Grand County School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, September 20th, 2023

5:18 p.m.

Attending: Melissa Byrd (President), Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins (zoom @ 5:50pm), DeeRay Wardle, Steve Kennedy, Taryn Kay (Superintendent), Klint York (Business Administrator), Pat Wilson (Business Administrator - zoom 7:37pm)

Audience: Jill Tatton, Hank Postma, Sarah Henderson, Todd Thompson

Melissa Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:18pm

Pledge of Allegiance (Lead by Taryn Kay)

Reading of the Mission Statement: Our mission is to put each student first every day.(Read by Kathy Williams)

I. Public Comments - none

II. Student Body President Report

1. New schedule - kids are loving the new schedule despite being unhappy with the longer classes at the very beginning of the school year.
2. After midterms, they did a cornhole tournament. 15 or 16 teams came and participated.
3. This week is Homecoming Week. Participation has been higher this year.
4. Maralee wanted to remind everyone of the parade route.
5. Football homecoming game is against Delta.

III. Board Recognitions

1. Tira Cook - Student of the Month. Todd reads responses. Tira has won the Sunshine Award because she is always smiling and the No Brakes Award because she never puts on the brakes when she dances. This year, Tira will have a lead role in the Charlie and Chocolate Factory musical. Tira is often helping others when she has spare time.
2. Other Students of the Month will be presented next month.

IV. Information Items - none

V. Staff & Community Reports (5-10 min. each report category)

# Board Committee Reports

* 1. Clinical Safety - Planning next walk through of Middle School. All locations will be visited again this year, including YGP.
     1. AIM app for teachers. Training Admin at next Admin meeting. All staff will have it.
     2. Discussed better ways for law enforcement to notify the school district and schools when there is activity within sight of a school.
     3. Jill wrote a grant for more safety equipment in the schools. Unknown if we have gotten those grants yet, but money is set aside for this area. State grant has been written to purchase the 5 year plan.
     4. Cameras detect guns even if shown for as little as 1 second. 5 second turn around to determine if it is a real gun or water gun, etc and notify school officials.
     5. Digital mapping to recognize safe and unsafe areas based on answers from school personnel. Law enforcement then knows where to focus efforts.
     6. Accountability can be started right away from the app.
  2. Discipline Meeting - They had a sub meeting, Libby sent Taryn the notes for that meeting.
  3. DTL - Technology - Michelle, Jill and Kendra - the basic information is this is the 4th year of 5, so next year a new DTL grant application will be needed. Current goal(s) have been math, we need to determine if we want the same goal, or a new goal.
     1. The State feels that our goals need to be more quantitative. Goals need to be written with more details regarding measurement.
     2. Need to have further discussion about next year’s goal(s).
     3. Final draft of job description and ensure there is connection between the description and the evaluation.
  4. Facilities - DeeRay and Steve - nope. Presentation at next board meeting, either in person or zoom.
  5. Finance - Kathy and Steve - meeting with the auditors went well.
     1. Passed everything.
     2. In compliance.
     3. Cat has been able to provide good food for our kids and been able to turn things around a bit.
        1. SBE came down last week to check on compliance.
        2. Michelle has been helping out a lot in the lunch room.
     4. Track will be torn apart, concrete base will be put in and was recommended due to our weather. Should be completed by the next track season. To start after the last football game. Also going to plump the field in the event we want to go the astroturf route in the future.
     5. Myschoolfees has lunch fees as well as sports or other school fees.
     6. Hired a landscaper, which frees up Frank for other maintenance needs.
  6. Negotiations didn’t meet.
  7. Prevention and Wellness - mostly went over the calendar of events.
     1. Open to ideas of focus.
  8. Professional Development - well oiled machine. A lot of successes from the last trainings.
     1. November - next training, probably not regional for this meeting.
     2. District-wide math board; Math started beginning of last school year.
     3. Language Arts coming soon k-5 and 6-12. New Language Arts curriculum - looking at gaps from old and new curriculum. Slated to begin next Fall.

