

Grand Coulee Dam School District

Minutes

Board of Directors School Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday April 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Location

Jr./Sr. High Library

Directors Present

Alex Tufts, George LaPlace, Karen Wapato, Rich Black, Rod Braodnax

Directors Absent

Shannon Nicholson

I. Opening Items**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Rich Black called a meeting of the board of directors of Grand Coulee Dam School District to order on Monday Apr 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance**C. Roll Call****D. Approve Agenda**

It was m/s by Alex/George to approve the agenda with the addition of Tor Hagen resignation. (4-0) Motion Passed.

II. Approval of Minutes**A. April 15, 2026 Meeting Mins~March 24, 2026 Meeting Mins~March 23, 2026 Meeting Mins**

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

III. Approval of Expenditures

A. Accounts Payable & Payroll Summary

M/s by Alex/George to approve the expenditures as presented. (4-0) Motion Passed.

Warrant# 311000807-311000825

\$856,268.16

ASB Fund:

Ck# 314000085-314000095

\$6,161.15

General Fund:

Ck# 311000826-311000885

\$199,549.81

Capital Projects:

Ck# 312000017

\$8,350.21

IV. Enrollment Report

A. April Enrollment (FTE)

The board reviewed this months enrollment 581

V. Budget Status

A. March Budget Status

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

VI. Public Comment

A. Preschool-Lori Nordine

Lori Nordine shared her thoughts on not providing Pre School in the future.

VII. Reports

A. Elementary-Lisa Lakin

Elementary Principal, Lisa Lakin was absent from this meeting.

B.

Jr./Sr. High-Natalie Kontos

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

- Had about 60% of students and their guardians attend conferences on April 1-2.
- Since returning from spring break, students referrals have increased, largely due to anxiety and overwhelm as students readjust to routines and approach grading deadlines.
- Upcoming: Teacher Appreciation Week 5/4-5/8

C. ALE-Shamra Steffler

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

- Current enrollment is 27 students for ALE. There are 6 seniors expected to graduate in June 2026.
- There have been approximately 9 credits retrieved in the month of April so far.
- Graduation is set for June 5th, and held at the Old Middle School gym.

D. CTE Director-Susan Duclos

CTE Director, Susan Duclos shared her report with the board. Some items she shared are:

- Why CTE staffing matters in a Rural District
- Student demand and career interests
- Alignment with district investments and goals

E. Athletic Director-Casey Brewster

Athletic Director, Casey Brewster shared his report with the board. Some items he shared are:

- High School will be receiving a grant from the Nourishing Champions program for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Spring athletic programs continue to show strong performance.

F. Indian Education Program-Ashley Atkins

Indian Education Director Ashley Atkins, shared her report with the board. Some items she shared are:

JOM

- JOM PAC met March 31 to discuss the upcoming budget, discussions on programming, and our induct of new member-at-large, Susie Marchand.
- Continued after-school study hall support.
- JOM is hosting Culture Nights every Monday and Tuesday's through May.

Title VI Academic Support & Staffing

- Had a great suicide and mental health presentation, featuring Supaman. Overall a great experience and message for the kids.
- Native American student count is currently 376. compared to 386 in March.

-Ongoing collaboration with OSPI Office of Native Education and partners to ensure program alignment and compliance.

G. Executive Director of Support Services-Carrie Derr

Executive Director of Support Services, Carrie Derr shared her report with the board. Some items she shared are:

- Summer School for 9-12 credit retrieval is moving forward.
- Migrant 101 training with NCESD was held via Zoom on April 13 2026.
- The Title I, Part A Family Engagement Survey has been distributed to staff, students and families.
- Highly Capable team met to review 16 identified students, and qualification information was mailed to families prior to Spring Break.
- The bargaining process for the PSE collective bargaining agreement continues.
- WA-AIM, SBA and WCAS testing is underway across the district.
- NCESD is scheduled to conduct a Safety Walkthrough on Tuesday, April 28th.

H. Special Education-Kathryn Logue

No report received

VIII. Continuing Business

A. Approval of Selling Old Middle School

M/s by Alex/George to approve moving forward with selling the old middle school (4-0)
Motion Passed.

B. ASB Policy

M/s by Rich/Alex to approve the Second & Final reading of ASB Policy-3510 (4-0)
Motion Passed.

IX. New Business

A. Capstone Discussion

B. Approval of 2.6% IPD

It was m/s by George/Alex to approve the 2.6% IPD for the 2026-2027 School Year for the Classified and Certificated staff (*Bargaining Units*). At the May 11th Board Meeting the board will decide if the Admin (Exempt Staff) will also receive the 2.6% IPD. (3-0) 1 Abstain-Alex Tufts. Motion Passed.

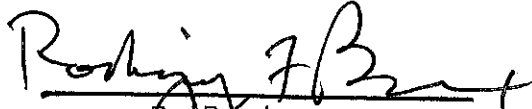
X. Closing Items

A.


Adjourn Meeting

M/s by Karen/George to adjourn the meeting (4-0) Motion Passed.

Vice Chair, Rich Black adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.



Rod Broadnax
Board Secretary



Rich Black
Vice Board Chair