

Grand County School District Board of Education  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes  
Wednesday, November 20th, 2024  
5:15 p.m.

In Attendance: Melissa Byrd, Kathy Williams, Ariel Atkins, Steve Kennedy, Dave Bierschied, Mike McFalls (Superintendent), NaShay Lange (Administrative Assistant)  
Matthew Keyes (Business Administrator) - absent

Also in Attendance: Sarah Henderson, Tamara Freida, Nick Murphy, Patty Murphy, Abbie Long, Josh Surkes, Angela & Brian Hays, Mikalyn Steinbrueck, Melissa Roy, Jessica Taylor, Aracely Medina, Kyle Greene, Toby Taylor, Trae Johansson, Jamie Reidhead, Jace Reidhead, Jill Tatton, Buffy Camps, Cari Caylor, Chris Kapsrick, Shelly Kasprick, Maureen Clapper, Ranna Bieschke, DeShawn, Tiffany Chadd, Lindsay Dowd, Tara Penner, Heidi, Hawk Clapper, Evan Clapper, Heather Dalton, Dean Dalton, Ainsleigh Kasprick, Jayden Taylor, Jessica Delgado Diaz, Jeri Hamilton, MS Volleyball Team (10 Players) Xandra Odland, Melissa McKimmey, Tamyra Walker, Jeremy Spaulding (Google Meet), Lauralee Green (Google Meet)

Melissa Byrd brought the meeting to order at 5:18 pm at the Grand County School District Board Room.

This meeting is available in person and via Google Meet.

Ariel Atkins read the Mission Statement.

Cari Caylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Agenda

Dave Bierschied made a motion to approve the agenda.

Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

Discussion - none

Vote 5-0 Pass

2. Public Comments

- a. Tamara Frieda says that the schedule this year has been troublesome. She stressed the importance of having strings available all year long as a year round program

3. Student Body President Report

- a. The Sadies dance is a priority right now
- b. Raising money for Junior Prom
- c. Focus has been on food drive
- d. Working on increasing involvement from students

4. Board Recognitions

- a. October High School Students of the Month were presented with their certificates (Jace Reidhead and Ainsleigh Kasprick)
- b. November High School Students of the Month were presented with their certificates (Hawk Clapper and Maggie Wilkowski)
- c. November Middle School Students of the Month were presented with their certificates (Ethan Burton and Liesel Hays)
- d. Middle School Girls Volleyball Team was recognized along with their coaches for their undefeated win at the State Championship

- e. Middle School Cross Country and their coaches were recognized for their outstanding achievement at State

5. Information Items

a. Audit Presentation

- i. Kyle and Tray from Squire and Company reported on their findings and went over the audit report.
- ii. They met with the audit committee while they were here
- iii. Overall their opinion is an “unmodified opinion” meaning that things look good
- iv. Page 14 of the book shows the point in time balances
- v. Taxes from the people will soon be cash coming to the district
- vi. Found that earning on investments is much higher this year than it has been in years past
- vii. Food Service was deeply looked at, as requested
  - 1. Food costs are increasing
  - 2. Salaries are increasing
  - 3. 400k loss before transferring 350k to help balance out the discrepancies
    - a. This is one of the larger transfers this year
    - b. Squire works with 22 of 41 Utah school districts
    - c. Ultimate goal is to break even or aim for a 50k need of transfer
    - d. Missed deadlines means a loss of money for 23-24 at the end of the year
- viii. On the federal level, the finding was also an unmodified opinion
- ix. ESSR funds are running low and covid money will likely be gone next year

b. Beacon Presentation

- i. Beacon is a high rated program with other program coming to our Beacon program for curriculum ideas
- ii. They are starting a newspaper with the English department
- iii. Beacon has a focus on learning in a way that kids don't realize they are learning
- iv. HMK is the most consistent of the schools while the middle and high schools show more fluctuation
- v. Up until recent, Beacon has primarily been funded by grants
- vi. Beacon is asking the school district for \$25k
- vii. Quarter 4 will use a good portion of the general funds that remain only leaving funding for quarters 1 and 2 next year
- viii. Questions have been raised about Beacon charging tuition, but if tuition is charged, Beacon would disqualify themselves from grants

c. Trust Land Plan Amendments

- i. Michelle put in the website what it would allow her to put in
- ii. There is a reduction in funds - not able to hire
- iii. Some funding came from rollover

d. SSC Plans Review/Adjustment

- i. The extra \$7000 came from rollover

e. Policy Updates - Policies in Column 3 - Policies with Substantive (more than citation/date) Changes - B & C Policy - BE, BEA, BEE1, BEE2, BFA, BJD, BKD, CAB, CAF, CAH, CB, CBA, CBG, CCG, CE, CEA, CEB, CEC

- i. This is the second reading

f. Policy Updates - Policies in Column 3 - Policies with Substantive (more than citation/date) Changes - DABA, DAC, DAE, DBG, DDAA, DFA, DFD, DKAB, DKAC, ECA, ECBB, ECC, ECCA, ECCB, ECE, ECG, ECH, ECJ, EDA, EEE, EEEA, EEEB,

EEEC, EFB, EFC

- i. This is the first reading
- g. Discussion on Public Comments on Policies in Column 7 - DAH, EBA, FDAC
  - i. No discussion on DAH or EBA
  - ii. Further editing to be completed by Nurse Mary Frothingham prior to approval

