

Grand County School District Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

5:15 p.m.

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

Also in attendance/Audience: Aracely Medina, Hunter Jones, Jeremy Spaulding, Jill Tatton, Kari Barnard, Lindsay Dowd, Cari Caylor, Rhiana Medina, Michelle Searle, Nona Hadler, Sarah Henderson

Melissa Byrd brought the meeting to order at 5:18 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Steve Kennedy

Mission Statement read by Ariel Atkins

I. Approval of the Board Meeting Agenda

A. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda

Dave Bierschied made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda.
Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda.

Discussion - none

Vote: 5-0 pass

- II. Public Comments - Rhiana Medina submitted a public comment regarding parents meetings with their students about classes and having more time which enables more success. She feels that there is a lack of disclosure of the costs associated with certain classes. She said that this causes a bit of "sticker shock" for parents when they don't know ahead of time.

III. Student Body President Report

- A. Aracely reports that students are working on Homecoming Spirit Days. Seniors won the Aftershave Volleyball game. They are working on how to get information out to more students because many students don't have social media accounts, don't check their email, or they don't have 1st hour when announcements are typically made.

IV. Board Recognitions

A. MLHMS Students of the Month

1. 7th Grade - Erik Tsosie - not present because he is at football
2. 8th Grade - Nona Hadler - present

B. GCHS Students of the Month

1. 12th Grade - Aracely Medina - present
2. 11th Grade - Hunter Jones - present

V. Information Items

A. Parent, Student & Athletic Handbooks

1. Some of the handbooks need small fixes but they are fixes that can wait until next school year
2. Approved handbooks will supersede school individually

B. Student Code of Conduct - no discussion

C. Employee and Coaches Handbooks

1. Direct questions or concerns to Matt and/or Mike

D. Policy Updates - Column 2 (**New Policies**) {BBD, CBJA, CED, DAJ, DDC, DFE, DKE, FABB, FAD, FBAC, GDH, GAA}

1. These policies have already been discussed at the prior Work Session
2. This is the second reading
3. Our DKE policy is more rich than that being proposed
4. Look further at DFE
5. Lindsay Dowd and Matt Keyes will be looking over a couple policies next week

E. GCSD TSSA Plan

1. Approval is redundant because it was already approved in the budget
2. This breaks down the budget more clearly

F. Mindfulness in Education

1. The Board will either approve or not approve the surveys later in the meeting
2. Admin (Mike and Matt) will determine how to send opt-ins to parents

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

A. Board Committee Reports

1. Clinical Safety - intros were made; working on strengthening relationships and working on communication by sending emails between meetings
2. Discipline - none
3. DTL/Technology - none
4. Evaluation - none
5. Facilities - none
6. Finance - none
7. Negotiations - haven't met
8. Prevention and Wellness - none
9. Professional Development - November 1st, committee is setting up classes for PD. Board Members are welcome to join
10. Calendar - none
11. Maturation - none
12. K-12 Math - none

B. Business Administrator Report

1. Examined insurance claims
2. Working on having venmo at HS for concessions and entry
3. Safety funds for ADA track and field
4. Constantly working on technology pieces
5. Special Needs Assessment underway
6. Title IX training - starting with Admin
 - a) Sexual harassment, sexual inequality, sex discrimination
 - (1) Catalog designed for students
 - (2) Catalog designs for staff
7. Working on tidying up athletic spending for sports travel due to excess spending in the past

C. Community Coordinator Report

1. Hoping to have Ricky at all of the schools
2. STEMonstrations is next week at the middle school for middle and high school students
3. Hispanic Heritage Month
 - a) Working with Gerlit and Irene
4. Bus Safety PSA

D. Superintendent Report

1. Subscribes to Marshall Memo - this week is on AI
2. Needs to get with Dave about attending a Rotary Meeting
3. Working with Frank and the schools to identify the top 5 items that need attention at their schools and then maintenance will go through one for each school and cycle back through until all 5 items are taken care of at all schools

E. Monthly School/Department Reports

1. Grand Preschool
 - a) Kathy asked for an explanation of the bar graph
 - (1) Jill explained that the gap is decreasing between low socioeconomic status and non-low socioeconomic status
2. HMK
 - a) 691 is the projects number for Oct 1
 - b) iReady - Math - came with the new program and ability to assess, diagnose and direct
 - c) Lexia - concern about 85% being below grade level
 - d) Been on the watchlist for TSI (Targeted School Improvement which goes for 1 year); the next level is Additional TSI (a few years); finally the last level is Comprehensive TSI (the state comes down and dictates what you have to do)
 - (1) Last year we exited ATSI on ELL
 - (2) Hispanic and Special Needs still on ATSI
 - e) English Language Arts increased by 11%

