

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 2014**

The Board of School Trustees of the Griffith Public Schools met in regular session at Griffith High School, 600 N. Wiggs Street Griffith Indiana on the ninth day of October 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:** Mr. John Dudlicek provided the inspirational message/prayer.

**Superintendent's Remarks:** None

**Delegations and/or Communications:** A member of the community complimented the Drama Club on their Drama Night and shared a handout with the Board regarding the football program.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Muha made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2014 Board Meeting. Mr. Dudlicek seconded the motion. There being no discussion motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Claims:** Mr. Dudlicek made a motion to accept Regular Claims #19072 to #19235 and Revised Professional Leaves #1165 to #1184. Mr. Muha 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. Ms. Bapst also advised the Board that the county tax disbursement was on schedule and monies should be received by the end of the year.

**Health Services Update:** Dr. Morikis introduced the district's Health Coordinator Jen Kocon. Nurse Kocon introduced her staff. They include Mrs. Yolanda Welch from Wadsworth Elementary with 17 years of service, Mrs. Cindy Jursic from the Middle School and High School with 11 years of service, Mrs. Erin Maglish with 9 years of service at Ready Elementary and Mrs. Missy Whiting from Beiriger Elementary with 7 years of service.

Nurse Kocon presented a PowerPoint presentation that helped explain exactly what her department does. Health Services provides care for over 2700 individuals throughout the district. This includes students and staff. The care ranges from cuts and headaches, to diabetes. Dr. Morikis thanked Nurse Kocon and her staff for the wonderful care they provide to our students and staff.

**Resolution #611 Rainy Day Fund Transfer:** Dr. Morikis requested the Board to approve Resolution #611 as presented in their Board packet. Mr. Muha made a motion to accept Resolution #611. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion and there being no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Course Proposal for Griffith High School - Visual Communications:** Mr. Jim Graff, Art Department Head, presented the Board with a request to add a Visual Communications course to Griffith High School. This course would be a digital extension of the art classroom that meets all of the Visual Arts standards. It will help prepare our students for after graduation by giving them a tangible skill set that will aid them in countless career and continuing education endeavors, it will give them the critical thinking skills to understand and participate in the growing digital world and a thorough introduction to a growing and in-demand field. The students will have the ability to use industry-standard equipment and software which we already have as a school with the English Department's Journalism Lab. The class will give our students a competitive edge over nearby schools that already have digital programs in action. Mr. Dudlicek motioned to approve the Visual Communications Course. Mr. Muha seconded the motion. Mr. Potacki asked when students would be able to register for this class. Mr. Graff responded that it would be available for the 2015-2016 year. There being no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

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

**Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperative Initiative: Ice Miller Agreement: Resolution #612 and #613:** Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve Resolutions #612 and #613 and the Ice Miller agreement as presented in the Board packet. Mrs. Dildine made motion to accept. Mr. Muha seconded the motion. There being no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

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

Assignments

Certified

Juan Suarez Temporary GAP Teacher (Michael Mulder leave), effective 10-27-14 to 11-18-14

Classified

Nujoud Mansour Elementary Interventionist, effective 10-27-14 to 6-8-15

Lisa Prunty Building Secretary Class I, effective 11-14-14

Kathleen Stirling Bus Aide, effective 9-15-14

Cynthia Strong Foodservice Worker, effective 10-27-14

Extra-Curricular

Daniel Bedoy Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective 11-3-14 to 2-21-15

Don Bence Varsity Softball Coach, effective 3-9-15 to 6-13-15

Kevin Brackett Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, effective 3-9-15 to 6-13-15

Jenna Candiano Flag Corps Coordinator, effective 7-1-14

Kymerli Daniels Girls Freshman Basketball Coach, effective 11-12-14 to 3-1-15

Andrae Hernandez Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach, effective 11-3-14 to 2-21-15, 50% split with Anthony Zarndt

Andrew Martin Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, effective 3-16-15 to 6-20-15, 50% split with Ryan Bridges

Michael Mazur Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, effective 10-27-14 to 3-7-15

Steve Moss Junior Varsity Softball Coach, effective 3-9-15 to 6-13-15

Doug Price Diving Coach, effective 10-27-14 to 2-28-15

Sheila Vaclavik Senior High National Honor Society Sponsor, effective 11-14-14

Don Whittemore Grade 7 & 8 Science and Science Olympiad Sponsor, effective 2014-2015 school year.

Separations

Certified

Michael Mulder GAP teacher, effective 11-18-14, resignation

Classified

Dawn Fleming Part Time Secretary, Beiriger School, effective 11-7-14, resignation

Bridget Hargis Foodservice Worker, effective 10-24-14, resignation

Rita Primm Class I Custodian, effective 11-8-14, retirement

Lisa Prunty Playground Supervisor, effective 11-7-14, resignation

Extra-Curricular

Kymerli Daniels Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach 50% split with Michael Mazur, resignation 11-12-14

OTHER


2015 Classified Staff Salary Schedules  
Administrator Contracts

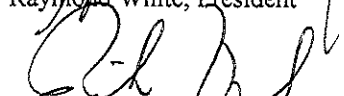
Mr. Muha motioned to accept the personnel report and Mr. Dudlicek seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Audience Participation (Agenda Items):** An audience member asked about the Board Policies First Reading. Attorney Tauber and Dr. Morikis explained that NEOLA is a company that works with the district to make sure that the Board Policies are current with state laws, and that policies accurately reflect Board direction. About three times a year there are policy revisions to stay current with state laws and there are new policies that are added.


**Good of the Corporation:** Mr. Dudlicek encouraged those in attendance to support the Robotic team at their competition on Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup> at Purdue Calumet and the following Sunday at Indiana University Northwest.

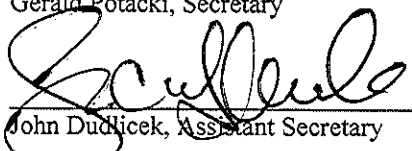
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Raymond White, President

  
Richard Muha, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

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Jennifer Dildine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

  
Gerald Potacki, Secretary

  
John Dudlicek, Assistant Secretary