# Business Administrator Report

* 1. History included to show the history of money spent.
  2. Waived money - money that was not previously spent due to not having position(s) filled.
  3. Struggling to get someone in from the Native American Community to teach/do activities. Position filled this year, lack of parent counsel to help oversee the program.
     1. Kristin Ramirez-Marsh is the new club coordinator
     2. Hoping to increase the budget for next year.

1. Community Coordinator Report
   1. Response will come in the form of the Superintendent Monthly Newsletter
2. Superintendent Report
   1. Breakfast Clubs for HMK and MS/HS combined. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. “The Teachers” is the current book being read.
   2. Met with Mary. Zoom meeting between Mary and Craig. In the Spring, Nursing students will come down and doing motivational interviewing with students in the schools. Pick a grade level at the high school, middle school, and possibly 6th grade.
      1. Parents would have to opt-in for the service.
   3. Taryn and Klint walked around the city building. Talked with Pat Trim informally. Requested that indoor soccer doesn’t take place in the middle school gym.
      1. Strictly recreational
      2. Our positive is the use of the pool for the swim team and field trips. They use our gyms.
   4. MLL and West Ed - Figure out what we want to know and then develop the questions that will get us that information.
   5. TSI - the State looking at all of our scores, we have to meet growth and achievement goals.
      1. Resource Allocation Review - to determine if schools are spending money to help meet the goals. It is unlikely to meet the achievement goals that the State sets for subgroups, but we should not have problems meeting the growth goals.
3. Monthly School/Department Reports
   1. SpEd/PreSchool - Jill Tatton
      1. by the end of Spring, we should have about 16/17 3 year olds. 30 max for 4 years olds.
      2. AM and PM classes of 15 students each. 4 days per week.
   2. HMK - Michelle Searle
      1. Science - Measures go from Fall to Fall - growth was less than expected - 54th percentile; 60th percentile is expected. Achievement is good, most kids are on grade level.
      2. Language Usage - Achievement is not on grade level. There is some movement, but the growth isn’t what we expected.
      3. Reading - Growth measure and achievement were both about 41.
      4. Math - Growth is less than expected; achievement is lower than we would want.
      5. Can we see historical figures to see if there is a difference between pre-covid and post-covid scores.
      6. 40X - tool used to improve achievement - WIG (Wildly Important Goal)
         1. Improve growth for our students with disabilities and Hispanic students by 6% by EOY State Data.
         2. Each team will choose 3 measures and watch those carefully.
      7. Promoting the wellbeing of students. Libby explains it is a Plug and Play program. Self awareness and regulation. Grand County is ahead of the curve, first to start the program. Parents can opt-in or opt-out. We are at 96% opt-in. Available in English and Spanish. Being taught as an Exploratory session.
      8. Back to School Carnival - shows pictures
      9. Moab Music Festival
   3. MLHMS - Kari Barnard
      1. 247 students total enrolled
      2. Milo Smith was 7th Grader of the Month
      3. Conner Prickett was 8th Grader of the Month
      4. 35th percentile for scores for BOY reading, summer likely has an impact
      5. We aren’t allowed to incentivize at all. Therefore kids don’t have a reason to do well on those tests.
      6. Hope to have scores available for the next Parent Teacher Conferences to show parents.
      7. Even high achievers aren’t performing well on these RISE tests because there isn’t motivation/incentive for them.
      8. 57th percentile for science.
      9. 7th graders are lower in math than the 8th graders.
      10. Typically a dip at 6th grade and they are back up by 8th grade.
      11. Reviewed emergency procedures including updated map.
      12. Students earn Thunderbucks to spend in the school store.
   4. GCHS - Todd Thompson
      1. Red Devil Advisory - focusing on the wellbeing of students.
         1. Positive coping skills
         2. How to be resilient; we see a correlation between kids and their parents
         3. “We is greater than me.”
         4. Making these kids self-aware
      2. Honoring emergency personnel - pictures shared.
         1. Students and community members participated; cleaned up the front of the school.
      3. MAP
         1. 9th grade math - compared 8th grade fall to 9th grade fall, 52%; achievement, little by little progress
         2. Integrated Math 2 - aligns more to the current curriculum. Shows more true achievement. 42%
         3. Integrated Math 3 - good baseline for where our students really are. 58%
         4. Language Usage - Grade 9 achievement is low, but their growth is good
         5. Language Usage - Grade 10 growth is 3% in the time period
         6. Reading - achievement has fallen, even with the Juniors, scoring 19% or lower; which doesn’t match ACT scores at all. Growth is higher.
         7. Science - Achievement from 9th to 10th grade year is going in the right direction.
      4. Discharge/Grad Rate has fallen over the last several years, hoping to have increased. 92% last year, but we are missing some.
      5. 464 enrolled, but we’ve added a few students so this needs to be updated.
      6. Rolled over about 3 or 4% of trust land funds.

