

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

July 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 July, 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
Kathy Ruesken, Secretary
Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary

Absent: Jason Jaques, 2nd Vice President

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: One Board member signed up to say a prayer.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to share that summer camps are going on, the high gloss gym floor was finished, the roadway at Wadsworth is in process. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to remind everyone about the Trish Dodson Love Of Learning Center ribbon cutting ceremony on August 1, 2024 at noon at Wadsworth. Mrs. Dumezich stated that furniture will be delivered that we received from grant money. Mrs. Dumezich shared that the maintenance and custodial staff work hard to get ready for the start of school. Mrs. Dumezich is looking forward to welcoming the students back.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mr. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge Corporal Ghrist. Corporal Ghrist received the Regional One SRO Of The Year award. Mrs. Dumezich thanked Corporal Ghrist, and stated we are honored & grateful to have Corporal Ghrist working for the Griffith Public Schools.

2.4 Finance: Ms. Chance presented the finance report.

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Adams reported on the Park Board. Mrs. Adams stated that work is taking place on the Baseball field and should be completed by Spring. The skate park will be completed soon. Mrs. Adams shared that a grant was received to work on the bike trails.

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. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes, Agreements/Contracts, and Claims for Payroll 6/21/2024-7/5/2024, Accounts Payable 6/14/2024-7/11/2024, Professional Leave, Fundraisers, Grants, Donations, and the following Personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT					
July 11, 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>				
Jlysa Wall	Cafeteria Sub Beiriger	Jlysa Will Be Hired As A Sub In The Matron Position. After 60 Days Jlysa Can Become Full Time.	8/1/24	\$15.00	Hourly
Jerry Brown	Bus Driver	Margaret Grabarczyk	8/15/24	\$25.00	Hourly
Roz Pondo	Activity Bus Driver	Roz Will Be Driving The Activity Bus.	8/5/24	\$18.00	Hourly
	<i>Extra-Curricular/Athletics</i>				
	<i>Clubs</i>				
	<i>Separations</i>				
Margaret Grabarczk	Part Time Bus Driver	Resignation	6/24/24	\$24.50	Hourly
Marty Keil	Bus Driver	Resignation	7/1/24	\$22.00	Hourly
Ana Alavanja	FACS Teacher MS/HS	Resignation	7/10/24	\$48,000.00	Contract
Camesha Scheeringa	Para MS/HS	Resignation	7/10/24	\$16.00	Hourly
	<i>Other</i>				
Tiffany Borman	Grade Level Leader 4th Grade Beiriger	\$1,800 Plus 2 Additional Days At Daily Rate	8/19/24	1800 Plus 2 Additional Days At Daily Rate.	Contract
* Backgrounds Pending Approval					

4.1 First Reading Of Policies: Mr. Adduci requested a motion to approve the first reading of policies. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve the First Reading Of Policies. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 2024-2025 Sub Rates: Ms. Chance presented and asked the Board to approve the 2024-2025 Sub Rates. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Sub Rates. Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 New Student Clubs: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the New Student Clubs, the Middle School Boys Baseball, and the Middle School Pantherettes. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve the New Student Clubs, the Middle School Boys Baseball, and the Middle School Pantherettes. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Additional Sick/Personal Days For Clerical Staff: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the Additional Sick/Personal Days For The Clerical Staff. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the Additional Sick/Personal Days For Clerical Staff. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 District Wide Garage Sale Date/Items: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the District Wide Garage Sale Date/Items. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve the District Wide Garage Sale Date/Items. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Resolution # 2024 783 To Transfer Amounts From Education Fund To Operations Fund: Mr. Chance presented and asked the Board to approve Resolution # 2024 783 To Transfer Amounts From Education Fund To Operations Fund. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve Resolution # 2024 783 To Transfer Amounts From Education Fund To Operations Fund. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.7 Resolution # 2024 784 To Increase The Lunch Prices Beginning FY 2024-2025: Mrs. Ulman presented and asked the Board to approve Resolution 2024 784 To Increase The Lunch Prices Beginning the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve Resolution # 2024 784 To Increase The Lunch Prices Beginning the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

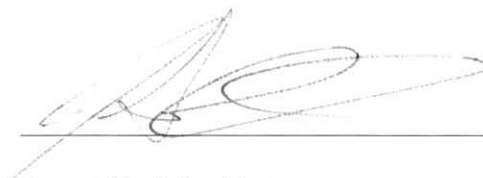
4.8 Meet The Teacher Night: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve Meet The Teacher Night. Mrs. Ruesken made a motion to approve Meet The Teacher Night. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Dumezich reminded everyone that wrist bands are on sale for Western Days. Mrs. Conner wished Superintendent Leah Dumezich a Happy Birthday.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on August 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, Mrs. Conner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Ruesken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6: 31 p.m.



Jesse Adduci, President



Emily Conner, First Vice President

Jason Jaques, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary