

Grand Coulee Dam School District 301J

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors

Board Meeting

505 Crest Dr.
Coulee Dam WA 99116
Jr./Sr. High Library
2/23/2026 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: Shannon Nicholson, Rich Black, Alex Tufts, George LaPlace, Karen Wapato, Rod Broadnax, Kayman Jordan. Absent: AJ Cannon.

Approval of Agenda (Action): M/s by Rich/Alex to approve the agenda with the addition of Nurse Liz Poplawski and Madelyn Wenzl. (5-0) Motion Passed.

1. Approval of Minutes

(Action)

M/s by Rich/George to approve the minutes as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

2. Approval of Expenditures

(Action)

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

General Fund:

WARRANT# 311000681-311000726

\$182,311.22

Payroll:

WARRANT# 311000663-311000680

\$921,542.73

ASB Fund:

WARRANT# 31400062-314000071

\$7,634.94

Capital Projects:

Transportation Vehicle Fund:

3. Superintendent Award

(Presentation)

This months recipient of the Superintendent Spotlight Award goes to Madisyn Byam!

4. Superintendent Report

(Information)

Mr. Broadnax shared his report with the board.

5. Budget Status

(Information)

Business Manager, Susie Marchand shared her report with the board.

6. Enrollment Report

(Information)

The FTE for this month is 590

7. Public Comment

Tammy Norris spoke to the board about budget concerns.

- a. **Tammy Norris** (Information)

8. Student Rep. (Information)

Student Rep. Kayman shared with the board about Prom coming up.

9. Reports (Information)

a. **Elementary-Lisa Lakin**

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

- STAR assessment data showed strong growth across multiple grade levels.
- We welcomed over 150 parents and family members to our "Lunch with Your Love" event.
- Our Semester Awards Assembly was a great success.
- Preparing for PSE Appreciation Week (March 9-12) with *March Madness* theme..

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

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

- Madisyn Byam has joined the Jr./Sr. High team as our temporary guidance counselor for the remainder of the year.
- Mr. Files and the LRHS Chess Team have qualified for the Washington State High School Team Chess Tournament on Feb 7th in Ephrata.
- Raiders of the week: Mia Tillam, Rylin Michel, Casey Hiatt, Erza Piturachastit.

c. **ALE-Shamra Steffler**

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

- Currently 33 students enrolled in ALE. Two 5th year students are on track to graduate in the next two months. Seven seniors on track to graduate in June 2026.

d. **CTE Director-Susan Duclos**

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

- Patty is back part-time from maternity leave
- Susan will be taking 8 students to the Wenatchee Scrubs medial camp on April 17th
- Approx 15 plus students have completed their job shadow experience. Most have expressed great success.
- No applicants yet for the auto/woods instructor.
- Job Corp in Moses Lake will be presenting over Zoom about their program.

e. **Athletic Director-Casey Brewster**

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

- This winter season was extremely successful for LR Athletics.
- Girls Basketball finished 2nd in League; Finished 3rd in District Tournament
- All-League Honors: 1st Team -Kenzie Brown, Shae Crollard
2nd Team - Cambry Brown
Honorable Mention - Chantelle Pakootas
- Boys Basketball: Qualified for the League Tournament.

Girls Wrestling: 4th Place team finish at Districts

- 5 state Qualifiers, 1 Alternate
- 2 State Placers at the WIAA Mat Classic

Boys Wrestling:

- 3rd place team finish at Sub-Districts
- 4th place team finish at Districts
- 10 state Qualifiers, 1 Alternate
- 5th in the State as a Team
- Spring High School Sports begin March 2
- Middle School Track begins March 9

f. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins

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

- Sports Fees-Spring sports fees will be covered through JOM, this does not include ASB fees.
- Nutrition support continues through JOM, ensuring students have access to healthy snacks during extended learning time.
- Are in the early stages of starting a Student Media Club where students can create content and share stories through digital media platform.
- Turn out bus data 2-4 students per night on the Nespelem route.
- After school study hall continues
- Ongoing collaboration with Tribal partners, YDP, PAC members, and district staff continue to strengthen services for students and families.

g. Executive Director of Support Services-Carrie Derr

Executive Director of Support Services.

Federal Programs

- Application for Summer School funds through Title I, Part C has been completed- waiting to hear.
- Waiting for announcement in EGMS regarding carryover funds
- Letters have been sent out to Highly Capable Universal Screening and the CogAT will be administered the week of February 23-26 2026.

State Programs

- Budgets are being monitored closely to ensure compliance with student supports and sound financial decisions.

HR

- Positions have been altered and some employees have been reassigned duties to provide optimal support.

Assessment

- The District Winter benchmark testing has concluded. Jess Tufts is the lead.
- WIDA is in process with most of 7-12 done and k-6 continuing this week.
- Preparations and underway for WA-AIM, SBA, and WCAS. Carrie will provide support and training, while Hope Hansen will be the building lead.

Family Engagement

- Be My Huckleberry Feb 11th at 6:00 pm
- Family Learning Cafe 7:00 am-7:30 am LRE Gym.

h. Special Education-Kathryn Loguc

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

- Were asked to prepare a report called the PSES that examines the number of students and service providers for the 2024-2025 school year. This will be an annual report to demonstrate our maintenance

of effort in providing services to our students.

-Currently have 87 students who are receiving academic special education services. 30 students who are receiving speech services.

10. Continuing Business

No Continuing Business

11. New Business

- a. **First Reading of Policy 3207-Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying** (Action)

M/s by Rich/Alex to approve the first reading of policy 3207-Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying. (5-0) Motion Passed.

- b. **First Reading of Policy 3231-Student Records** (Action)

M/s by Alex/George to approve first reading of policy 3231-Student Records. (5-0) Motion Passed.

- c. **First Reading of Policy 3410-Student Health** (Action)

M/s by Alex/Rich to approve the first reading of Policy 3410-Student Health. (5-0) Motion Passed.

12. Board Comments (Discussion)

No board comments

13. Executive Session

The board went into executive session at 6:41 pm until 7:15 pm. At 7:15 the board came out and extended executive session 30 more minutes (7:45). At 7:45 the board extended executive session 30 more mins (8:15).

14. Open Session

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

15. Personnel Items (Action)

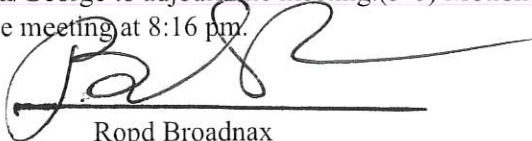
It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the personnel items as presented. (5-0) Motion Passed.

- a. **Resignation**

- b. **New Hire**

16. Adjourn (Action)

M/s by Karen/George to adjourn the meeting.(5-0) Motion Passed. Board Chair, Shannon Nicholson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.



Ropd Broadnax
Board Secretary



Shannon Nicholson
Board Chair