

Grand Coulee Dam School District 301J

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

Board Meeting

11/24/2025 05:30 PM

Call Meeting to Order: Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Buffy Nicholson, Alex Tufts, George LaPlace, Rich Black, Shannon Nicholson, Rod Broadnax, AJ Cannon, & Kayman Jordan.

Approval of Agenda (Action): M/s by Rich/Alex to approve the agenda with the addition of First Reading of Policy 3241 & December Board Meetings. (5-0)

Motion Passed.

1. Approval of Minutes

(Action)

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

2. Approval of Expenditures

(Action)

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

-General Fund Vouchers:

Warrant #311000468-311000526

\$249,673.21

-Payroll:

Warrant #311000450-311000467

\$926,072.04

-ASB Fund:

Warrant #314000038-314000040

\$1,836.89

-Capital Projects:

Warrant #312000013-312000014

\$2,986.91

-Transportation Vehicle Fund:

Warrant #319000002

\$189,100.85

3. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Rod Broadnax shared his report with the board.

4. Budget Status

(Information)

Business Manager, Susie Marchand shared this months budget status.

5. Enrollment Report

(Information)

Enrollment for this month is 608.55 FTE

6. Public Comment

Teachers Union came and spoke/asked questions about the budget.

7. Student Rep.

(Information)

Nothing to share

8. Reports

(Information)

a. Elementary-Lisa Lakin

Elementary Principal, Lisa Lakin was absent from this meeting

b. Jr./Sr. High-Natalie Kontos

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

-Held a Raider assembly to celebrate our October students who earned perfect attendance, achieved Green Zone attendance, and were selected by staff as Core Value award winners.

-LR AISES and the Nespelem Youth Council hosted a Theme Week in celebration of Indigenous Week.

-Ashley Atkins & Tex Prewitt took a group of juniors and seniors on a visit to Spokane Community College on Nov 18th.

c. ALE-Shamra Steffler

Shamra Steffler shared her report with the board.

-Enrollment: There are now 34 students at the ALE.

-After C=conferences Shamra contacted all the families and had some very meaningful and helpful conversations.

d. CTE Director-Susan Duclos

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

-Looking for board approval for making Financial Literacy a requirement, CTE (2) year requirement as well as having students Social Security Numbers on their enrollment forms (Needed for applications and FASFA)

-Revisit the possibilities of working with Nespelem and their CTE department and/or start advertising for next year's instructor.

-Approved Digital Photography Framework.

e. Athletic Director-Casey Brewster

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

-LR has submitted an official petition to the WIAA to opt down to 8-man football for the 2026 season.

-Participation remains strong across all winter programs.

-Both HS Wrestling programs and HS Basketball programs are particularly strong.

f. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins

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

-The Veterans assembly went very well and was a meaningful tribute to those who served.

-PAC meeting this month was a success with about 15 attendees-including several new families.

-To honor Native American Heritage Month they hosted a two-night Ribbon Shirt and Skirt Making Workshop with Lacey Bacon.

g. Executive Director of Support Services-Carrie Derr

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

-District Assessment Coordinator duties are being transitioned to different staff. With Carrie being the main DAC Contact.

-Safety walk-through was completed on October 28th.

- Carrie meets regularly with Susie to discuss all things budget.

-Highly Capable notification letters have been mailed home.

-State Assessment (SBA/WCAS) family letters will be mailed home in the next couple of weeks.

h. Special Education-Kathryn Logue

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

-Current count 89 students.

-North Central Education Foundation Awarded Roxanne Cummings and Tami Nichols \$600.00

-Are making connections to different work sites to find students internship experiences.

9. Continuing Business

a. Senior Trip Guidelines Update

(Action)

This item was tabled

10. New Business

a. Approval of Emergency Budget Resolution 25-26/03

(Action)

It was m/s by George/Rich to table this item. (5-0) Motion Passed.

b. Approval of Budget Reduction Recommendations from the Superintendent (Part 1)

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Alex to approve the Budget Reduction Recommendation (3-2) Shannon & Buffy-Nay Motion Passed.

c. Approval of Resolution 25-26/01-Construction Completion

(Action)

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve Resolution 25-26/01 Construction Completion (5-0) Motion Passed.

d. Approval of Resolution 25-26/02-Construction Completion

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve Resolution 25-26/02 Construction Completion (5-0) Motion Passed.

e. Approval of Out Of Endorsement

(Action)

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

f. Wrestling Trips (Casey Brewster)

(Action)

M/s by Rich/George to approve wrestling trips contingent on ASB approval. (5-0) Motion Passed.

g. Safety Report

(Information)

The board and the superintendent reviewed the safety report provided.

h. First reading of Policy 3241

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the first reading of Policy 3241. (5-0) Motion Passed.

i. December Board Meetings

(Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Alex to to reschedule the Dec 8th board meeting to the 10th and also have a board meeting on the 22nd as well. all beginning at 5:30 pm (5-0) Motion Passed.

11. Board Comments

(Discussion)

No comments

12. Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 7:50 pm for 20 mins

13. Open Session

The board came out of executive session and into Open Session at 8:20 pm

14. Personnel Items

(Action)

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

15. Adjourn

(Action)

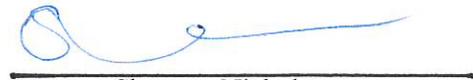
It was m/s by Buffy/George to adjourn the meeting. (5-0) Motion Passed.

Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

16. Closed Session

a. Student Hearing


Rod Broadnax
Board Secretary


Shannon Nicholson
Board Chair