6. Staff & Community Reports

- a. Board and Committee Reports
  - i. Melissa will be joining Evaluation Committee as a parent
  - ii. Negotiations will meet next week
  - iii. Calendar - Mike states that Instruction and Professional Development are the priorities. Melissa would like to see the calendar more simplified
- b. Business Administrator Report - none
- c. Community Coordinator Report - no questions for Jeremy
- d. Superintendent Report - verbally given by Mike McFalls
  - i. Been working on the calendar
    - 1. Has looked at calendars from the top performing schools districts in the states
    - 2. Remediation and acceleration in learning are needed
    - 3. Looking into Spring Break
    - 4. Would like to see a full week off for Thanksgiving
    - 5. Consider moving the Fall break to a February break
    - 6. Been looking at the number of hours students are in school daily and weekly at each school - has some concerns that HMK students are in school many more hours than secondary schools
    - 7. Would like to implement a 185 day calendar with 3 professional development days
  - ii. Has visits all campuses
  - iii. Meeting with Angela from MHTN tomorrow to discuss Pre-K through 6th grade at HMK. Believes it is clear that the Board wants the ideas separated
    - 1. Important to keep the modifications simple
  - iv. Been working more on District Improvement Goals
  - v. Safety Sub Committee —> Community forum on safety
    - 1. Working on a true flip book of safety
  - vi. Met with the ESL teachers
  - vii. Attended Super Meeting
  - viii. Will attend Regional meeting tomorrow
- e. Monthly School/Department Reports
  - i. GPS/SpEd Report - no questions or comments
  - ii. Quarter 2 HMK Board Report
    - 1. Increased by 1 student
    - 2. Went over beginning of year iReady (Math) scores
  - iii. MLHMS Board Report
    - 1. Low scores
      - a. 7th grade - only 5% are at or above grade level for reading
      - b. 8th grade - only 10% are at or above grade level for reading
  - iv. GCHS Board Report - no questions or comments

7. Consent Agenda

Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the following items:  
Oct 9, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Oct 16, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting

Minutes, Oct Detailed Check Register, Oct Expenditure Report, Oct Revenue Report, OOST - Strings Trip, OOST - Girls Basketball to Colorado, OOST - Plain Talk Literacy Conference, OOST - Wrestling - Colorado & Arizona, DAH and EBA.  
Kathy Williams seconded the motion  
Discussion - FDAC will be looked at again at a later date.  
Vote 5-0 Pass

Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the Personnel List as part of the Consent Agenda.  
Davie Bierschied seconded the motion.  
Discussion - Ariel Atkins recused herself from the vote.  
Vote 4-0 Pass with Ariel recusing herself.

## 8. Action Items

### a. Approval of the Audit Report

Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the audit report from Squire and Company for the 2023/2024 year ending on June 30, 2024.  
Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to approve the audit report from Squire and Company for the 2023/2024 year ending on June 30, 2024.  
Discussion: none  
Vote: 5-0 Pass

### b. Approval of Trust Land Plan Amendments

Ariel Atkins made a motion to approve the amendments for the HMK Trust Land Plan.  
Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to approve the amendments for the HMK Trust Land Plan.  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 5-0 Pass

### c. SCC Plans Approval

Dave Bierschied made a motion to approve the MLHMS Trust Land Plan.  
Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to approve the MLHMS Trust Land Plan.  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 5-0 Pass

### d. Approve Posting Policies in Column 3 (B & C Policies)

Kathy Williams made a motion to approve posting the B and C policies listed in column 3 of the USBA 2024 Model Policies Chart for public comment. This includes the following policies: BE, BEA, BEE2, BFA, BJD, BKD, CAB, CAF, CAH, CB, CBA, CBG, CCG, CE, CEA, CEB, CEC.  
Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to approve posting the B and C policies listed in column 3 of the USBA 2024 Model Policies Chart for public comment. This includes the following policies: BE, BEA, BEE2, BFA, BJD, BKD, CAB, CAF, CAH, CB, CBA, CBG, CCG, CE, CEA, CEB, CEC.  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 5-0 Pass

## 9. Communications

- a. Steve - Mirror some other schools to increase our schools
- b. Dave - None
- c. Kathy - Nursing students with teeth cleaning was well organized. Commends Nurse Mary.

- d. Ariel - Seek Haven partnered with the Native American Club
  - e. Melissa - None
10. Advanced Planning
- a. Add an Executive Session online on the public notice website for 12/4/24.

Kathy Williams made a motion to go into Recess.  
Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to go into Recess.  
Vote: 5-0 Pass.  
Recess started at 8:28 pm.  
Out of recess at 8:36 pm

11. Executive Session

Steve Kennedy made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Character and Competency.  
Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.  
Vote: 5-0 Pass.  
Executive Session began at 8:37 pm.  
Recorder off at 8:37 pm.  
Mike McFalls excused at 8:27 Pm  
Recorder on at 9:24 pm.  
Ariel Atkins made a motion to come out of Executive Session.  
Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.  
Executive Session ended at 9:24 pm.  
Recorder off at 9:24 pm.  
Recorder on for Regular Session at 9:24 pm.  
Kathy Williams made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.  
Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to Adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.