

**GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 13, 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 thirteenth 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
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 Shawn Cornett from the First Christian Church provided the inspirational message/prayer.

Superintendent's Remarks: None

Delegations and/or Communications: None

Board President Mr. White motioned to add items C and D to the agenda. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion to add agenda items C and D. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mr. White asked the Board to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2015 and July 28, 2015 Board Meetings. Mrs. Dildine motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Claims: Mr. White asked for a motion to approve Regular Claims #20302 to #20408, Professional Leaves #1273 to #1276. There were no Extra-Curricular Fund requests or Donations received. Mrs. Dildine motioned to approve and Mr. Potacki seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Change Order for Wadsworth Roof Replacement: Dr. Morikis asked the Board to approve the Change Order for Wadsworth Roof Replacement as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Megquier motioned for approval and Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2015-2016 Food Service Contract – Griffith Public Schools and Geminus Head Start/Early Head Start: Ms. Dowling asked the Board to approve the 2015-16 Food Service Contract between Griffith Public Schools and Geminus Head Start/Early Head Start as presented in the Board packet. Mr. Potacki motioned to approve the contract as presented, Ms. Megquier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Policies First Reading: Mr. White read the portion of the policies that were submitted for the first reading. Policies currently prohibit relatives of staff members from being placed in positions in which they would be supervised by a relative staff member. This includes extra-curricular and co-curricular positions. The policy would be amended to read: All extra-curricular and co-curricular positions are excluded and/or exempt from this policy. No action is required at this time.

Textbook Adoption for Building/Construction Trades Class: Mr. Borowiak requested the Board to approve the textbook recommendation for the Building/Construction Trades Class as presented. Mrs. Dildine motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Dumezich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Assignments

Certified

Cassandra Collins	Secondary English Teacher, effective 8-11-15
Douglas Sowash	Building Trades/Construction Teacher, effective 8-11-15
Eric Speer	Secondary Social Studies Teacher, effective 8-11-15

Classified

Jill Owczarzak	Class I Custodian, effective 8-10-15
Patrick Pramuk	Part-time Bus Driver, effective 8-5-15

Extra-Curricular

Gary Hayes

Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, effective 8-3-15 to 10-24-15

Separations

Certified

Mark Harnew

Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective 7-30-15, resignation

Classified

Robin Lyon

Part-time Bus Driver, effective 8-3-15, resignation

Extra-Curricular

Mark Harnew

Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, effective 7-30-15, resignation

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National Junior Honor Society Sponsor, effective 7-30-15, resignation

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

Dr. Morikis introduced new Building Trades/Construction teacher, Mr. Doug Sowash. Mr. Sowash shared his background with the Board. He has been a union carpenter for 33 years, he is a former construction company business owner and is an instructor at Ivy Tech, a position he has held for 10 years. Dr. Morikis is proud that Griffith Public Schools is able to offer this type of program for our students.

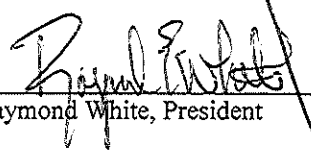
Audience Participation: None

Good of the Corporation: Ms. Dumezich shared that she visited Ready Elementary School recently and commented that the school looked great. Ms. Dumezich invited everyone to attend the circus at St. Mary's this week. She also reminded those present that the Rock N Rail fest will be held Labor Day weekend and that there will be a "Kids Zone" and a free shuttle from surrounding parking areas.

Mr. White reminded everyone of the football scrimmage on Friday at 6:30 p.m. He also mentioned a very nice article in the Times Newspaper about Ms. Sarah Sexson, teacher at Wadsworth Elementary School. Ms. Sexson was The Times 2000 Female Athlete of the year.

Dr. Morikis said that we are off to a great start for the 2015-2016 school year.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



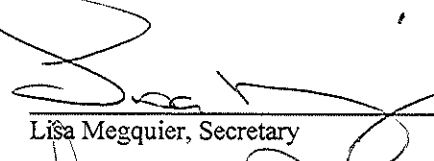
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