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 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON
 March 11, 2025

Marilyn A. Mondragon, Secretary to the Board

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting - February 11, 2025

A. Board of Directors Regular Meeting - February 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Opening Items - (3 Mins. Allotted)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call - (Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President)

District Administration Office/Board meeting room; President Vincent T. Tomasulo called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Garfield County School District No. 16 to order at 5:00 p.m.

Brent Baker - Present
 Keith Gronewoller - Present
 Samuel W. Stewart - Present
 Vincent T. Tomasulo- Present
 Kimberly S. Whelan - Present

Staff Present:

Dr. Jennifer A. Baugh, Superintendent
 Amber Clark, Assistant Superintendent
 Chelsey Gerard, Chief Financial Officer
 Nathan A. Humphrey, Chief of Operations & Innovation
 Marilyn A. Mondragon, Exec. Asst. to the Supt. & BOE/HR Spec.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - (Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President)
3. Approval of Agenda - February 11, 2025 - (Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President)

M/S Whelan/Gronewoller:

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

B. Work Session - (30 Mins. Allotted)

1. Grand Valley Middle School Report - Kim Davis, Principal - (10 Mins. Allotted)
2. Transportation Department Report - Nathan Humphrey, Director of Operations & Innovation - (20 Mins. Allotted)

C. Consent Agenda/Blanket Motion for Items - (3 Mins. Allotted)

1. Board of Education Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2025 - (Marilyn Mondragon, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Board)
2. Personnel Matters - Contracted Certified/Classified Employees - (Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent)
3. Financial Matters - (Chelsey Gerard, Chief Financial Officer)
4. Approval of Consent Agenda - (Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President)

M/S Gronewoller/Stewart:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda/Blanket Motion for Items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

D. Audience Members Who May Wish to Address the Board - (3 Mins. Allotted Per Person)

There being no audience members present to address the Board; this matter was passed.

E. Unfinished Business - Information Items - Discussion - (15 Mins. Allotted)

1. Board of Education Policies, Regulations, and Exhibits - Information Only - (Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent) - (10 Mins. Allotted)

The following policies, regulations, and exhibits were laid on the table at the regular meeting of the Board held on September 10, 2024. The Colorado Association of School Boards has been revising the language further and will distribute a special policy update with the additional changes. These policies, regulations, and exhibits will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

AC Nondiscrimination Equal Opportunity

AC-R-1 Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Students - Regulation

AC-R-2 Harassment and Discrimination Investigation Procedures for Employees, Applicants for Employment, and Members of the Public - Regulation

AC-R-3 Sex-Based Harassment Investigation Procedures - Regulation

AC-E-1 Nondiscrimination Equal Opportunity - Exhibit

AC-E-2 Nondiscrimination Equal Opportunity - Exhibit

GBAA Sex-Based Harassment

JBB Sex-Based Harassment

2. Science Curriculum Update - Amber Clark, Assistant Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

A decision on a new science curriculum has not been made. The established committee met yesterday, and they will meet again on March 10th to determine their final selection.

F. Unfinished Business - Action Items - (15 Mins. Allotted)

1. Authorization of the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Garfield 16 and Garfield County Urban Renewal Commission - Travis Elliott, Parachute Town Manager, and Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

M/S Gronewoller/Baker:

Motion was made to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Garfield 16 and Garfield County Urban Renewal Commission as presented.

A brief discussion was held with questions being addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-abstain, Tomasulo-abstain, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

2. Authorization of the Annual Sponsorship for Phoenix (a.k.a., KSUN) Community Radio - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

A brief discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Board to place this matter on a future Board agenda. The Board has suggested a potential student-based internship be established at the community radio station.

3. Authorization of a Mathematics Curriculum - Amber Clark, Assistant Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

M/S Gronewoller/Baker:

Motion was made to approve the purchase of a Mathematics curriculum through the National Geographic Learning Cengage for a maximum cost of \$118,052.00 as presented.

A brief discussion was held with questions being addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

G. New Business - Information Items - Discussion - (15 Mins. Allotted)

1. Board of Education Policy GBQE - Voluntary Longevity Incentive Program - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

Board of Education policy GBQE - Voluntary Longevity Incentive Program was presented for information only. The proposed revisions being made to this policy will phase this program out over time.

2. Confluence Early Childhood Education Special District Plan - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

The Board was presented information pertaining to the Confluence Early Childhood Education Special District Plan, which is a proposed sales tax of 0.25% (25 cents on a \$100 purchase) that would fund high-quality early childhood programs. Food for home consumption, medicine and medical equipment, diapers, and feminine hygiene supplies would be exempt from the proposed sales tax increase being presented to the voters at the November 2025 election.

3. Superintendent of Schools Evaluation Tool & Process - Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President - (5 Mins. Allotted)

The Board will be finalizing the evaluation tool to include the established annual goals. This tool will be utilized for the Superintendent of Schools annual evaluation. Once the evaluation tool has been finalized, it will be sent to each member of the Board. President Tomasulo requested that the completed evaluation should be submitted directly to him. The results will be compiled and shared with Dr. Jennifer Baugh.

