

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2016**

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 twenty sixth 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 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
Rhett Tauber, School Attorney
Kathy Carter, Superintendent's Secretary

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

Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Morikis commented that the district is getting ready for the school year, and the fall sports season is under way.

Delegations and/or Communications: Two members of the audience had questions for the Board. One member questioned the number of applications received for the Director of Finance and Operations. Dr. Morikis shared that there were eleven resumes received. Another member asked about the out of district transfer student numbers. Dr. Morikis explained that 70 students applied to transfer to Griffith for the upcoming year. The member then asked how many were accepted last year and how many of those students last year were suspended or expelled. Dr. Morikis said that there were 40 who enrolled last year and none of them were suspended or expelled.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Potacki asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 Board meeting. Mr. White motioned to approve the minutes. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote with Ms. Dumezich opposed.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Potacki requested a motion to approve regular claims #21723 to #21862; Professional Leaves #1522 to #1524, there were no donations or extra-curricular fund requests. Mr. White motioned to approve and Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Ms. Dumezich questioned two mileage claims, one for Dr. Morikis and the other for Brian Orkis. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

The Performance Companies, Inc. proposals: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the proposals as presented in the Board packet. He explained that the quotes were the same as last year. Ms. Megquier motioned to approve the proposals. Mr. White seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion was approved unanimously.

Corporation Treasurer, Grant Specialist and Human Resource Director: Dr. Morikis requested the Board to approve the creation of this new position. Mr. White motioned to approve the request. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Ms. Dumezich voiced her concern over approving the creation of the new position and then voting on the hiring for the new position at the same meeting. Attorney Tauber explained that there is nothing improper with the process. There being no other discussion, motion passed by a 4-1 vote with Ms. Dumezich opposed.

2016-2017 Cash Box Authorization: Dr. Morikis petitioned the Board to approve 2016-2017 cash box authorization as presented in the Board packet, these funds are necessary to have change available at the start of the school year. Ms. Megquier motioned to approve as presented. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Overnight Trip Requests: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve an overnight trip request for the Cross Country running camp August 10-11, 2016 at the Indiana Dunes State Park. Mrs. Megquier motioned to approve the overnight trip request. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Action: Dr. Morikis presented the revised Personnel Report, recommending the following personnel items:

Assignments

Certified

Emily Grasser	Guidance Counselor, effective 8-15-16
Joylyn Ichiyama	Secondary Science Teacher, effective 8-15-16
Claudia Ontiveros	Temporary Middle School Guidance Counselor, effective 8-15-16 thru 12-22-16
Rachid Kharchaf	Elementary Teacher, effective 8-15-16
JiaJie (Peter) Sun	Secondary Science Teacher, effective 8-15-16

Classified

Meghan Damron
effective 8-10-16
Sandra Goss
George Jerome
Diana Sanchez

Corporation Treasurer, Grant Specialist, and Human Resource Director,
Temporary Corporation Treasurer, part time, effective 7-25-16
Director of Finance and Operations, effective 9-1-16
Food Service Matron Middle School/High School, effective 8-11-16

Separations

Certified

Jenaffer Beasley
Jennifer Bullard
James R. Ford
Thomas Golumbeck
Marlena Rainey

Secondary English Teacher, effective 7-19-16, resignation
Secondary Science Teacher, effective 6-1-16, resignation
Secondary Spanish Teacher, effective 7-13-16, resignation
High School Guidance Counselor, effective 6-23-16, resignation
Elementary Teacher, effective 6-23-16, resignation

Classified

Marsha Halford

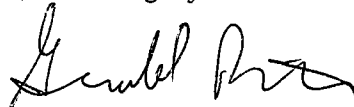
Ready Elementary Cafeteria Manager, effective 7-8-16, resignation

Mr. White made a motion to accept the personnel report as presented. Ms. Dildine seconded the motion. Ms. Dumezich voiced her concern of not being able to view all submitted resumes for a certain position. Ms. Megquier felt there needed to be more transparency in the process. There being no further discussion, Mr. Potacki called for a roll-call vote. Ms. Dumezich voted no, Mrs. Dildine voted yes, Mr. White voted yes, Ms. Megquier voted no, Mr. Potacki voted yes. Mr. Borowiak introduced new teachers that were in attendance. Dr. Morikis introduced Mr. George Jerome, the new Director of Finance and Operations, working along with Mr. Jerome is Ms. Meghan Damron, the new corporation treasurer, human resource director, and grant specialist.

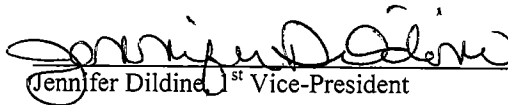
Audience Participation: A member from the audience asked a question regarding the mileage claim for Dr. Morikis. Another audience member asked questions regarding the time change for the school days for 2016-2017.

Good of the Corporation: Dr. Morikis thanked those teachers who have served Griffith Public Schools and recently resigned to expand their teaching experiences. Ms. Dumezich reminded those present to attend The Good Dinosaur movie in the park on August 10, 2016, at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Potacki announced the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on August 18, 2016.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



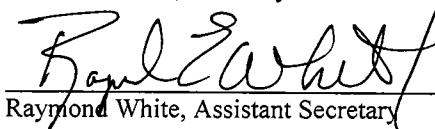
Gerald Potacki, President



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Lisa Megquier, 2nd Vice-President

Leah Dumezich, Secretary



Raymond White, Assistant Secretary