

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 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 fourteenth day of May, 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
Jan Bapst, Assistant to the Superintendent
Tara Tauber, School Attorney
Kathy Carter, Superintendent's Secretary

Prayer: Interim Pastor Freda Scales from Griffith Lutheran Church provided the inspirational message/prayer.

Superintendent's Remarks: None

Delegations and/or Communications: Ms. Tracy Whitman, President of Griffith Federation of Teachers, commented on Board action regarding the adoption of English textbooks.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. White asked the Board to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2015 Board meeting. Mrs. Dildine motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Ms. Megquier requested that a correction be made to the minutes to include the discussion of the High School handbooks and her reason for voting no. She felt allowing Saturday school to replace being in a classroom was discounting the value of a teacher's lessons, and education is about more than just a student's presence within the building's walls. Her second correction request was in regards to discussion of the Personnel Report. The statement should read: "Mr. White stated upon the recommendation of the Board that the Extra-Curricular assignments should be tabled until the Board discussed concerns with the assignments." Mr. White called for a motion to approve the April 16, 2015 minutes with the corrections/revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: Mr. White asked for a motion to approve Regular Claims #19889 to #20022, Professional Leaves #1254 to #1263 and Donation #203. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve and Mrs. Dildine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

H. J. Umbaugh Presentation, Bond Refinance: Dr. Morikis introduced Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Tanselle from H.J. Umbaugh. Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Tanselle presented the Board with information regarding the refinancing of bonds. The refinance of the bonds would save the taxpayers of Griffith \$1.1 million over the next 10 years.

Eldon Ready Update: Mrs. Christine Brenner gave a slide show presentation about Ready Elementary School.

Mrs. Dildine left the meeting.

Resolution #619, Bond Refinance: Dr. Morikis petitioned the Board to approve Resolution #619. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve Resolution #619, with Ms. Megquier seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #617, Rainy Day Fund Transfer: Ms. Bapst presented the Board with Resolution #617. Mr. Potacki motioned to accept Resolution #617 as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #618, Temporary Transfer: Ms. Bapst asked the Board to approve Resolution #618, the temporary transfer of funds. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve the Resolution and Ms. Megquier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

School Resource Officer 2015-2016 Agreement: Dr. Morikis requested the Board to approve the annual agreement with the Town of Griffith for the assignment of our School Resource Officer. Ms. Dumezich made the motion to approve the agreement. Ms. Megquier seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Secondary English Textbook Adoption: Mr. Borowiak introduced Ms. Janette Snelson who presented the English Department's recommendation of the Pearson English textbooks. This recommendation was done with 100% participation of the secondary English department. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve the recommendation of the English department. Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. There being no discussion, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Borowiak informed the Board that Ms. Snelson will be a presenter at the National Council of Teachers of English Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in November of 2015.

High School Student Handbooks: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the student handbook that was submitted in the Board packet. This version contained more specific language as requested by the Board at the May 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve the changes as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion. Mr. White requested a roll call vote of the Board. Ms. Dumezich voted no, Mr. Potacki voted yes, Mr. White voted yes, and Ms. Megquier voted no. Motion, with a 2-2 vote, did not pass.

Overnight Trip Requests: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the overnight trip request for the Camp Tecumseh trip for Beiriger 4th Graders, May 21-22, 2015, in Brookston, Indiana. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve the request, Ms. Megquier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Assignments

Certified

Katie Garvey	IREAD 3 Remediation Instructor, effective 4-27-15 to 6-3-15, 3 days per week, 1 hour per day
Dawn Largus	IREAD 3 Remediation Instructor, effective 4-27-15 to 6-3-15, 3 days per week, 1 hour per day

Administrative

Katy Dowling	Director of Finance and Operations, effective 6-22-15 (pending screenings)
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Extra-Curricular

