

Grand County School District Board of Education  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

5:16 p.m.

Attending: Melissa Byrd (President), Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins, DeeRay Wardle, Steve Kennedy, Klint York (Business Administrator), NaShay Lange (Administrative Assistant)  
Audience: Jill Tatton, Hank Postma, Cari Caylor, Todd Thompson, Ross Ballard, Caitlin Ballard, Alanna Simmons-Cameron, Sarah Henderson, Jeremy Spaulding, Kari Barnard, Michelle Searle

Melissa Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:16pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Lead by DeeRay Wardle)

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

I. Public Comments - none

II. Student Body President Report

- a. Ali not present.

III. Board Recognitions

- a. Ross Ballard - September Student of the Month - Grade 11
- b. Aiden Gordon - October Student of the Month - Grade 12
- c. Rachael Harrison - October Student of the Mont - Grade 12

IV. Information Items

- a. USU Presentation - not present - Call Sam for rescheduling
- b. Letters of Assurance for LEA specific Licenses
  - i. Stacia Fischer explains the need for Letters of Assurance.
  - ii. Once the Board Approves, Krista can put them in Cactus
  - iii. Lindsay and Hannah are licensed educators, but not specific to what they are currently teaching
  - iv. Cari Caylor adds that those unlicensed with need licensure within 3 years, but the endorsement can take place yearly through the Letter of Assurance

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

- a. Board Committee Reports
  - i. Clinical Safety
    - 1. Steve and DeeRay missed the meeting; Jill Tatton attended and provided notes
  - ii. Discipline - upcoming
  - iii. DTL/Technology
    - 1. Kathy wasn't there; the meeting did take place
  - iv. Evaluation

1. Melissa reports they are working to help the KPI process. Jill and Hank will get together to reschedule their meeting
- v. Facilities - didn't meet; Klint will get it scheduled
- vi. Finance
  1. Klint will email the group the prepared graphics
  2. Melissa Byrd brought up that some students are not getting charged for lunch, Klint will look into this
  3. Trying to encourage students to stay on campus for lunch; many ideas are being thrown around: snack bar, breakfast bar, utilization of the empty cafeteria
  4. CNP is coming together, Cat is finding her groove
- vii. Negotiations - no report
- viii. Prevention and Wellness
  1. Carrie Valdez is trying to coordinate a road show to present to the Board
  2. Mary Johnston is looking at coming to present in November
  3. Kathy Williams reports on using motivational interviewing to determine a child's use or knowledge of drugs and alcohol. The interviewers will be from out of the area with the hope of allowing students to feel more comfortable in making disclosures. Students determined to be high risk would be referred to services.
    - a. Melissa Byrd brought up the idea of a sub committee that would be able to report back to the P&W committee
    - b. Jeremy Spaulding talked about the potential of using a social work intern as there are new interns yearly and this has a side of social work to it
    - c. Alanna Simmons-Cameron explains that the intern is not only interviewed but also interviews the group
  4. Melissa Byrd brought up the prescription initiative to figure out how students are getting their hands on prescription drugs
- ix. Prof. Dev - Notes are attached, no discussion
- x. Calendar - none
- b. Business Administrator Report
  - i. The track is being pushed back. The company didn't consider our climate, which would push completion to March. We have a really good track team this year and the track would be able to be utilized for the first half of the season. Project will start in May instead.
  - ii. Budgets have been started, there is a lot to follow up on coming up.
- c. Community Coordinator Report
  - i. Jeremy Spaulding is driving groups of students from the Middle School to HMK for eye appts
  - ii. HHM was a success; there was a great turnout of about 100 people; goal to continue the same idea with other smaller heritage communities
  - iii. Red Ribbon Week is coming up. There will be an assembly at HMK, the Sheriff and Chief of Police will attend. Great Coalition and Parents Empowered will provide swag bags.
- d. Superintendent Report
  - i. Deep dive of report at Admin Meeting
  - ii. Risk is high for LGBTQ
    1. Taryn Kay and Kelly Vegts are looking to run a meeting/committee that will check in early November
- e. Monthly School/Department Reports

- i. GPS/sped report - no questions or comments
- ii. HMK report - Klint put the report in the Drive, but it wasn't attached due to not being received by the deadline
- iii. MLHMS report - no questions or comments
- iv. GCHS -
  - 1. Melissa asked how the cornhole was. Todd reported they are working on getting 2 sets. Klint has pieces of the old gym floor in his garage that he was going to make a cornhole set out of, they can be used.

#### VI. Consent Agenda (10 min.)

- a. Minutes - no discussion
- b. Personnel Items - no discussion
- c. Financial reports - no discussion
- d. Out of state travel request - no discussion

Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

DeeRay Wardle seconds the motion.

Vote 5-0 pass.

#### VII. Action Items (10 min.)

- a. Approve the Policies with Substantive Changes and the Negotiated Policies with Substantive Changes
  - i. Melissa Byrd wants to table discussion until Taryn Kay is present. Board agrees.
- b. Approve 23-24 GCSD Letters of Assurance for LEA Specific Licenses
  - i. No discussion

Ariel Atkins makes a motion to Approve the 23-24 GCSD Letters of Assurance for LEA Specific Licenses.

DeeRay Wardles seconds the motions.

Vote 5-0 pass.

#### VIII. Communications (5 min. Each report)

- a. Steve Kennedy brings up awkwardness of site visits. Curious if it would be a more smooth process if it was right before a bell.
  - i. Ariel Atkins poses the question of the Board being there in a more meaningful way
  - ii. Melissa Byrd says that is going to awkward, but it has to be done
  - iii. DeeRay Wardle agrees that it is better to do it than not to do it at all
  - iv. Todd Thompson says that if the Board comes around 12:55/1:00pm they will have an opportunity to meet with the teachers before the bell rings but still see the students and observe the classroom.
- b. DeeRay Wardle has nothing to discuss
- c. Kathy Williams has nothing

- d. Ariel Atkins adds that tomorrow (October 19th) is Domestic Violence Awareness Day - wear purple
- e. Melissa Byrd
  - i. Talks briefly about making it to the USBA conference in January - further discussion in Advanced Planning
  - ii. Reminds to contact representatives to reintroduce self and send out info for what we want during session
  - iii. Taryn and Klint will keep the Board apprised of any big things coming up
- f. Hank Postma says there will be a new Speaker of the House and will likely be Mike Schultz.

IX. Advance Planning (5 min.)

- a. Negotiations has been moved from the 23rd to the 30th
- b. Admin Meeting is on the 24th
- c. Agenda Planning is on Nov 1st
- d. GEA/DO Policy Work - Hank emailed Taryn about what this is
- e. Sharp presentation to take place on November 20th, location TBD
- f. Adult Ed/SCSC site visit - Trish wants the Board to go to the jail as well. Discussion takes place, the Board will not visit the jail this year
- g. USBA Conference in January - Kathy is going. Ariel is not going. Melissa is a tentative yes. DeeRay isn't going. Steve is going.

X. Executive Session - not needed

Kathy Williams makes a motion to Adjourn the meeting.  
DeeRay Wardle seconds the motion.

Adjourned at 6:45 pm.