

# Grand Coulee Dam School District 301J

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Directors

#### Board Meeting

10/27/2025 05:30 PM

Call Meeting to Order: Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Alex Tufts, George LaPlace, Buffy Nicholson, Rod Broadnax, Aj Canon, Kayman Jordan. Absent: Rich Black

Approval of Agenda (Action): It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the agenda with the additions of: Senior Trip, Book Surplus & AdHoc Alternante. Items will be placed under New Business (4-0) Motion Passed.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the minutes as presented. (4-0) Motion Passed.

#### 2. Approval of Expenditures

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the expenditures, but table item 418, 419. (4-0) Motion Passed.

#### General Fund Vouchers:

Warrant #311000373-311000449

\$243,895.89

#### Payroll:

Warrant # 311000356-311000372

\$919,854.65

#### ASB Fund:

Warrant #314000022-314000037

\$18,134.13

#### Capital Projects:

Warrant #312000012

\$5,690.00

#### 3. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Mr. Broadnax shared his report with the board.

#### 4. Superintendent Award

Mr. Broadnax presented the Superintendent Award to Elementary Teacher, Jenna Engeland.

#### 5. Budget Status

(Information)

Business Manager, Susie Marchand shared this months budget status with the board.

#### 6. Enrollment Report

(Information)

This months enrollment is 609.77 FTE

**7. Public Comment**

Lucille Stanger had questions regarding student sports.

**8. Student Rep.**

**(Information)**

Student Reps shared that their classmates have stated they would like a longer lunch

**9. Reports**

**(Information)**

**a. Elementary-Lisa Lakin**

Elementary Principal, Lisa Lakin shared her report with the board.

- September attendance was better than any single month last year.
- Teachers are doing great with turning in their lesson plans
- Conferences begin this week
- Harvest Festival was a huge success
- Annual costume parade will be held on October 29th at 9:00 am

**b. Jr./Sr. High-Natalie Kontos**

Jr./Sr. High principal Natalie Kontos shared her report with the board.

- Students have been preparing for upcoming conferences by writing personalized email invitations to their guardians.
- Last week 9-12 graders celebrated Spirit Week for Homecoming
- Big Thank You to Ashley Atkins for a successful Harvest Festival
- Raiders of the Week: Samuel Shockley, Kenzie Portch, Marissa Burton, and Kaden Epperson.
- 10/28 Pitcher Re-takes

**c. ALE-Shamra Steffler**

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

- There are now 33 students in ALE
- Gettign ready for conferences with parents
- Saving money on transportation and using the District vehicle to transport the kids.

**d. CTE Director-Susan Duclos**

CTE Director Susan Duclos shared her report with the board.

- Applied of Digital Photography framework
- Received Perkins Grant and applied for Perkins Reserved.
- Transition to Skills USA is still in the process, having our first concessions and selling Spooky Grams as a fundraiser.
- Seniors took their first Pre-test for 21 Century Skills certification; several would have certified already with 80% Will continue process.

**e. Athletic Director-Casey Brewster**

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

- Raiders have been competing in 8-man football this season.
- Girls soccer team has earned the opportunity to host the 1st round of league playoffs this Saturday
- A new Jess Ford sponsorship sign has been added to the football scoreboard, and we are currently waiting for three additional sponsor signs, Coulee Dam Concrete, Siam Palace and Nespelem Valley Electric.

**f. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins**

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

- Harvest Night was a tremendous success, with 400 people in attendance
- JOM funds continue to support student snacks and nutrition, ensuring students have access for focus and learning
- Study Hall Support: YDP/GCDS staff and mentors provide after-school homework help and academic enrichment through the Indian Education Study Hall program.

**g. Federal/State Programs-Carrie Derr**

Executive Director of Support Services, Carrie Derr shared her report with the board.

- 5 students have been referred for Highly Capable Program; the team will meet to make determinations on eligibility.
- Safety Bulletin Boards have been updated. Information shared with staff and slips, trips, and falls
- Safety Walk-through is scheduled for October 28th, Steve will coordinate with NCESD.
- Consolidation grant Approved.
- LAP notification letter mailed home
- Friday Breakfast/Lunch Bags: There seems to be a considerable amount of waste, so teachers have been asked to reach out to families during conferences to determine student needs.

**h. Special Education-Kathryn Logue**

Special Education Director, Kathryn Logue shared her report with the board.

- Current count is 89 Students with active IEPs
- Nov 1 2025 is federal count, This determines the funding that we will receive for next years education services.
- 2023-2024 Leaver Survey is Due
- Students who qualify can now receive special education services through their 22nd Birthday.
- We were not flagged for discipline disproportionately.

**10. Continuing Business**

The board decided to approve the expenditures that they tabled earlier.

- It was m/s by George/Buffy to approve expenditure item 419 (3-1) Alex abstained Motion Passed.
- It was m/s by George/Buffy to approve expenditure item 418 (3-1) Shannon abstained Motion Passed.

**11. New Business**

**a. Approval of Technology Surplus (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the technology surplus as presented. (4-0) Motion Passed.

**b. First Reading of Policy 6220-Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the first reading of policy 6220-Bid or Request for Proposal (4-0) Motion Passed.

**c. Request Support From The Colville Tribes for a Letter to Representative Newhouse. (Action)**

It was m/s by Alex/Buffy to approve and support a letter on behalf of the district and the tribe. (4-0) Motion Passed.

**d. Senior Trip (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the senior advisors to use a travel agent costing 22k. (4-0) Motion Passed.

**e. Book Surplus (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Buffy to approve the book surplus as presented. (4-0) Motion Passed.

**f. AdHoc Committee Alternate (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Alex to have Rich Black fill in for George LaPlace at the upcoming AdHoc committee meeting. (4-0) Motion Passed.

**12. Board Comments (Discussion)**

Buffy asked where we are at on the water fountains at the old middle school.

**13. Executive Session**

The board went into executive session at 7:03 pm for 15 mins. The board came out at 7:18 and extended executive session for 10 more mins,

**14. Open Session**

At 7:28 pm the board came out of executive session and into Open Session

**15. Personnel Items (Action)**

No personnel items

**16. Adjourn (Action)**

It was m/s by George/Buffy to adjourn the meeting. (4-0) Motion Passed. Board Chair, Shanon Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

  
Rod Broadnax  
Board Secretary

  
Shanon Nicholson  
Board Chair