

Grand County School District Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

5:21 p.m.

Attending: Melissa Byrd (President), Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins, DeeRay Wardle, Steve Kennedy, Taryn Kay (Superintendent), Pat Wilson (Zoom@5:50pm), Corey Brantner (Administrative Assistant)

Audience: Cat Vasquez, Hank Postma, Joseph Olson, Emily Roberson (YGP)

Melissa Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:21pm

Pledge of Allegiance (Lead by DeeRay Wardle)

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

I. Public Comments-none

II. Board Recognitions-none

III. Information Items

a. MLHMS End of Year Report

-Joe Olson said 8th grade promotion went well

-36% of students showed strong growth

-Rise scores: 7th grade, 42% demonstrated strong growth, 8th grade, 41% demonstrated strong growth

-Science grades were very good

-End of year events: Water day, 8th grade promotion, Ken's Lake boat races

b. YGP Request

-Emily Robertson is asking permission to go ahead with the YGP(Youth Garden Project) plans to find an architect to build a fence around the YGP property

-the reasons for the fence: Prevent kids from wandering away, keep deer out, safety

-Emily also mentioned wanting to have a covered outdoor classroom

c. Increase in Cost of Adult and Student Meals

-Cat Vaquez(CNP(child nutrition program director) talked about the school losing money with the school lunch program and the need to raise prices for breakfast and lunch

-Cat wants to cook from scratch as much as possible

-Proposed price increases.

Breakfast for students: HMK-\$1.50, raised to \$1.75, MLHMS/GCHS-\$2.00, raised to \$2.25

Lunch for students: HMK- \$2.50, raised to \$2.75, MLHMS/GCHS- \$3.50, raised to \$3.75

Adult breakfast: \$3.00, raised to \$4.00. Lunch: \$4.00, raised to \$5.50

-High School cafeteria will be closed 23-24, and food will be served at the middle school for the middle school students and the high school students

POG - Portrait of A Graduate

-Taryn Kay presented board members with the POG. This is a state initiative, not required

d. Policy Updates

-Taryn Kay explained the latest GCSD & USBA 2023 model policies

-Taryn went over policy updates. Columns 1,4,6 have only date or citation changes and the board will vote to post them for public comment

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

- a. Board Committee Reports
 - no reports
- b. Business Administrator Report
 - Pat Wilson said payroll files are ready to go for new year contracts for 10,11,12 month employees
 - TNT advertising is
 - Sick leave payouts, formula was incorrectly applied. Retirees received an overpayment of sick leave
 - Taryn is going to check with Jill Tatton on SPED spending in the district
- c. Community Coordinator Report
 - Taryn Kay spoke about SIS(Student Information System) Aspire and her experience with deciding not to spend the money on a new SIS in place of Aspire. PowerSchool(a different SIS) would cost \$50,000 more per year than Aspire.
- d. Superintendent Report
 - Working on a volunteer tab
 - County wide mailer listing open positions with QR code
 - Pilot project at HMK(Guest Teacher) which would include one paid day of shadowing
 - WestEd/San Juan Mill Project: reviewing data to make a plan
 - School safety parent meeting, parents can send in questions to be screened before meeting
 - Super Grand: A monthly newsletter from Superintendent Taryn Kay

VI. Consent Agenda (10 min.)

- Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve: April 12, 2023 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes, April 19,2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2023 Board Retreat Minutes, May 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 21,2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 2023 Detailed Check Register, June 2023 Revenue Report, June 2023 Expenditure Report
- DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion
- Discussion: No
- Vote: 5-0
- Passed: 7:21pm
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Personnel items
 - Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the July personnel list
 - Ariel Atkins seconded the motion
 - Discussion: Melissa Byrd asked about coaches(they will be added to the personnel list for next month)
 - Vote: 4-0, Melissa Byrd abstains
 - Passed: 7:23pm
 - c. Financial reports

VII. Action Items (10 min.)

- a. Approve Policy DBA(N)
 - DeeRay Wardle made a motion to accept the policy DBA(N)
 - Steve Kennedy seconded the motion
 - Discussion: No
 - Vote: 5-0
 - Passed: 7:25pm
- b. Approve the 23-24 Salary Schedules
 - Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the 23-24 salary schedule for: Teacher, Classified, Director, Instructional Coach, Principal, Therapist, Substitute and Other Stipends
 - DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion

-Discussion: No

-Vote: 5-0

-Passed: 7:38pm

c. Approve YGP Request

-Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the YGP (Youth Garden Project) request to move forward with plans and designs for a perimeter fence at the YGP

-Steve Kennedy seconded the motion

-Discussion: No

-Vote: 5-0

-Passed: 7:40pm

d. Post Policies with Minor (Date or Citation) Changes for Public Comment

-Kathy Williams made a motion to post policies in column 1, 4 and 6 (policies with minor changes (date or citation) for public comment

-DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion

-Discussion: No

-Vote: 5-0

-Passed: 7:42pm

e. Approve Increase in Cost of Adult and Student Meals

-DeeRay Wardle made a motion to approve an increase in cost of adult and student meals

-Kathy Williams seconded the motion

-Discussion: No

-Vote: 5-0

-Passed: 7:43pm

VIII. Communications (5 min. Each report)

-Steve Kennedy apologized for arriving late

-Ariel Atkins asked about a letter that was sent with link to register students that was not functional

IX. Advance Planning (5 min.)

-August 21-23, auditors will be at the District Office

Recess -

-Kathy Williams made a motion to recess

-DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion

-Vote: 5-0

-Passed: 7:58pm

-Out of recess on 8:02pm

-Kathy Williams made the Motion to go into Executive Session for Negotiations

-Steve Kennedy Seconds the motion

- Roll Call vote Steve Kennedy Yes, DeeRay Yes, Melissa Byrd Yes, Kathy Williams Yes, Ariel Atkins Yes

Recorder turned off at 8:03pm to go into Executive Session

X. Executive Session July 19, 2023 8:03 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 8:58pm

-Ariel Atkins makes the motion to come out of Executive Session

-DeeRay Wardle Seconds the motion

-Vote: 5-0

-Out of Executive Session 8:58pm

-In Open Session 8:58 pm on July 19, 2023

XI. Action items as per Executive Session

-Kathy Williams makes the motion to amend Superintendent Kay's contract to reflect an increase in her compensation for the year 2023-2024 to go from \$150,000 to \$155,000 per year

-DeeRay Wardle seconds the motion

- Discussion: Ariel Atkins: important to note that we are increasing the compensation to remain competitive with the State while ensuring fiduciary responsibility and in an effort to maintain the integrity of the negotiations between GEA and GCEA

-Vote: 4-1 :

Yea - Steve Kennedy, DeeRay Wardle, Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins

Nay - Melissa Byrd

-Kathy Williams made the motion to adjourn

-DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion

Adjourned at 9:00 pm