

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**June 16, 2016**

The Board of School Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools met in regular session at the Griffith High School Auditorium, but moved to LGI due to a conflict, 600 N. Wiggs St. on the sixteenth day of June, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Gerald Potacki, President of the Board of School Trustees. After the Pledge of Allegiance, on call of the roll, members were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Gerald Potacki, President  
Jennifer Dildine, First Vice-President  
Lisa Megquier, Second Vice-President  
Leah Dumezich, Secretary  
Raymond White, Assistant Secretary

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Peter Morikis, Superintendent  
Aron Borowiak, Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Katy Dowling, Director of Finance and Operations  
Rhett Tauber, School Attorney  
Kathy Carter, Superintendent's Secretary

**Prayer:** Pastor Stephen Sluder of Griffith Church of God provided the prayer.

**Superintendent's Remarks:** None

**Delegations and/or Communications:** None

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Potacki asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Board meeting. Mr. White motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

**Approval of Claims:** Mr. Potacki requested a motion to approve regular claims #21573 to #21722, Professional Leaves #1509 to #1521, and donations received #233 to #239; there were no extra-curricular fund requests. Mr. White motioned to approve and Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Dowling presented the treasurer's report.

**Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy Special Update on Criminal Gang Toolkit:** Dr. Morikis as the Board to approve Policy #5840 and presented. Ms. Megquier motioned to approve Policy #5840. Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion was approved unanimously.

**Geminus Head Start- Early Head Start Food Service Agreement:** Ms. Dowling petitioned the Board to approve the annual contract with Geminus Head Start as presented in the Board packet. Mrs. Dildine motioned to approve the recommendation. Mr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution #634 Alternative and Residential Services:** Dr. Morikis requested the Board to approved Resolution #634 as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Megquier motioned to approve as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**School Day Extension:** Ms. Dowling requested the Board approve the school day extension proposal. Ms. Dowling shared a presentation at the May 12, 2016 Board meeting that explained the proposal. Mr. White moved to approve the school day extension and Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. After some discussion Mr. Potacki called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**Overnight Trip Requests:** Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve an overnight trip request Pantherettes UDA Dance Camp and the Griffith High School Cheerleaders Cheer Camp. Ms. Dildine motioned to approve the overnight trip requests. Mr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Personnel Action:** Mr. Borowiak presented the revised Personnel Report, recommending the following personnel items:

**Assignments**

**Certified**

Paige Allen	Secondary Art Teacher, effective 8-15-16 – pending screenings
Christina Alvarez	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Jenna Berzy	GHS Summer School Credit Recovery, effective 6-6-16 to 6-30-16 (4 days/ week)
Heather Breclaw	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Lisa Cundiff	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Bilijana Damnjanovic	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Tricia Dodson	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Laura Dykhuis	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16

Marty Jarmula	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Susan Jordan	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Joy Martin	Secondary Math teacher, effective 8-15-16 – pending screenings
Kathleen McGuire	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Amanda Moak	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Adam Musielak	Elementary Teacher, effective 8-15-16
Lauren Nelson	Secondary Math Teacher, effective 8-15-16 – pending screenings
Julie Niemzyk	Elementary teacher, effective 8-15-16
Castulo Perez	Secondary Spanish Teacher, effective 8-15-16
Marlena Rainey	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Althea Rainge	Secondary English teacher, effective 8-15-16 – pending screenings and Indiana reciprocal license
Nina Reed	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Kristen Rezcek	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Briget Shiperek	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16
Kathleen Stirling	Bus Driver, effective 11-4-15
Ella Swinney	Secondary English Teacher, effective 8-15-16, - pending receipt of Indiana teaching license
Jane Villaroman	GHS Summer School Credit Recovery, effective 6-6-16 to 6-30-16 (4 days/week)
Amy Wilhite	Summer School Teacher Pre-Algebra Invitation, effective 7-25-16 to 8-5-16
James Wheeler	GHS Summer School Credit Recovery, effective 6-6-16 to 6-30-16 (4 days/week)
Shelly Zahorsky	Elementary summer school teacher, effective 7-25-16 to 8-12-16

