

Grand Coulee Dam School District 301J

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

Board Meeting

3/24/2025 05:30 PM

Call Meeting to Order: Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson started the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present-Shannon Nicholson, Rich Black, George LaPlace, Alex

Tufts, Buffy Nicholson, Rod Broadnax, Aj Cannon & Riley Ayling,

Approval of Agenda (Action): It was m/s by Alex/Rich to approve the agenda as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

1. Consent Agenda

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Buffy to approve the consent agenda (5-0) Motion Passed.

2. Approval of Expenditures

(Action)

General Fund

Warrant #301024066-301024129

\$222,229.90

Warrant #301024133

\$816.17

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant #301024131

\$3,507.86

ASB Fund

Warrant #301024132

\$98.52

Warrant #301024134-301024140

\$5,779.91

Payroll

Warrant #301024048-301024065

\$896,145.46

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the expenditures as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

3. Superintendent Report

(Information)

Superintendent, Rod Broadnax shared his report with the board.

4. Board Award

(Presentation)

The vice chair, Rich Black presented the 'Board Award' to Karen Depew this month, she has worked for our

school district for many years and continues to help us with our EP&O Levy.

5. Budget Status

(Information)

Our business manager, Susie Marchand shared this months budget status

6. Enrollment Report

(Information)

This months enrollment FTE is 633.13

7. Public Comment

No public comment

8. Student Rep.

(Information)

Student Rep, Riley shared that she and Mrs. Atkins talked to Only 7 Seconds and the possibility to hopefully order the curriculum soon.

9. Reports

(Information)

a. Elementary-Lisa Lakin

Elementary Principal, Lisa Lakin shared her report with the board. Some topics Lisa shared are:

- The book fair will be in the elementary gym all this week.
- Teachers and students are preparing for Student Led Conferences.
- As the weather gets nicer, they will have students doing a campus clean up to show pride and respect for our school and community.
- PSE Week March 17-21

b. Jr./Sr. High-Natalie Kontos

Jr./Sr. High principal, Natalie Kontos shared her report with the board. Some topics she shared are:

- March Madness attendance challenge. Currently have 3 teachers with perfect scores.
- Seniors Vs. Staff Basketball Game. ASB President and School Board Rep, Riley Ayling coordinated a super fun event of Seniors vs. Staff Basketball. It was Awesome!
- Student-Led conferences start today 3/24
- Mr. Files junior English class performed the Crucible in class.
- Patty Oliver's Culinary Arts classes made 100 cupcakes for all staff during our PSE Appreciation Week.

c. ALE-Shamra Steffler

ALE Director, Shamra Steffler shared her report with the board.

- In-Person attendance is steady but Spring Fever has hit. Shamra has started a March Madness Challenge. The student who completes the most courses will win a prize at the end of the month.
- The students have completed 30 courses for a total of 15 credits since the last board meeting.
- Shamra and students have started their own SEL time. They named it "chit chat time" The main topic is life outside of ALE and beyond High School. The goal is to get them to explore their interests and think about the next steps in life. Most students are interested in exploring trade schools upon completing High School.

d. CTE Director-Susan Duclos

CTE Director, Susan Duclos shared her report with the board.

- This month Mount Tolman presentation for Summer Youth
- Susan, Tex, and Rachel went to The Big Picture Learning model in Spokane. It is student-centered, relationship-driven educational approach that emphasizes personalization, real-world learning, and authentic assessment, focusing on student interests and needs to foster meaningful learning

experiences.

e. Athletic Director-Casey Brewster

Athletic Director, Casey Brewster shared his report with the board.

- HS Spring sports started on March 3rd.
- MS Spring sports started on March 17th
- Senior Vs. Staff games event was a success.

f. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins

Indian Education Director, Ashley Atkins shared her report with the board.

- The March PAC meeting was successful.
- A significant portion of this month has been dedicated to completing the Title VI Part I application.
- The projected student count for the 2025-2026 school year is 414, reflecting a 9% decrease from last years 455.
- Study Hall in Partnership with YDP
- JOM has a total of 403 students.

g. Federal/State Programs-Carrie Derr

Federal/State Programs Director, Carrie Derr shared her report with the board.

- The Data Analysis Team will present at the first April board meeting.
- Susie and Carrie meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to review budgets and make adjustments.
- Summer Program (LAP/Migrant funded) No meals will be provided during the Summer this year.
- Highly Capable Program- Universal Screening and Spring referrals are complete.

h. Special Education-Kathryn Logue

Special Education Director, Kathryn Logue shared her report.

- Life Skills, 22 Students
- Speech Students, 54
- OT/PT Students, 8
- Parent survey will be released the first week of May. This survey is to identify if parents have some needs as far as training/parent night topics for 2025-2026 school year.

10. Continuing Business

a. Approval of Electric Bus

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Alex to approve the electric bus contingent of the allocation of the Grant. (5-0)
Motion Passed.

b. Final Approval of 2 Sport Athlete in 1 Season

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Alex to approve the 2 sport athlete in 1 season, with one modification of 3.0 being the minimum GPA a student can have (5-0) Motion Passed.

c. Combining Athletics With Nespelem

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/Rich to discontinue neighboring school district students from playing sports at GCDS if they are not enrolled in our district (GCDS) (5-0) Motion Passed.

11. New Business

a. Approval of Field Trip-Ashley Atkins

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/George to approve the field trip presented by Ashley Atkins. (5-0) Motion Passed.

b. April 14th Board Meeting Date Change

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to change our regularly scheduled April 14th meeting to April 21st. (5-0) Motion Passed.

c. Approval of Bus/Vehicle Surplus

(Action)

It was m/s by George/Buffy to approve the Bus/Vehicle surplus as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

d. Approval of Donations

(Action)

It was m/s by George/Rich to approve the donations as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

12. Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for 1 hour.

13. Open Session

The board came out of executive session and into open session at 8:15 pm.

14. Personnel Items

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/Rich to approve the personnel items as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.


a. Resignation

b. Leave of Absence

15. Adjourn

(Action)

It was m/s by George/Buffy to adjourn the meeting. Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.


Rod Broadnax
Board Secretary


Shannon Nicholson
Board Chair