H. New Business - Action Items - (20 Mins. Allotted)

1. Authorization to Endorse the Confluence Early Childhood Education Special District Plan - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

M/S Stewart/Gronewoller:

Motion was made to approve the endorsement of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Special District Plan as presented.

A brief discussion was held with questions being addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-no, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-no.

Motion Carried.

2. Authorization of the Newsela Content & Assessment Platform - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

M/S Baker/Stewart:

Motion was made to approve the purchase of the Newsela Content & Assessment Platform, non-controversial content option, for English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies content for the Grand Valley Middle School for \$4,972.50 as presented.

A brief discussion was held with questions being addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

3. Authorization of a Motivational Keynote Speaker Agreement for March 10-11, 2025 - Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Superintendent - (5 Mins. Allotted)

M/S Gronewoller/Whelan:

Motion was made to approve the Keynote Speaker Agreement through Key Speakers for \$16,500.00 for the district-wide professional development day on March 10th and for students on March 11th as presented.

A brief discussion was held with questions being addressed.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

4. Determination/Input for Future Work Session(s)/Meeting(s) - Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President - (5 Mins. Allotted)

- March 11, 2025 - May Fest
- March 11, 2025 - Bea Underwood Elementary Report - Amber Scott, Principal
- March 11, 2025 - Bea Underwood Elementary Project Update - Colleen Kaneda, Dynamic Program Management LLC Principal
- April 8, 2025 - Grand Valley Center for Family Learning Report- Kim Frees, Principal
- May 13, 2025 - Outdoor Education Program Report - Ari Philipson, Outdoor Education Coordinator
- June 10, 2025 - School Based Family Resource Center - Claudia Flores Cruz, SBFRC Coordinator
- A future work session will be scheduled for the purposes of discussions pertaining to Artificial Intelligence and the development of strategies and policies.

I. New Business - Reports - (45 Mins. Allotted)

1. Chief Financial Officer's Report (Chelsey Gerard) - (10 Mins. Allotted)

- The budget for fiscal year 2026 is in the preliminary stage of being developed. The Colorado school finance formula has not been finalized. District officials should have more information regarding the financial forecast by March 17th.
- District officials met with representatives from the Colorado Employee Benefit Trust (CEBT) today regarding the health insurance renewal rates. The district will realize a 16.5% increase.
- The Colorado River BOCES has reviewed their 2024-2025 budget, and they are discussing potential changes to the Yampah Mountain High School budget. Discussion is ongoing regarding converting Yampah Mountain High School to a charter school.
- District officials have continued to collaborate with representatives from Tyler Technology on system clean-up and training. A grant was applied for \$35,000.00 to cover the costs associated with the training.
- The district will be moving to bi-weekly pay commencing July 1, 2025.

2. Chief of Operations & Innovation Report (Nathan Humphrey) - (10 Mins. Allotted)

- District officials solicited bids for a telephone replacement system. Thus far, two bids have been received with one more bid being expected. All telephones are expected to be replaced by this summer.
- Teacher Station Technology Pilot Program has been established. Ten sets have been ordered. These stations will replace the current technology being utilized.

- The district has received information from ABRE regarding student data, which reflected various data issues. These issues are currently being review and resolved.
- District officials will be soliciting bids for copier machine replacement.

3. Assistant Superintendent's Report (Amber Clark) - (10 Mins. Allotted)

- The district-wide professional development day will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Grand Valley High School. After the keynote speaker, all district staff can select from 22-24 different sessions to attend.
- District officials continue to operate the Induction Program for the brand-new teachers. An induction certificate will be provided at the completion of the program.
- There are currently ten employees participating in the Colorado Mountain Collage Apprenticeship Program compared to five employees last semester.
- District officials have attended 40 hours of training with Tyler Technology representatives.
- District officials will be attending local job fairs, and they will attend job fairs being held at adjacent states.
- Students have completed the ACCESS for ELLs assessment, which will be boxed and sent off this Friday.
- Amber Clark and Nathan Humphrey attended a CMAS training course yesterday.

4. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Jennifer Baugh) - (10 Mins. Allotted)

- Discussions are being held with representatives from both the Roaring Fork and Re-2 school districts regarding benefits and common issues.
- Dr. Baugh publicly acknowledged and thanked Gary Skalla and all the employees who assisted with the Grand Valley High School wrestling tournament.

5. Board of Education Reports - (5 Mins. Allotted)

- Colorado River BOCES has hired Mr. Leon Hanhardt the new Executive Director replacing Dr. Ken Haptonstall.

J. Audience Members Who May Wish to Address the Board - (3 Mins. Allotted Per Person)

There being no audience members present to address the Board; this matter was passed.

K. Adjournment - (1 Min. Allotted)

1. Adjourn the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Garfield County School District 16

M/S Gronewoller/Stewart:

Motion was made to adjourn the February 11, 2025, regular meeting of the Board at 7:45 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Baker-aye, Gronewoller-aye, Stewart-aye, Tomasulo-aye, Whelan-aye.

Motion Carried.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Garfield County School District No. 16 adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Marilyn A. Mondragon
Secretary to the Board of Directors

Vincent T. Tomasulo, Board President

Keith Gronewoller, Board Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: All documents supporting the items discussed can be reviewed at the District Administration Office, 0460 Stone Quarry Road, Parachute, Colorado.