**Classified**

Ray Cusic	Interim Business Manager, effective 6-27-16, \$400/day/6 hrs, \$100/hr for offsite work, IRS mileage rate
Ashley Hobson	Cafeteria Matron Griffith Middle/High School, effective 5-23-16
Georgia Sherman	Administrative Supervisor, effective 5-31-16

**Extra-Curricular**

Margaret Banach	Freshman Volleyball Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16
Don Curtis	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-31-16 - pending screenings
Paul Esquivel	Freshman Girls Basketball Coach, effective 10-19-16 to 1-25-17- pending screenings
David Garrett	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, effective 11-9-16 to 2-10-17
John Harker	Junior Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16, 50% split with Patrick Janke - pending screenings
Gary Hayes	Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective 11-9-16 to 3-30-17 - pending screenings
Patrick Janke	Junior Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16, 50% split with John Harker
Katie Kavanaugh	Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16
Wally Kudyba	Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-31-16 - pending screenings
Glenn Maglish	Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-31-16
Tim McCoy	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10-24-16 to 3-25-17
Adam Musielak	Junior Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16
Kari Nelson	Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective 10-19-16 to 2-28-17 - pending screenings
Castulo Perez	Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-31-16
Mark Reid Jr.	Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16
Mark Reid Jr.	Grade 7 Football Coach, effective
Kymerlie Roberts	Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 11-27-16
Kymerlie Roberts	Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective 10-19-16 to 2-28-17
Dora Hubbard White	Assistant Boys Varsity Tennis Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-10-16 - pending screenings
Joseph White	Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, effective 8-1-16 to 10-10-16 - pending screenings

**Separations**

<b><u>Certified</u></b>	
Tori Welker	Elementary Teacher, effective 5-31-16, resignation

**Classified**

Katy Dowling	Director of Finance and Operations, effective 6-30-16, resignation
James E. Jolink	Custodian/Maintenance, effective 6-24-16, retirement
Kathleen Stirling	Bus Aide, effective 11-4-15, resignation

**Extra-Curricular**

Gregg Brown	Grade 7 Boys Basketball Coach, effective 6-7-16
Michael Brown	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective 5-31-16
Tim McCoy	Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective 5-31-16

**Administrative Contract**

Suzette Vauter, Director of Buildings and Grounds 7/1/16- 6/30/17

Mr. White made a motion to accept the personnel report as presented. Ms. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Borowiak introduced new staff members that were in attendance.

**Audience Participation:** Members from the audience asked questions regarding the extended school day. Those questions ranged from would recess or art, music, or physical education time be extended and or what kind of

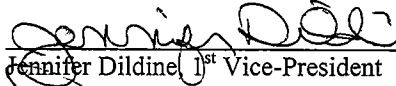
activities would fill the extended time. Ms. Dowling said that each individual building will schedule activities. Digital Citizenship will be added as a special at the elementary level also.

**Good of the Corporation:** Dr. Morikis extended a warm welcome to new staff members and assured them that the district is committed to support and help in any way we can. Mr. White was impressed with the substantial amount of the donations that the Board approved this evening. The Board wished Ms. Katy Dowling best of luck in her new position as Crown Point Community Schools Chief Financial Officer.

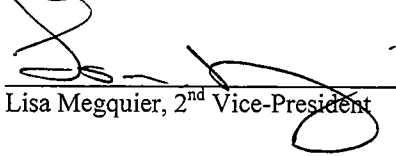
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Gerald Potacki, President

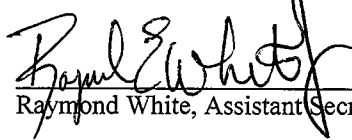


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