VI. Consent Agenda (10 min.)

a. Minutes - July Regular Board Meeting Minutes; August Board Work Session Minutes; August Tax and Budget Meeting Minutes; August Regular Board Meeting Minutes; September Personnel List, August Detail Check Revenue Report and Expenditure Report

b. Personnel items

c. Financial reports

Steve Kennedy makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

DeeRay Wardle seconds the motion

Vote 5-0

Passed

VII. Action Items (10 min.)

1. Approve New Policies and the Policies GCSD has Individualized that have more than Date or Citation Changes
   1. Changes from Column 2 and 7 be included in tonight’s board packet.
   2. Kathy Williams make the motion to approve the changes in columns 2 and 7.
   3. DeeRay Wardle seconds the motion.
   4. Discussion - no feedback.
   5. Vote 5-0
   6. Passed
2. Post the Policies with Substantive Changes and the Negotiated Policies with Substantive Changes for Public Comment - Columns 3 and 5
   1. Kathy Williams makes the motion to post items in columns 3 and 5.
   2. DeeRay Wardles seconds the motion.
   3. Discussion - no feedback
   4. Vote 5-0
   5. Passed.
3. Approve the Grand County Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual
   1. DeeRay Wardle makes the motion to approve the manual.
   2. Kathy Williams seconds the motion.
   3. Discussion - no feedback
   4. Vote 5-0
   5. Passed.
4. Approve the 23-24 GCSD TSSA plan
   1. Requirement of the legislature. Technically it has already been approved, but we have to have corresponding minutes to send to the State.
   2. Steve Kennedy makes a motion to approve the 23-24 GCSD TSSA plan.
   3. DeeRay Wardles seconds the motion.
   4. Discussion - no feedback
   5. Vote 5-0
   6. Passed.

VIII. Communications (5 min. Each report)

1. Steve Kennedy - nothing
2. DeeRay Wardle - nothing
3. Kathy Williams - talked about the process of the legislature and that it starts now. We need to be in the room during the initial plans. Where and how will the tax dollars go? Maybe invite representatives to visit us. Lobbying needs to take place before the legislative takes place.
4. Ariel Atkins - nothing
5. Melissa Byrd - nothing

IX. Advance Planning (5 min.)

1. Invited to leave if nothing to add.
2. Negotiations on the 25th at 4pm
3. Regional Meeting on October 3rd at 6pm
4. Board Site Visit on the 9th at 1pm
5. Prevention on the 10th at 4pm
6. Finance on the 11th
7. Work Session on the 11th
8. Board Meeting on the 18th
9. Agenda Planning on the 4th at 2pm

Recess -

* Steve Kennedy makes a motion to recess
* Kathy Williams seconds the motion.
* Vote 5-0
* Passed at 8:02pm
* Recorder is back on at 8:11pm
* DeeRay Wardle makes a motion to go into Executive Session to talk about negotiations
* Steve Kennedy seconds the motion
* Roll Call Vote: Steve Kennedy, Yes; DeeRay Wardle, Yes; Melissa Byrd, Yes; Kathy Williams, Yes; Ariel Atkins, Yes.
* Passes 5-0

Recorder turned off at 8:12pm to go into Executive Session

X. Executive Session September 20th, 2023 at 8: pm

Present: Steven Kennedy, DeeRay Wardle, Melissa Byrd, Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins, Patrick Wilson via Zoom Taryn Kay is excused from Executive Session at 8:04pm

Recorder turned back on at 8:27pm in Open Session

* Kathy Williams made the motion to adjourn
* DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion

Adjourned at 8:27 pm

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