



Grand County School District

EACH STUDENT, EVERY DAY.

Grand County School District Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting - Aug 20 2025

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:15 PM

In Attendance: Melissa Byrd, Kathy Williams, Dave Bierschied, Lauralee Green, Jenna Woodbury, Matthew Keyes (Business Administrator), Aspen Shaw (Purchasing Agent)

Also in attendance: Hunter Jones, Kaci Hamilton, Reagen, Anjelice, Natalie, Daniel, Bentley, Buffy Camps, Jacob Francis, Judy Sweeney, Jill Tatton, Alex Buxton, Brandon Johnson, Kendra Cupps, Lindsay Dowd

Melissa Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:23

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hunter Jones.

Mission Statement read by Lauralee Green.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Dave Bierschied

Seconded by: Lauralee Green

Passed

2. **Public Comments**

Jacob Francis - coach pay for cross country is far less than the other sports coaches.

3. **Student Body President Report**

Hunter Jones - introductions of all Student Body and Class Officers and their roles. Talk about the theme this year and any important upcoming events. Theme is "your voice, our future." More voices for the Student body, suggestion box. Homecoming Oct 11. Trying to find something for September.

4. **Items for Discussion**

- a. Board of Education Bond Resolution
GCSD Board of Education Bond Resolution

[Proposed Resolution](#) 


[Preliminary Official Statement](#) 

Alex spoke about the financial piece of the rebonding. Six years have passed since the bonds were obtained and are now up for refinancing. When the bonds were secured, the interest rate was much higher than it is now. With current rates where they are now, anticipated savings is \$1.5 million in savings, approximately \$130K per year. The idea is not to extend the bond out, just taking the amount owed and lowering the interest rate. This can happen anytime after the bonds become callable. Once the rate has been locked in, there will be a new call date. Currently we would have about a 7% savings, and our threshold is normally sitting at 3% savings. When the bonds were complete in 2019, we negotiated down to a 6 year recall, the typical recall is 10 years. Recommendation is to sell the bond, get the lowest interest rate possible and take the 9 or 10 year recall.

Brandon talked about the legal aspect of the rebonding. Approving the resolution does not obligate the district to do so. It is required to have a public notice posted for the rebonding, but there shouldn't be controversy because it is saving money, not costing additional money. If interest rates increase before we lock in, we can always look at this at any other time in the upcoming year(s) to rebond.


- b. Department Presentation - Instructional Coach
Instructional Coach Presentation
<https://grandschools-org.zoom.us/j/84595340815?pwd=1nplxE4etjhQbKTKZO2Gb788PHolEC.1>

Kendra presented in regard to elementary levels. Alanna presented in regard to secondary levels. Growth for the teachers is based on the Utah Educator Performance Standards. This is necessarily evaluative. They have been able to refine their mentoring of new teachers. Licenseing and endorsements was a bigger life last year than what is happening this year. Two of our teachers completed their APPEL program and have their licenses and have stayed in the district. Different areas have different levels of support. Trying to accomplish vertical alignment between elementary and secondary.

- c. Second Reading of sShine Policy - DFE
[DFE Highly Needed Educator Salary Supplement Draft.pdf](#) 

The policy itself mimics the state rule. The district just needs to determine which positions will be chosen, if the Board wants to change any of the subject matters. More conversation about integrated science - everything but biology.

- d. HMK/PreK Site Updates
We are open and have school going on at HMK. The preschool project is behind schedule, but we are moving forward well. The turf in the playground is a top priority outside. We are behind indoors due to work that needed correcting from sub-contractors.

Melissa talks about the safety problems that are happening with the construction. Matt will work with administration to figure something out.
- e. Cell Tower Lease Agreement
[Land Lease Agreement](#) 

AT&T wants to add ground storage and cabinets around the Verizon tower. Looking at approximately 300sqft. Rent will be \$600 with an increase of 2.5% every 5 years. Asking the Board to approve Matthew working with the city and AT&T to finish out the agreement.

- f. Second Reading - Citation, Date, Minimal (B, E, F) & Action
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Z50kk3y_fGSHFKQ7G7hyzWOLzVlmJ_b-?usp=drive_link

Melissa has talked to NaShay and she is going to work on getting the policies into the format that we are used to. The policies will be presented in the table format.

Move to Post Policies B, E and F that have only citation, date or minimall verbiage changes to the District Website for Public Comment.


Moved by: Kathy Williams

Seconded by: Lauralee Green



Passed

5. Staff & Community Reports

- a. Monthly School Reports - Enrollment Data
No reports provided. Mike McFalls approved schools not providing reports this month since school has only been in session about a week.
- b. Board Committee Reports
Finance met with the auditors this morning. They will be here the rest of the week. Presentation from auditors will be in October/November.
- c. Business Administrator Report
Been really busy and we are doing really good.
We've brought amazing team members in and those are having positive outcomes already.

- d. Community Coordinator Report
No questions for Jeremy.
- e. Superintendent Report
[Superintendent Report.docx](#) 

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes
[Regular Board Meeting - Jul 16 2025 - Minutes - Html](#) 
- b. Personnel
[August 2025 Personnel List.pdf](#) 
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Out of State Travel
- e. Presentation and Board Site Visit Schedules
[25_26 Board Site Visit Schedule \(1\).pdf](#) 
[25_26 Board Work Session and Regular Board Meeting Schedule w Presentation Schedule \(1\).pdf](#) 

Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Jenna Woodbury

Seconded by: Lauralee Green

Passed

7. Possible Action Items

- a. Adoption of Bond Resolution of the Board of Education
We will consider a resolution authorizing the issuance of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds by the Local Building Authority of the District.

Move that we adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds by the Local Building Authority of the District.

Moved by: Kathy Williams

Seconded by: Dave Bierschied

Passed

Move that we convene the Board of Trustees of the Local Building Authority.

Moved by: Dave Bierschied

Seconded by: Kathy Williams

Passed

Move that we adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of the lease revenue refunding bonds.

Moved by: Kathy Williams

Seconded by: Lauralee Green

Passed

Move to reconvene as the Board of Education.

Moved by: Dave Bierschied

Seconded by: Kathy Williams

Passed

- b. Approval of the Land Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless
Board consider approving Land Lease Agreement.
Move that we authorize Business Administrator to finalize agreement with New Cingular Wireless.

Moved by: Kathy Williams

Seconded by: Dave Bierschied

Passed

8. Communications

None.

9. Advanced Planning

[Advanced Planning - August 2025.pdf](#) 

10. Executive Session

Move to recess for 10 minutes.

Moved by: Jenna Woodbury

Seconded by: Kathy Williams

Passed

Recess started at 7:07pm.

Motion to come out of recess.

Moved by: Jenna Woodbury

Seconded by: Lauralee Green

Passed

Out of recess of 7:22 pm.

Move to go into Executive Session to talk about Personnel.

Moved by: Dave Bierschied

Seconded by: Kathy Williams

Passed

Executive Session started at 7:23 pm. Recorder off.

Recorder on at 7:56 pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session.

Moved by: Kathy Williams

Seconded by: Dave Bierschied

Passed

11. Action Items as Per Executive Session

Dave Bierschied made a motion to adjourn.

Kathy Williams seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.