

Grand County School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Attending: Melissa Byrd (President), Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins, Steve Kennedy, Taryn Kay (Superintendent) Klint York (Business Administrator), NaShay Lange (Administrative Assistant), Audience: Hank Postma, Jill Tatton, Kari Barnard, Todd Thompson, Aspen, Ellie, Joley, Summer York, Trace York, Caitlin Ballard, Cadence, Cari Caylor, Josh Jensen, Michelle Seale, Mike McCue, Jeremy Spaulding, Deb deGues, Alanna Simmons-Cameron, Jim Dressler, Allie Jones, Ainsleigh and Kadence Kasprick
Absent: DeeRay Wardle

Melissa Byrd called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

I. Executive Session -- Closed (to public) session from 4:00 - 5:00.

Steve Kennedy made a motion to go into the Executive Session to talk about Personnel.
Kathy Williams seconded the motion to come out of the Executive Session.

Vote 4-0 Pass.

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Kathy Williams seconded the motion to come out of the Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 5:09 pm.

II. Recess 5:00 - 5:15 and Open session begins at 5:17 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ali Jones, Student Body President, GCHS.

No public comment.

Mission Statement read by Ariel Atkins.

III. Student Body President Report

- a. The high school is doing a food drive this week. Teachers have volunteered numerous things such as shaving heads in order to encourage more students to participate and bring in more food. The high school is partnering with the Food Bank for this food drive.
- b. A co-ed volleyball tournament will take place next week.

IV. Board Recognitions

- a. GCHS band

- i. Josh Jenkins spoke about the experience at State. He received good feedback for growth in years to come. GCHS had the largest marching band this year compared to previous years. He was pleased to realize that GCHS was not the smallest at State this year. Josh had various band members introduce themselves including their names, what instrument(s) they play and how long they have been in the band. Josh was presented with an award and pictures were taken.
- b. Cadence and Ainsleigh Kasprick - 1st and 3rd place at girls' cross country
 - i. Cadence and Ainsleigh were recognized by the Board for their placements with Cross Country. Cadence recently signed to run for Oregon State University.
- c. Blue Ribbon Award(s)
 - i. Mike McCue was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award for his outstanding dedication to Margaret L Hopkin Middle School Students.
- d. GCHS Students of the Month
 - i. Trace York, 11th grade
 - ii. Cadence Ballard, 12 grade

V. Information Items

- a. GCSD Administrative Resource
 - i. Taryn created this resource guide for Administrators as a one stop resource list. Section 1 was reviewed during the last Admin Meeting. The Admin Team will go through one section at each upcoming Admin Meeting. Taryn pointed out that in the document there is an area that says "accountability" and in this context "accountability" actually means "assessment."
 - ii. Taryn also created an Organizational Chart for the District. It was noted that the chart in its entirety is not hierarchical, rather only part of it is hierarchical.
- b. School Safety Grant
 - i. This grant was only available to LEAs that completed a list of requirements. Jill Tatton completed each requirement and applied for the grant in the amount of \$790,000. The grant was approved for \$2,370,000.00. This breaks down to \$790,000 for each HMK, MLHMS and GCHS. Moving forward, the facilities committee will meet regarding the needs at each school. Pat Wilson and Klint York have said that the district will likely have a hard time spending all of the grant money. Items already discussed include key card readers where needed but not in place, ADA accessibility on all entry doors, safety film, cameras where they are lacking and more. These items are not listed in any particular order. The committee will make a list which will be presented to the Board.
- c. GCHS Track
 - i. Bids were received from S & L and Tri-Hurst. The bid from S & L is \$3.7 million and includes options for price changes. The bid from Tri-Hurst is \$1.9 million and also includes options for price changes.
 - ii. Discussion took place with Jim Dressler providing additional information regarding each of the bids and the options presented. The recommendation that has been received is to go with a concrete base and resurface every 5 years or

as needed.

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

a. Board Committee Reports

- i. Clinical Safety meets tomorrow (12/14).
- ii. Discipline - Looked at updated numbers. Looking at a District that uses a social worker/family advocate.
- iii. DTL/Technology - didn't meet.
- iv. Evaluation - didn't meet.
- v. Facilities - Klint, Todd, Steve and DeeRay walked through the high school. The wrestling room will be moved to the cafeteria. The high school needs a massive clean-up with use of a big dumpster. There are a lot of projects going on at the high school. Clean up will start during the school year. There are some items that will need to be surplus.
- vi. Finance - met today. Kathy Williams mentioned that Klint created a spreadsheet for the Finance Committee and reports that the spreadsheet is easier to read than the ledgers that are typically created. Klint also created a spreadsheet for monthly purchase orders which is also easier to read. Melissa Byrd asks about individual school reconciliations and who completes them for the school accounts. Klint explains that the Secretary at each school does the first reconciliation then Klint reviews them. Melissa brought up an idea to have a 3rd person for checks and balances. Klint mentioned that the Principal at each school has to physically review and sign all checks before they go out. All checks go back through Aspen as well.
- vii. Negotiations - Review survey results. District calendar - Ariel Atkins brought forward the possibility of creating a quick survey at the end of every month. Taryn will be meeting with Cari Caylor on the 19th to discuss the calendar. Taryn and Michelle Searle have already been discussing a new schedule for conferences because it has been hard on the teachers to have such a quick turnaround.
- viii. Prevention and Wellness - met yesterday (12/12). Youth Voices Speak Out is on January 23rd. A new Sharp goal is to create a presentation to hit the key groups.
- ix. Professional Development - will meet after break.
- x. Calendar - briefly discussed during Negotiations above.
- xi. K-5 LA - will meet next month.
- xii. 6-12 LA - no comments.
- xiii. Maturation - no comments.
- xiv. Math - met last week. Todd and Kendra have been looking at curriculum options for next school year. Curriculum will be chosen by February so materials can be ordered in plenty of time for the next school year and to allow teachers to familiarize themselves with the curriculum prior to the next school year.
- xv. In January, the Board will look at changing committee heads.

