

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

September 12, 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 Twelve of September, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board. Pause regular Board meeting to go in the Additional Appropriation hearing.

Mr. 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
 Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary
 Jason Jaques, 2nd Vice President

Absent: Kathy Ruesken, Secretary

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: Board member Mrs. Adams said a prayer.

2.2 Superintendent Update: Mrs. Dumezich shared that she traveled back and forth to Indy throughout the week. Mrs. Dumezich had the honor to attend the teacher of the year gala to honor Mr. Swisher who received the Social Studies teacher of the year award. She stated it was nice to get to know Mr. Swisher and his wife better. Mrs. Dumezich also stated she attended the Administrator of Color conference with Mrs. Cain. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to commend Dr. Sharon Johnson Shirley of Lake Ridge, her and her staff played a big part in hosting the Administrator of Color conference. Mrs. Dumezich shared that it was a great conference with great speakers, and they were able to meet with some House of Representatives. Mrs. Dumezich also attended the IASBO Treasurer's workshop with the new deputy treasurer Kim. Mrs. Dumezich attended the chamber meeting at Central park, and she was able to speak with Indiana House representative Mike Andrade and Indiana Senator Dan Darnell.

2.3 Panther Spotlight: Mrs. Dumezich wanted to acknowledge the alumni class of 1969. The class of 1969 paid for one of our smaller white buses to be wrapped. You will be able to see the bus at the panther pride football game on Friday. Mrs. Dumezich also wanted to acknowledge Mr. Swisher who received the Social Studies teacher of the year award.

2.4 Finance: Mrs. Dumezich presented the finance report for the month of August.

2.5 Board Reports: Mrs. Adams reported on the Park Board. Mrs. Adams stated if you see anyone doing graffiti at any of the parks, please call 911. Mrs. Adams shared that the handball tournament will be held on September 21st. and that the town park employees will be receiving raises. The town wide garage sale will be in October. Mrs. Adams also stated that 40 Christmas trees have been ordered for the Franklin center.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Adduci requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Adams motioned to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. The consent agenda contains the following items: Minutes, Agreements/Contracts, and Claims for Payroll 8/16/2024 – 8/30/2024, Accounts Payable 8/9/2024 -9/12/2024, Professional Leave, Fundraisers, Grants, Donations, Overnight Trip Request, and the following Personnel report:

PERSONNEL REPORT

September 12, 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> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Kimberly Holmquist | Deputy Treasurer | Linda Zaborowski | 8/26/24 | \$95,000.00 | Contract |
| | <i>Certified</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Non Certified</i> | | | | |
| Kerry McGuire | Maintenance High School | Oliver Doppler | 9/13/24 | \$23.50 | Hourly |
| Erika Ortiz | Custodian High School | Sonia Porras | 8/20/24 | \$16.00 | Hourly |
| Haley Smith | Bus Aide | New Position | 9/12/24 | \$16.50 | Hourly |
| Sabrina Ray | Cafeteria Sub High School | Sabrina Will Be Offered Permanent Position After 60 Days. | 9/13/24 | \$16.00 | Hourly |
| Alexi Williams | Paraprofessional Wadsworth | Ashley Morales | 9/12/24 | \$15.50 | Hourly |
| Jesenia Gomez | Bus Driver | Margaret Grabarczyk | 9/23/24 | \$25.00 | Hourly |
| Brandon Stacks | Custodian Wadsworth | New Position | 9/23/24 | \$15.50 | Hourly |
| | <i>Extra-Curricular/Athletics</i> | | | | |
| Sara Jongsma | High School Costume Director | Splitting With Shannon Scheidel Will Receive 25% Stipend | 9/13/24 | \$477.50 | Contract |
| Shannon Scheidel | High School Costume Director | Splitting With Sara Jongsma Will Receive 75% Stipend | 9/13/24 | \$1,432.50 | Contract |
| Castulo Perez | International Club Sponsor | Splitting With Julie Wencloff | 9/13/24 | \$572.50 | Contract |
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| Andrew Braddy | Baseball Head Coach | Amir Wright | 9/16/24 | \$6,870.00 | Contract |
| Christopher Tomesi | Head Boys Golf Coach | Mike Worosz | March Or 2025 | \$4,580.00 | Contract |
| DeDemetri Blanco | Head Boys Track/Field | Anthony Zarndt | 10/1/24 | \$6,870.00 | Contract |
| Christopher Sojka | Middle School Cross Country Coach | Mark Ferino | 6/14/24 | \$1,910.00 | Contract |
| | <i>Clubs</i> | | | | |
| | <i>Separations</i> | | | | |
| Mike Worosz | Boys Head Golf Coach | Resignation | 8/21/24 | \$4,580.00 | Contract |