Reginald Brooks	Grade 8 Boys Basketball Coach, effective 11-2-15 to 12-17-15 (pending screenings)
Gregg Brown	Assistant Freshman Football Coach, effective 8-3-15 to 11-27-15 (pending screenings)
Gregg Brown	Grade 7 Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10-28-15 to 12-20-15 (pending screenings)
David Garrett	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10-26-15 to 3-16-16 (pending screenings)
Gary Hayes	Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, effective 10-26-15 to 3-26-16 (pending screenings)
Patrick Janke	Junior Varsity Football Coach, split 50% with Adam Musiela, effective 8-3-15 to 11-27-15 (pending screenings)
Jeffrey Kawa	Assistant Grade 8 Football Coach, effective 8-12-15 to 10-14-15
Ron Knestrict	Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, effective 7-15-15 to 10-31-15 (pending screenings)
Wally Kudyba	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, effective 7-15-15 to 10-31-15 (pending screenings)
Amanda Madison	Grade 7 & 8 Cheerleading, effective 5-11-15 to 6-30-16
Adam Musiela	Junior Varsity Football Coach, split 50% with Patrick Janke, effective 8-3-15 to 11-27-15 (pending screenings)
Theresa McLoughlin	Coed Varsity Swim Coach, effective 10-12-15 to 2-27-15 (pending screenings)
Dustin Nelson	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, effective 10-12-15 to 2-27-16
Nina Reed	Freshman Cheerleading, effective 5-11-15 to 6-30-16
Mark Reid Jr.	Junior Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-3-15 to 11-27-15
Mark Reid Jr.	Grade 7 Football Coach, effective, 2015-2016 school year
Mark Reid Sr.	Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective 8-3-15 to 11-27-15
Mark Reid Sr.	Grade 7 Football Coach, effective, 2015-2016 school year
Shannon Scheidel	Assistant Athletic Director/Middle School Athletic Director, effective 7-1-15
Kimberly Teamer	Senior High Cheerleading, effective 5-11-15 to 6-30-16 (pending screenings)
Anthony Zarndt	Grade 8 Football Coach, effective 8-12-15 to 10-14-15

Separations

<u>Certified</u> Kimberly Peirick	Secondary Business Teacher, effective 5-12-15, resignation
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Administrator

Michelle Lavin	Elementary Principal, effective 6-30-15, resignation
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Classified

Merv Barenie	Technology Assistant, effective 5-8-15, resignation
Donald Hoover	Bus driver, effective 07-01-15, retirement
Kathy Sykes-Sanders	Ready Cafeteria Matron, effective 4-15-15, termination
Patricia Young	Custodian, effective 5-29-15, resignation
Melissa Whiting	Beiriger Health Assistant, effective 5-12-15, termination

Extra-Curricular

J.R. Ford	Grade 7 Football Coach, effective 5-12-15, resignation
James Pickett	Grade 7 Football Coach, effective 5-12-15, resignation
Ryan Stablein	Grade 8 Football Coach, effective 5-12-15, resignation

Mr. Potacki moved for approval. Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. Mr. White called for a vote, Ms. Megquier excused herself from voting, citing a conflict of interest. Motion passed 3-0

Audience Participation: None


Good of the Corporation: Ms. Dumezich apologized to the English department regarding the Textbook adoption. Mr. White also apologized if the department took offense to the Board asking for 100% participation in the recommendation of textbooks. The Board would like all departments to give 100% of their opinions when it comes to adopting textbooks and other items that affect the department and students alike.

Dr. Morikis shared with those present that Griffith Public Schools received approval from the Career Center to move forward with Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses as electives at Griffith High School.

Mr. Potacki said that there will be a town-wide cleanup scheduled for the upcoming weekend sponsored by Imagine Griffith. They are asking for sports teams and clubs throughout the town to meet at Tot Park @ 8:00 A.M. on Saturday May 16, 2015.

Ms. Megquier gave accolades to the Drama Department for a phenomenal job on the play in April.


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



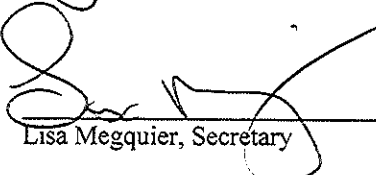
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