b. Business Administrator Report

- i. Safety Assessment moving forward:

1. Having the public use facilities on school campuses during the school day.
 2. Do we keep tennis courts open during school hours?
 - a. The county is breaking ground in May at the arena for a pickleball court.
 3. Taryn had Klint call other school districts to talk about this problem. 12 out of the 12 districts the Klint spoke with said that their courts are NOT open to the public. In fact, one Business Administrator asked him if he was joking when asking the question.
 4. Ultimately, the District's responsibility is to the students at the schools and their safety.
- ii. High School changes:
1. Some of the classroom assignments will be changing:
 - a. The current weight room will become a team room that teams can use during half time during breaks to meet rather than having to go to the locker rooms. The room would be set up like a conference room with desks.
 - b. The weight room will be moved to the current wrestling room.
 - c. The wrestling room will be moved to the cafeteria. Most students are going off campus to eat lunch. If we ever needed to utilize the cafeteria again, it would be an easy transition from wrestling room to cafeteria.
 2. Breakfast and lunch items will be available at the concession stand as an added option for students.
- iii. ID Connect has been put on the back burner after community feedback. Board feedback or other ideas of other avenues to utilize are welcomed.
- c. Community Coordinator Report
- i. Jeremy reports that USU is really excited about the 4th grade field trip.
 - ii. Work is underway to get more/better information out to students about programs that are available for them.
 - iii. Round tables took place with approximately 15-25 kids present at each round table.
- d. Superintendent Report - no questions or comments.
- e. Monthly School/Department Reports
- i. GPS/sped
 1. Embrace is a system to write IEPs. It links with the State.
 2. Medicaid made a lot of changes this year with even more changes coming for next year.
 3. For the State Monitor/Audit - GPS was chosen for indicators 11 & 13. For indicator 11, there was only 1 error that was determined to not be an error on our part. For indicator 13, a few small things were missing that will need to be fixed. Jill Tatton is convinced these will be easy fixes.
 - ii. HMK - no questions or comments.

- iii. MLHMS
 - 1. Coral Cameron and Kinzie Shumway were this month's Students of the Month.
 - 2. Kari Barnard was surprised at the good turnout for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- iv. GCHS
 - 1. Todd said the HS had a good turnout for Parent Teacher Conferences.

VII. Consent Agenda (10 min.)

a. Minutes

- November 8, 2023 Board Work Session Minutes
- November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes - table until next meeting; not linked correctly.

b. Personnel items

- December Personnel List

c. Financial reports

- Nov FY 2024 Detailed Check Register
- Nov FY 2024 Revenue Report
- Nov FY 2024 Expenditure Report

Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion - none.

Vote 4-0 pass.

VIII. Action Items (10 min.)

a. Approve the CSTAG policy (FHAH)

Ariel Atkins made a motion to approve the CSTAG Policy (FHAH).

Kathy Williams seconded the motion to approve the CSTAG Policy (FHAH).

Discussion - none.

Vote 4-0 pass.

b. Approve GCHS Track Bid

Kathy Williams made a motion to Approve the Tri-Hurst Base Bid plus bid alternate #1.

Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to Approve the Tri-Hurst Base Bid plus bid alternate #1.

Discussion - it is a necessity to replace the track. It has been a necessity for a while but there was no funding available. Pushing back the replacement has caused the higher expense. The replacement process will begin May 20th. Graduation will have to take place at an alternate location, depending on where Tri-Hurst is within the process.

Vote 4-0 pass.

IX. Communications (5 min. Each report)

Steve - none.

Kathy - none.

Ariel - none.

Melissa - reminder to run for Board membership. Opens on January 4th, closes January 8th. There are 3 spots available this election cycle . Signatures are not needed to run.

Hank/Taryn - School Safety Office - HB-61 is on the agenda for Clinical Safety tomorrow (12/14)

X. Advance Planning (5 min.)

- a. State work session with reports for SCSC
- b. Finance Meeting is moved to January 17th @ 4 pm
- c. Technology Meeting is January 18th @ 3:30
- d. USBA Conference is January 4th through the 6th
- e. Youth Voices Speak Out on January 23rd
- f. Negotiations Meeting is January 29th

Kathy Williams made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