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| Linda Zaborowski | Deputy Treasurer | Updated Resignation | 7/31/24 | \$75,500.00 | Contract |
| James Graff | Co-Senior Class Sponsor | Resignation | 8/30/24 | \$4,010.00 | Contract |
| Robby Dragomer | Director Of Technology | Resignation | 6/30/25 | \$106,707.96 | Contract |
| Brooke Maglish | Pantherettes Assistant Coach | Resignation | 8/30/24 | \$227.78 | Contract |
| Shannon Hassel | Assistant Girls Varsity Track Coach | Resignation | 9/10/24 | \$4,580.00 | Contract |
| | <i>Other</i> | | | | |
| Julian Camp | Bus Aide | New Position - additional duty for Julian. | 8/28/24 | \$16.00 | Hourly |
| * Backgrounds Pending Approval | | | | | |

4.1 Review Covid Policy And Procedures “NO Change”: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the board to approve the covid policy and procedure that had no changes. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the covid policy and procedure that had no changes. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Grade Span Change To Reflect Wadsworth As PK-5 Due To Social Emotional Program: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the grade span grade change to reflect Wadsworth as PK-5 due to the social emotional program. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the grade span change to reflect Wadsworth as PK-5 due to the social emotional program. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Student/Parent Handbook 2024-2025: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the 2024-2025 student/parent handbook. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 student/parent handbook. Mrs. Adams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Teacher Rubric: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the teacher rubric. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the teacher rubric. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Second Reading And Approval Of Policies: Mr. Adduci. requested a motion to approve the second reading and approval of policies. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the second reading and approval of policies. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.6 First Reading Of Policies: Mr. Adduci 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.

4.7 Proposal To Create A Student Club: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the proposal to create a student club. Mrs. Conner made a motion to approve the proposal to create a student club. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.8 Social Media Litigation: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the social media litigation. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the social media litigation. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.9 Bus Route Changes: Mrs. Dumezich presented and asked the Board to approve the bus route changes. Mr. Jaques made a motion to approve the bus route changes. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4.10 High Altitude Balloon Launches And Satellites: Mrs. Cain presented and asked the Board to approve the high-altitude balloon launches and satellites. Mrs. Adams made a motion to approve the high-altitude balloon launches and satellites. Mrs. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

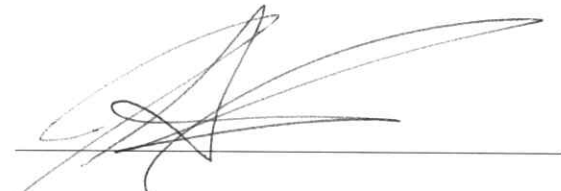
Audience Participation: None

Good of the Corporation: Mrs. Cain wanted to thank all the students and families that came out to McNight. Mrs. Cain stated they raised \$1,300.00. Mrs. Cain shared that literacy night is coming up at Beiriger. Mrs. Dumezich shared that she and Elaine have a new office at Wadsworth, and she thanked Mrs. Jaros and Mrs. Garvey for the warm welcome they gave along with their staff. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the PTC for making all the signs


for panther pride night. Mrs. Dumezich also wanted to thank all the principals, staff, students & families for a great start to the school year. Mrs. Dumezich wanted to thank the families for being patient with transportation, and Mrs. Dumezich explained that we are down a bus driver, and that the director of transportation is driving a bus. Mrs. Dumezich stated there is a national bus driver shortage.

Upcoming Board Meeting: The next Regular School Board meeting will be on October 10, 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 6: 33 p.m.



Jesse Adduci, President



Emily Conner, First Vice President



Jason Jaques, Second Vice President



Kathy Ruesken, Secretary



Tina Adams, Assistant Secretary