

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2014**

The Board of School Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools met in regular session at Griffith High School Library, 600 N. Wiggs Street Griffith Indiana on the fourteenth day of August, 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
Richard Muha, First Vice-President
Jennifer Dildine, Second Vice-President
Gerald Potacki, Secretary
John Dudlicek, Assistant Secretary

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Peter Morikis, Superintendent
Jeannette Bapst, Assistant to the Superintendent
Aron Borowiak, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Rhett Tauber, School Attorney
Kathy Carter, Secretary to the Superintendent

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

Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Morikis commented that the district is ready to start the 2014-2015 school year. Registration went very well; class lists for the elementary schools will be posted on each school front doors on August 15, 2014.

Delegations and/or Communications: Mr. Jim Masters thanked the Board and Administration for the upgrades to our athletic facilities.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Muha made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2014 Board Meeting. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. There being no discussion motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: Mr. Muha made a motion to accept Regular Claims #18639 to #18757 and Professional Leave #1135 as presented in the Board packet. Mr. Dudlicek seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Bapst presented the Board with the monthly Treasurer's report.

Cash Box Authorization: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the annual request for cash boxes. Mrs. Dildine motioned to approve the requests as outlined in the Board packet. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Mr. Dudlicek questioned the amount requested for the cafeteria. Ms. Bapst explained that the amount was divided up among the district's cafeterias. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

2015 Budget Workshop and Authorization to Advertise: Ms. Bapst requested authorization to publish the Notice to Taxpayers on the 2015 budget public hearings to be held on September 11, 2014. Mr. Dudlicek made a motion to accept the request and Mr. Muha seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #605 Financial Goals, Resolution #606 and #607 Pension Neutrality: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve Resolutions #605, 606 and 607. Mr. Muha made motion to accept Resolutions #605, 606 and 607 as presented in the Board packet. Mr. Dudlicek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Policies First Reading: No action needed on policies presented for first reading as listed on addendum A

Seclusion and Restraint Plan: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the Seclusion and Restraint Plan presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Muha made motion to accept the plan. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Mr. Dudlicek asked what the plan was for. Dr. Morikis explained that the plan is required by statute and created by Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative (NISEC). NISEC services 9 school districts in our area and all 9 superintendents agreed to accept the plan. The plan is designed to protect all students and staff. There being no further discussion motion passed unanimously.

Course Proposal for Griffith High School: Intro to Computer Science: Dr. Morikis requested the Board approve a new course, Intro to Computer Science, for Griffith High School students. Mrs. Marilyn Brunk will teach the class that will begin on 8-21-14 if Board approved. Mr. Dudlicek motioned to approve adding the course to Griffith High School's curriculum. Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Mrs. Brunk took a course at Purdue University Calumet this past summer that will permit her to teach this class. The course will be divided into two units: Game Design and Simulation. Students will learn the basics of computer programming by creating two-dimensional computer games. The second unit will have students create programs that are simulations of real-world problems. There being no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

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

Assignments

Certified

Julianne Bobilya
Biljana Damanjanovic
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Shana Matz

Elementary Teacher, effective 8-20-14 (pending screening results)
Summer School Teacher, effective 7-28-14 to 8-15-14
Elementary Teacher, effective 8-20-14 (pending screening results)
Secondary English Teacher, effective 8-20-14 (pending screening results and receipt of license)
Elementary Teacher, effective 8-20-14 (pending screening results)
Secondary English Teacher, effective 8-20-14 (pending screening results)

Melanie Phillips
Emily Robinson

Classified

Lynn Podlecki

Middle School/High School Part Time Math Interventionist, effective 8-20-14

Extra-Curricular

Jenna Berzy
Jeffrey Matthew Bliss
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Jennifer Castillo
Brian Jennings
Cherisse Louderman
Cherisse Louderman
Dana Luyster
Dana Luyster
Keith Mitchell
Elaine Plucinski
Kristen Reczak
Briget Shiperek

Sophomore Class Sponsor, effective 8-20-14
Grade 7 & 8 Cross Country Coach, effective 8-8-14 to 10-8-14
Beiriger Boys Fitness Sponsor, effective 2014-2015 school year
Grade 7 Volleyball Coach, effective 8-18-14 to 10-11-14
Athletic Program Print Coordinator, effective 2014-2015 school year
DECA Sponsor, effective 8-20-14
GHS Spell Bowl Sponsor, effective 8-20-14
Beiriger Spell Bowl Sponsor – 100%, effective 2014-2015 school year
Beiriger Student Council Sponsor, effective 2014-2015 school year
Grade 8 Volleyball Coach, effective 8-18-14 to 10-11-14
Beiriger Patrol Sponsor, effective 2014-2015 school year
Beiriger Bus Supervisor, effective 2014-2015 school year
Wadsworth Patrol Sponsor, effective 2014-2015 school year

Separations

Certified

Amanda Caddick
Elyssa Eveland
Linda Greichunos
Stephanie Villarreal

Elementary teacher, effective 7-30-14, resignation
Secondary English teacher, effective 8-5-14, resignation
Elementary teacher, effective 8-4-14, resignation
Secondary English teacher, effective 8-4-14, resignation

Extra-Curricular

Keith Mitchell
Sara Redar
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Stephanie Villarreal
Stephanie Villarreal
Stacy Wilson
Amy Wilhite


Grade 7 Volleyball Coach, effective 6-27-14, resignation
Beiriger Math Bowl Coach, effective 7-28-14, resignation
Elementary Robotics Club Coach, effective 7-28-14, resignation
National Honor Society Sponsor, effective 8-4-14, resignation
Freshman Class Sponsor, effective 8-4-14, resignation
Freshman Cheerleading Sponsor, effective 7-14-14, resignation
Grade 7 & 8 Girls Assistant Track Coach, effective 7-22-14

Mrs. Dildine motioned to accept the personnel report and Mr. Muha seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Borowiak then introduced the new staff members present.

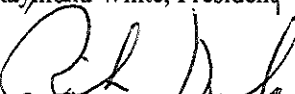
Audience Participation (Agenda Items): Mr. Masters asked if there were plans for dedicating the new football field and if the school would be able to have some sort of spirit wear and merchandise available for purchase in conjunction with the field dedication. Dr. Morikis said plans are in the works. Mrs. Julie Martoccio, Griffith High School Cheerleading Sponsor, brought to the Board's attention that the cheerleaders attended a cheer camp in June and the girls qualified for a trip to London to participate in a parade. Dr. Morikis invited the girls to the September 11, 2014 Board meeting for recognition.

Good of the Corporation: Dr. Morikis shared with those present that there will be a construction trades course offered next school year. He stated that with the new courses being offered, facility updates and new teachers coming on staff, it looks like 2014-2015 is shaping up to be a great school year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



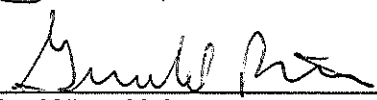
Raymond White, President



Richard Muha, 1st Vice-President



Jennifer Dildine, 2nd Vice-President



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