

Grand Coulee Dam School District 301J

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

Board Meeting

505 Crest Dr.
Coulee Dam, WA 99116
Jr./Sr. High Library

1/26/2026 05:30 PM

Call Meeting to Order: Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Shannon Nicholson, Rich Black, Alex Tufts, George LaPlace, Karen Wapato, Rod Broadnax.
Approval of Agenda (Action): M/s by Rich/George to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Hire-Lacy Walker-1 hr. custodian (5-0)
Motion Passed

1. Approval of Minutes

(Action)

It was m/s by Alex/Rich to approve the minutes 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:

Warrant #311000617-311000662
\$197,092.96

Payroll:

Warrant #311000598-311000616
\$905,079.68

ASB Fund:

Warrant #314000049-31400061
\$7,232.60

Capital Projects:

Warrant #312000015
\$49,687.08

3. Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Rod Broadnax shared his report with the board.

4. Budget Status

(Information)

Susie was absent from this meeting but provided budget information.

5. Public Comment

No public comment

6. Enrollment Report

(Information)

FTE for the month of January is 601

7. Student Rep.

(Information)

No student reps

8. Reports

(Information)

a. Elementary-Lisa Lakin

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

-Have made the transition from 3 3rd grade classes down to 2. We communicated with parents about the change.

-Report cards will be mailed out this week with semester progress.

-Will be holding a family lunch "Lunch with your love" on February 13th. We are excited for another family meal.

-Counseling office has been working non stop to support students both in their offices as well as pushing into classrooms and teaching about building and positive relationships.

-Discipline is going very well. We have only 4 one day suspensions and 3 days of students in ISS.

b. Jr./Sr. High-Natalie Kontos

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

-In the two weeks leading up to Winter Break, students participate in a winter door-decorating contest. Students in those Raider WIN Time groups also received a candy prize for their creativity and teamwork.

-On the final day before Winter Break, students were given the opportunity to choose both a morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) enrichment activity. Offerings included a wide variety of engaging options such as karaoke, board and card games, movies, Just Dance on Wii, Poker, Chess, computer activities, gym time, and more.

-9th Grade off campus lunch: During the trial-period there were only three recorded tardies, and these may have involved students who did not utilize off-campus privileges.

Staff Spotlight: On January 7th Justin Thompson took 3 students to tour the Grand Coulee Dam to learn the history of the dams construction and appreciate the score and scale of the undertaking,

-January 15th Ashley and the junior high ASB hosted the long-anticipated junior high dance, with student-made decorations and a gym full of students enjoying music, dancing, and time together in a fun, positive atmosphere.

c. ALE-Shamra Steffler

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

-There are 34 students enrolled in the ALE with 2 starting second semester. There are now 8 seniors on track to graduate on time in the Spring.

d. CTE Director-Susan Duclos

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

- Mr. Largent has submitted his letter of retirement, the job posting has gone out within the district.
- Patty is still on maternity leave and Liz Bremner is her long-term sub.
- Haven't heard back from OSPI yet on the CTE Framework for all Office and Teachers Aides.
- In December we received the Perkins Reserve Fund Grant of \$30,000 and discussion started for allocation of monies within CTE and Industry recognized certifications and other needs.
- Seniors have started the 2nd annual Job Shadow assignment.
- Stacy Davis's 8th graders just completed designing their own website.

e. Athletic Director-Casey Brewster

No report submitted

f. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins

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

JOM Student Support

- JOM Students incentives are currently being distributed to recognize academic effort, growth, attendance, and engagement.
- Nutrition support continues through JOM, ensuring students have access to healthy snacks during extended learning time.
- A sincere thank you to the JOM PAC for supporting the Turn Out Bus.

Title VI Academic Support & Staffing

- After-School study hall continues to be a strong resource for Native students.
- Native American student count is currently 383, compared to 425 in January of last year.

Impact Aid Reporting

Impact Aid source checks are complete, and the application is expected to be finalized next week.

g. Executive Director of Support Services-Carrie Derr

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

- All LAP services are running smoothly and continuing to go strong. Supports across academic, behavioral, and graduation assistance areas are being implemented as planned and are effectively meeting identified student needs.
- The WA-AIM and WIDA testing windows open January 26, 2026. Tami Nichols is the lead for WA-AIM and Jen Wilson is the lead for WIDA. Family informational letters for WIDA will be mailed next week.
- The STAR District Assessment window is February 2-12 2026. Jess Tufts is the lead.
- State Assessment (SBA/WCAS) will take place in late April and ALL of May. Hope Hansen will be the in-building lead.
- Most Staff have completed the required Safe Schools/Vector Safety training.

h. Special Education-Kathryn Logue

No report submitted

9. Continuing Business

a. Senior Trip Presentation

(Presentation)

This item has been tabled

b. Senior Trip Guidelines

(Action)

This item has been tabled

c. Second & Final Reading of Policy 5011-Sexual Harassment of District Staff (Action)

It was m/s by Rich/Alex to approve the second & final reading of policy 5011 as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

d. Second & Final Reading of Policy 2108-Learning Assistance Program (LAP) (Action)

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the second and final reading of policy 2108 as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

10. New Business

a. Approval of 2025-2026 Highly Capable District Plan (Action)

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

11. Board Comments (Discussion)

No board comments

12. Executive Session

At 6:30 pm the board went into executive session for 45 minutes. At 7:15 the board extended it for 15 more mins, at 7:30 they extended it for 15 more mins.(7:45)

13. Open Session

The board came out of executive session and into open session at 7:45 pm.

14. Personnel Items (Action)

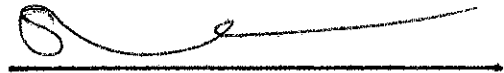
It was m/s George/Rich to approve the personnel items as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

15. Adjourn (Action)

It was m/s by Karen/George to adjourn the meeting. (5-0) Motion Passed. Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm



Rod Broadnax
Board Secretary



Shannon Nicholson
Board Chair