

**Grants Pass School District No. 7  
Board Minutes  
June 18, 2024**

**Date and Place  
of Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Grants Pass School District No. 7 Board of Education was held at the GPSD7 District Office and virtually through Zoom, June 18, 2024. Recordings of the meeting can be found on our district web page 48 hours from completion of meeting.

**Attendance**

Present:	Superintendent Sweeney
Board Chair Wilkins	Director Stegemiller
Board Member Brownell	Director Huber-Kantola
Board Member Richardson	Director Thompson
Board Member Schmidt	Director Zottola
Board Member Seable (Absent)	Director Jones (Absent)
Board Member Smith	Director Evens
Board Member Dybdahl	

**Public Hearing for  
the 2024-2025  
Operating Budget**

Board Chair called the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Operating Budget to order at 5:00 PM and asked those in attendance to stand and participate in the pledge of allegiance. Fifteen minutes was allotted to the public for comments. No comments were made.

Member Brownell moved to approve the minutes from the Formal Budget Meeting. Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**General Session:  
Communications  
and Items of  
Information**

Board Chair Wilkins informed those that wish to comment on an agenda item fill out a blue comment card located at the entrance of the District Office. If attending through Zoom, comments can also be made through the Chat Feature. Individuals will be called upon for comment after the agenda item has been presented and discussed by the Budget Committee. Comments are limited to three minutes per individual.

**Consent Agenda**

Member Richardson asked that the Personnel Report be removed from the agenda for further review. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. Member Richardson is concerned at the number of retire/rehires and wanted time to process and understand the language before moving forward. After much discussion it was determined that Member Richardson would look into his concerns and report back to the board at the meeting that has been scheduled for July 9th. There was concern that the July meeting would be too late and asked that it be on the June 25<sup>th</sup> agenda. A roll call vote was taken and the motion did not pass.

Member Richardson moved that the Personnel Report be postponed to the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Member Dybdahl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Wilkins presented the Consent Agenda and explained all items on the Consent Agenda may be approved by a single motion unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests an item be removed and voted upon separately. Board Chair asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include three action items; OSBA Rural Advisory Committee Application, Approving Resolution 2324.13 – Surplus Property (Stringer Gap); and Approving My Tech High and the approval of the draft minutes from the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Member Smith moved to approve the amended June 18<sup>th</sup> agenda and approval of the May 14<sup>th</sup> draft minutes. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and all were in favor.

**Reports**

**GPSD7 Annual  
Equity Team Report**

Victoria Lopez-Garret presented the first Annual Equity Team Report.

**Purpose:**

- The purpose of the EAC is to provide communication and feedback to the Superintendent and the School Board about equity issues in schools. See ORS 329.711.
- TIDE will develop the key topics to be shared with the District.
- The EAC will also bring back communication from the Superintendent and the School Board to TIDE for the work that is happening.

The major task for this year was to enhance resources and information for parents of special education students. The districts webpage for Special Services has been updated with policies linked specific to students special needs and a FAQ piece has been added for both Special Education (IEP's) and 504 plans. The committee reviewed and gave input to Policy KAB – Parental Rights and Resolution 2324-02 – Cultivating Inclusion and Individual Empowerment. Moving forward the committee would like to see more frequent communications about TIDE events for students, parents and the community. The committee would like the district to consider moving the TIDE meetings to the different schools and provide virtually so more parents and students can access them.

[Riverside Elementary School After School Programs](#)

Principal Henderson reported on the many after school programs that Riverside Elementary School offers.

Member Smith asked about transportation for students who participate in after school activities. Currently one day is provided. The District would like to increase this service over time if staffing and the budget allow.

[Expulsion Summary for the 2023-2024 School Year](#)

Director Thompson gave a summary of school expulsions for the 2023-2024 school year. Member Schmidt is hoping that drug awareness/prevention will be addressed in the Strategic Plan.

[ADM Overview](#)

Operations Manager Blanchard reviewed ADM. Enrollment is how many students are attending on any given day. The District receives money from the state based on our ADM. ADMr is average daily membership. ADM is not about how many days a student attends but how many days the student is enrolled.

[GPSD7 Retiree Recognition](#)

GPSD7 2024 Retiree Video

**Superintendent Report**

The District is looking at how to offer GPFLEX Elementary as a viable alternative for our families. It will be challenging to do this successfully between now and August. The offer is still available with My Tech High and the District can commit to one year and then review. We do not want to do this poorly. By partnering with them for K-8, it allows us time to learn and really be thoughtful and set up GPFLEX for our elementary students successfully. Principal Jaroslow has reached out to all families who have requested a transfer to My Tech High. Sixteen families, totaling 21 kids, are interested in seeing what the success of our program is in the spring of 2025. In the spring we can give families something more concrete. Superintendent Sweeney recommends that we contract with My Tech High for one year.

**OSBA Rural Advisory Committee**

Board Chair Wilkins asked the members to review the materials from the OSBA Rural Advisory Committee and come prepared to the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to decide if the Board is going to move forward with the appeal to join.

**Board Reports**

Member Schmidt thoroughly enjoyed all the graduation celebrations and was especially moved by the New Bridge HS ceremony.

Member Dybdahl thanked the District for beginning the process on the much-needed bathrooms at the softball fields.

Member Richardson attended a conference on academic for schools. There was a lot of discussion about curriculum. More information on this to come.

**Action Items**

Member Schmidt moved to approve the Second Reading of Policiy [9.1.1 DN – Disposal of District Policy](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and passed unamimously.

Member Schmidt moved to approve 9.2 Approval GPFLEX – Elementary. Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Brownell moved to approve 9.3 [Resolution 2324.09 Appropriation Transfer General Fund](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Brownell moved to approve 9.4 [Resolution 2324.10- Adoption of SBITA](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Brownell moved to approve 9.5 [Resolution 2324.11 Adopting the 2024.2025 Budget](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Member Schmidt moved to approve 9.6 [Resolution 2324.12-Appropriation for Bus Replacement and Capital Projects](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Smith moved to approve [9.7 Resolution 2324.13 Surplus Properties on Stringer Gap](#). Member Schmidt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Schmidt moved to approve 9.8 [Approval 250 slots for My Tech High](#). Member Smith seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the vote was 5:1 with Member Richardson voting no.

**Future Meeting Dates**

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM District Office  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Policy Committee @ 12:00 PM District Office  
August 13<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ 5:00 PM District Office  
August 19<sup>th</sup> – All Staff Welcome Back @ 7:30 AM PAC  
August 20<sup>th</sup> – Finalize Strategic Plan @ 12:00 PM District Office  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – Policy Committee @ 5:00 PM District Office

**Recess General Session**

Board Chair Wilkins recessed the General Session at 8:07 PM

**Executive Session**

Board Chair Wilson called to order the Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b) at 8:12 PM

**Reconvene General Session**

Board Chair Wilkins reconvened the General Session at 8:28 PM

**Action Items from Executive Session Under ORS 192.660 (2)(d)**

Member Smith moved to approve MOA GPACE Activity Trips. Member Dybdahl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Smith moved to approve MOA Early Retirement – New Bridge. Member Dybdahl seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn General Session**

Board Chair Wilkins adjourned the General Session at 8:30 PM

Board Chair

Date

Approved by the  
Board of Directors at the  
June 18, 2024 Board Meeting.  
The full board meeting can be  
viewed [HERE](#).

Superintendent

Date