- f) Math was maintained even with two different curriculum being taught
- g) Science maintained
- h) Still a lot of work to do on achievement
- i) Just finished some BOY (Beginning of Year) reading - we are asking for an extension

3. MLHMS

- a) In the exiting TSA phase
 - (1) Growth was the help for that
- b) BOY has not been done yet
 - (1) RISE has pre-testing for the final EOY (End of Year) test
- c) Used to use MAPS
 - (1) Read Theory and Mathia

4. GCHS

- a) Graduation rate is up 7%
- b) Some of our best students are opting out of state testing
 - (1) Why are they opting out?
 - (2) ASking the Board to help encourage parents
 - (3) Parents don't see the scores
 - (4) Students say it's just a snapshot so why bother?
 - (5) Perhaps emailing or mailing scores to parents may help parents be on board with having students take the test; we could email students as well
- c) Commendable in growth
- d) Scores for achievement are not great

VII. Consent Agenda (10 min.)

A. Minutes

- 1. July 29, 2024 - Board Retreat Minutes
- 2. August 14, 2024 - Board Work Session Minutes
- 3. August 21, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. Personnel items - no discussion

C. Financial reports

- 1. June 2024 Detailed Check Register - FY24 Final
- 2. June 2024 Expenditure Report - FY24 Final
- 3. June 2024 Revenue Report - FY24 Final
- 4. August 2024 Detailed Check Register
- 5. August 2024 Expenditure Report
- 6. August 2024 Revenue Report

D. Out of State Travel Requests - none

Steve Kennedy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Discussion: None.

Vote: 5-0 Pass.

VIII. Action Items (10 min.)

A. Approve to Post Column 2 of Policy Chart for Public Comment

Kathy Williams made a motion to Post Column 2 of the Policy Chart for Public Comment.

Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to Post Column 2 of the Policy Chart for Public Comment.

Discussion: None

Vote 5-0 Pass

B. Approve 24-25 GCSD TSSA Plan

Dave Bierschied made a motion to Approve the SY24-25 GCSD TSSA Plan.

Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to Approve the SY24-25 GCSD TSSA Plan.

Discussion: None

Vote 5-0 Pass

C. Approve Mindfulness in Education

Kathy Williams made a motion to Approve the 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade and High School Mindfulness in Education Surveys.

Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to Approve the 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade and High School Mindfulness in Education Surveys.

Discussion: None

Vote 5-0 Pass

IX. Communications (5 min. each report)

A. Steve - A letter was received about the HMK Library position and staffing. The letter was responded to.

B. Dave - Really enjoyed the Colorado Grand. Mike and Matt were present.

C. Kathy - Nothing.

D. Ariel - Nothing.

E. Melissa - Nothing.

F. Jeremy - Great amount of support for service day.

X. Advance Planning (5 min.)

A. Add the following:

1. STEMonstrations

2. Homecoming Volleyball game - Thursday @ 6:30

3. Soccer - Thursday @ 4

4. 9/30 at HMK - Wish for Wheels - building the bikes at 10; presenting bikes to 2nd graders at 10:30

5. Hispanic Heritage Week

B. Ariel will be at a conference and won't be attending the next Board Meeting

C. Take off GEA meeting on the 2nd

D. Steve won't be at the Site Visit on Oct 14th

- E. Steve and Melissa won't be at Work Session on Oct 9th - NaShay to change the location on the Public Notice Website - MLHMS Library

Kathy Williams made a motion to go into Recess for 10 minutes.
Steve Kennedy seconded the motion to go into Recess for 10 minutes.
Vote 5-0 pass. Recess starts at 7:40 pm.

Steve Kennedy made a motion to go into Executive Session.
Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to go into Executive Session
Vote 5-0 pass. Executive Session starts at 7:48 pm.

Recorder off at 8:02pm.

Recorder on at 8:15 pm

Steve Kennedy made a motion to come out of Executive Session.
Dave Bierschied seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

Kathy Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ariel Atkins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.