

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2015**

The Board of School Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools met in regular session at the Griffith High School Auditorium, 600 N. Wiggs St. on the ninth day of July, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. pursuant to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Raymond White, 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: Raymond White, President
Gerald Potacki, First Vice-President
Jennifer Dildine, Second Vice-President
Lisa Megquier, Secretary
Leah Dumezich, 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 from Griffith Church of God provided the inspirational message/prayer.

Superintendent's Remarks: None

Delegations and/or Communications: None

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. White asked the Board to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2015 Board Meeting. Mr. Potacki motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Ms. Megquier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: Mr. White asked for a motion to approve Regular Claims #20157 to #2031, no Professional Leaves or Extra-Curricular Fund request. Mrs. Dildine motioned to approve and Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Dowling presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Best Buddies Program Presentation: Dr. Morikis introduced Melissa Diekelmann, Griffith Public Schools Intense Classroom teacher. Ms. Diekelmann presented Best Buddies to the Board. The mission of Best Buddies is to establish opportunities for students with intellectual and development disabilities to establish one-to-one friendships with a peer in general education. Best Buddies benefits all who are involved with the program through socialization, awareness, inclusion and leadership development. This is a student lead program, Ms. Diekelmann is the Special Education Advisor, Jennifer Kocon, Griffith Public Schools District Health Coordinator, is the faculty advisor and Chapter President is Griffith sophomore, Erica Ward. Any student who is in good standing can apply to be a best buddy. General education students are paired with special education students. The goals for the students involved are to meet at least two times a month both in and out of school. The focus is on the abilities not the disabilities. There will be a Best Buddies kick off for the new school year. Those attending will be given more information regarding the program, in hopes that they will apply to part of the program.

2015-2016 Cash Box Authorization: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the 2015-2016 cash box authorizations as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Dumezich motioned to approve the cash box authorizations, Ms. Megquier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Financial Report: Dr. Morikis petitioned the Board for authorization to publish the 2014 Annual Financial Report. Ms. Dildine motioned for approval to publish the 2014 Annual Financial Report. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously without any discussion.

Resolution #623, Alternative and Residential Services: Dr. Morikis requested the Board to approve Resolution #623. Ms. Megquier motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Assignments

Certified

Christina Alvarez	Kindergarten Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Heather Breclaw	First Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Lisa Cundiff	Kindergarten Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Tricia Dodson	Second Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Marty Jarmula	Fifth Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Susan Jordan	Kindergarten Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Dawn Largus	Third Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Katherine McGuire	Fourth Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Amanda Moak	First Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Marlena Rainey	Fifth Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15

Nina Reed
Kristen Rezcek
Nicole Sarver
Sarah Sexson
Briget Shiperek
Amy Wilhite
Shelley Zahorsky

Grade 7/8 ELA Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Sixth Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Third Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Fourth Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Grade 7/8 Math Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Pre-Algebra Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15
Second Grade Summer School Teacher, effective 7-20-15 to 8-7-15

Classified

Sandra Armstrong
Martha Harrison

Elementary Health Assistant, effective 8-12-15
Bus Driver, Class II, effective 8-12-15

Extra-Curricular

Theresa Neal
Nina Reed

Flag Corp Coordinator, effective 7-9-15
English Department Chair, effective 7-9-15

Separations

Certified

Raymond Davis
Shana Matz
Janette Snelson

Science Teacher, effective 7-1-15, resignation
English Teacher, effective 7-8-15, resignation
English Teacher, effective 6-11-15, resignation

Classified

Jason Belcher
Rebecca Czapla

Systems Supervisor, effective 7-10-15, resignation
Custodian, effective 6-30-15, resignation

Extra-Curricular

Janette Snelson


English Department Chair, effective 6-11-15, resignation

Mrs. Dildine moved for approval. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

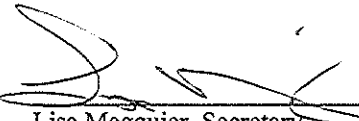
Good of the Corporation: Dr. Morikis informed those in attendance that at Ms. Dumezich's request, the basketball hoops at Ready Elementary are being reinstated. Ms. Megquier commented that the High School band sounded great during the 4th of July parade. Mr. Jim Graff reminded everyone to attend the Park Full of Art on July 17 or 18, there will be a tent dedicated to Griffith Public Schools Student art work. Mr. White congratulated the Construction Class at Ivy Tech for their performance in the Building Trades competition. They finished first in the state of Indiana, and 13th in the National competition held in Kentucky. They missed a top ten finish by 2 points.

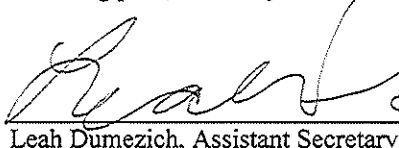
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Raymond White, President


Gerald Potacki, 1st Vice-President

Jennifer Dildine, 2nd Vice-President


Lisa Megquier, Secretary


Leah Dumezich, Assistant Secretary