

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 11, 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 Eleventh of April, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board.

Jesse 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 Domezich, 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. Domezich wanted to congratulate the Math Bowl team at Beiriger for first place. Mrs. Domezich wanted to remind everyone that Beauty and the Beast opens next week. The Boneyard Bulletin started going out to the residents. Mrs. Domezich wanted to point out one error that board meetings are the second Thursday of each month and not the third. Mrs. Domezich stressed that if your student was referred for summer school that they need to be registered by the 19th. Mrs. Domezich shared that registration opens on May 1st for returning students only. Registration will be held at Beiriger for returning and new students. Kindergarten registration will be held on April 26, 2024. Mrs. Domezich stated that each principal in the buildings will give a presentation as to how their building is doing and what accomplishments they are making.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mr. Dan Young wanted to acknowledge Danielle Azcona for her quick thinking and action when she found marijuana on a school bus. Mr. Young thanked Danielle for having everything ready for him to investigate and turn it over to the Griffith PD. Danielle's quick actions made Mr. Young's job easier.

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

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Adams gave the Park Board updated. Mrs. Adams stated that Tot Park and Woodland Park are still under construction. The basketball courts are completed. Mrs. Adams stated that they are considering turf at the baseball fields in Central Park.

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, Claims for 3-15/2024-4/11/2024, Fundraisers, Professional Leave, Donations, Grants, Overnight Request, and the following personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT					
April 11, 2024					
Name	Administrator	Replacing	Effective Date(s)	Pay Rate	Hourly, Daily, Seasonal, Yearly Contract
	<i>Certified</i>				
Jeffrey Swisher	High School Social Studies	New Position	24/25 School Year	\$58,000.00	Contract
Ian Vassar	Art Ceramics Internal Transfer	Jim Graff	24/25 School Year	\$52,727.32	Contract
	<i>Non-Certified</i>				
	<i>Extra - Curricular/Athletics</i>				
Robert Robinson	Assistant Boys MS Track Coach	Jodie Barham	4/12/24	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
Jodie Barham	6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Kristin Arras	12/18/23	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
Jodie Barham	Assistant Boys MS Track Coach	Resignation	3/20/24	\$2,290.00	Seasonal
	<i>Other</i>				
Julie Larson	Community Newsletter - Done Quarterly	New Position	4/1/2024	\$2,500.00	Annual
Lisa Crafton	HS Cafeteria Cook	Approved Unpaid Leave	4/1/24	\$17.00	Hourly
Cynthia Minich	Transportation	Approved Intermittent Unpaid Leave	4/2/2024-4/22/2024	\$18.50	Hourly
Lacy Edwards	JV Assistant Girls Track Coach	Incorrect Position Was Approved As Assistant Girls Track Coach	9/15/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
Adam Kessler	JV Assistant Boys T/F Coach	Incorrect Position Was Approved As Assistant Girls Track Coach	11/27/23	\$4,580.00	Seasonal
* Backgrounds Pending Approval					

4.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Policies: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the Seconded Reading And Adoption Of Policies. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policies. Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 First Reading of Policies: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the First Reading of Policies. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policies. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Approval and Adoption of Exhibit A Resolution # 776 Approving Form Of Fifth Amendment To Lease: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the Adoption Of Exhibit A Resolution # 776 Approving Form of Fifth Amendment To Lease. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Adoption of Exhibit A Resolution # 776 Approving Form of Fifth Amendment To Lease. Mrs. Adams second the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Approval and Adoption of Exhibit B Resolution # 777 Determining Need For Project: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion to approve the Adoption Of Exhibit B Resolution # 777 Determining Need For Project. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the Adoption of Exhibit B resolution # 777 Determining Need for Project. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Food Service Request For 2024-2025 Bids: Mr. Adduci presented and requests a motion to approve the Food Service Request For 2024-2025 Bids. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Food Service Request For 2024-2025 Bids. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Employment Specialist Position: Mr. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Employment Specialist Position. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Employment Specialist Position. Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Kindergarten Handbook: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the Kindergarten Handbook. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the Kindergarten Handbook. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 2024 Summer School: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve 2024 Summer School. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the 2024 Summer Schools. Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Approval to Move the May 9, 2024 Board Meeting To May 23, 2024: Mr. Adduci presented and requested a motion for the approval To Move the May 9, 2024 Board Meeting To May 23, 2024. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion for the approval for the May 9, 2024, board meeting to be moved to May 23, 2024. Mr. Jaques second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: One audience participant confirmed that the May board meeting will be held on May 23, 2024. Another audience participant stated that they appreciate the Boneyard Bulletin. Mrs. Dumezich explained that the students and teachers do all the work for the Boneyard Bulletin.

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank Niki Sarver for all her hard work with Grants and that she wears many hats. Mrs. Dumezich explained with the Invention Land grant for grades k-2 & 3-5 that STEM will receive additional design and structures in rooms. Mr. Jaques wanted to share that Mr. Barenie traveled on his own to support the students that went to Indianapolis for the Legion awards for Government. Mr. Jaques stated that we are lucky to have Mr. Barenie.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on June 13, 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. Conner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jaques seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



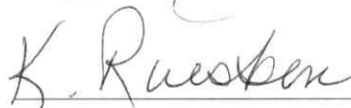
Jesse Adduci, President



Emily Conner, First Vice President



Jason Jaques, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary