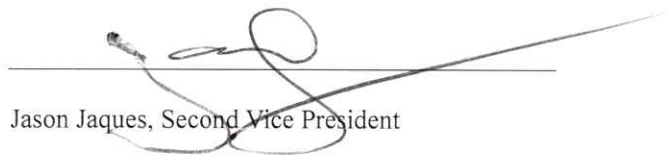
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Ruesken motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.




Jessie Adduci, President



Emily Conner, First Vice President



Jason Jaques, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary