

Grand County School District Board of Education  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

5:15 p.m.

Attending: Melissa Byrd (President), Kathy Williams, DeeRay Wardle, Taryn Kay (Superintendent), Klint York (Business Administrator), NaShay Lange (Administrative Assistant)

Audience: Todd Thompson, Jill Tatton, Kari Barnard, Michelle Searle, Cari Caylor, Jeremy Spaulding, Libby Bailey, Hank Postma, Sarah Henderson, Tammy Johnson, Lauralee Green (Zoom)

Absent: Stephen Kennedy, Ariel Atkins

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ali Jones.

Mission Statement read by Kathy Williams.

I. Public Comment - none

II. Student Body President Report.

- a. Ali spoke. The volleyball tournament that she spoke about last month went really well and she has had students approach her expressing that they really enjoyed it. She hopes that everyone remembers and continues doing the tournament.
- b. There is a lot of excitement for Youth Voices Speak Out. Ali briefly described it being about resilience through dark places. Next Tuesday, the 23rd, at 6pm.
- c. Feels that overall participation in school by students has been really good.

III. Board Recognitions

- a. Blue Ribbon Awards were presented to RaelLynn Robertson, the Food Pantry/Back Pack Group, and Sarah Henderson
- b. GCHS Student of the Month Awards were presented to Elisabeth Knight, junior; and Liam Clark, senior.

IV. Information Items

- a. USU Presentation
  - i. Kristian Olsen and Samantha Campbell presented to the Board. They feel the importance of the field trips to the USU campus because it gets kids comfortable in the college setting
  - ii. They are seeing a big growth in concurrent enrollment
- b. GCSD 24-25 Draft Calendar

- i. Cari Caylor (Chair of the Committee) spoke about the process of deciding on a calendar schedule. There has to be 180 school days (student contact). Professional development days count as student contact days.
  - ii. Schools are allowed up to 3 full days for Parent Teacher Conferences and can have as many ½ days as they'd like
  - iii. Changes and clarifications were discussed. Cari will make the updates and send to NaShay for posting for Public Comment
- c. Legislative Update
  - i. Legislature opened yesterday (1/16/24)
  - ii. Brief discussion about BH14, HB119, HB161, HB173
  - iii. There are a lot of school safety bills, anti LGBTQ bills, athlete bills and school fees bills
  - iv. Regarding JLC meetings, Melissa would like Klint to attend, Taryn plans to attend in person or via Zoom. Taryn will forward weekly update emails from Lexi to Melissa

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

- a. Board Committee Reports
  - i. Clinical Safety meets tomorrow (12/14). Taryn gave an update from the December meeting. There was no meeting in January, will meet again in February
  - ii. Discipline -no discussion
  - iii. DTL/Technology - no discussion
  - iv. Evaluation - no discussion
  - v. Facilities - no discussion
  - vi. Finance - School lunch - new crew with Cat. Deadlines were missed and we did not get reimbursed for Summer through mid-September food from the federal government. It is going to cost about \$50k for the 12k meals. This comes from the free and reduced lunch programs. Looking at the future, it is going to be very important to have someone from the Child Nutrition Program present at Back to School Night. Budget review will take place in March.
  - vii. Negotiations - will meet next week
  - viii. Prevention and Wellness - Youth Voices Speak Out. It's a full group. Look at the Wellness policy after legislation
  - ix. Professional Development - no discussion
  - x. Calendar - no discussion
  - xi. K-5 LA - no discussion
  - xii. 6-12 LA - no discussion
  - xiii. Maturation - no discussion
- b. Business Administrator Report
  - i. No discussion/questions
- c. Community Coordinator Report

- i. Jeremy would love attendance for Youth Voices Speak Out, next week, Tuesday the 23rd at 6pm.
  - ii. Navajo Highways - muppets presentation at Star Hall on the 19th
  - iii. No other discussion
- d. Superintendent Report -
  - i. Taryn would like to draw attention to the TSI & ATSI scores.
- e. Monthly School/Department Reports
  - i. GPS/sped
    - 1. Question regarding how often there are new students - daily
  - ii. HMK
    - 1. Working to increase students pro-social activity involvement
  - iii. MLHMS
    - 1. Kathy would like details such as percentages, bar graphs, etc
  - iv. GCHS
    - 1. Todd said Every Brilliant Thing was the best assembly. He will provide data for the next meeting
  - v. Melissa would like Jeremy to set up a meeting with Sharp/Panorama to better understand data. Keep it simple. Next year, we should have better information because we will be working with PowerSchool.

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

- a. Minutes
  - November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Personnel items
  - January Personnel List - There have been a couple of new hires and the District currently only has 2 positions available
- c. Financial reports
  - Dec FY 2024 Detailed Check Register
  - Dec FY 2024 Revenue Report
  - Dec FY 2024 Expenditure Report

Kathy Williams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Discussion - none.

Vote 3-0 Pass; Ariel Atkins and Steve Kennedy absent.

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

- a. Post the GCSD 24-25 Draft Calendar for Public Comment

Kathy Williams made a motion to Post the GCSD 24-25 Draft Calendar for Public Comment.

DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion to Post the GCSD 24-25 Draft Calendar for Public Comment.

Discussion - Post on the website. Send the calendar to all staff for comment. Post link to Facebook pages for public comment.

Vote 3-0 Pass; Ariel Atkins and Steve Kennedy absent.

b. Approve the 2024 GCSD Board Meeting Schedule

DeeRay Wardle made a motion to Approve the 2024 GCSD Board Meeting Schedule.

Kathy Williams seconded the motion to Approve the 2024 GCSD Board Meeting Schedule.

Vote 3-0 Pass; Ariel Atkins and Steve Kennedy absent.

VII. Communications (5 min. Each report)

DeeRay - none

Kathy - She, Klint and Melissa went to the USBA conference. She said it was really good and very inspirational. It reminded her that across the State, they all share the same struggles and she felt inspired to keep doing the work.

Melissa - She said that the conference reaffirmed for her why Board Members do this. There were a lot of mental health breakouts. She felt like the conference made her excited to be a part of the Board again.

Kathy - She and Melissa went to the SCSC Open House. It was exciting to see how the SCSC seems like a place that was made for these students.

X. Advance Planning (5 min.)

a. Board Site Visit at Beacon and Grand Area Mentoring on February 28th at 3pm

- i. NaShay will confirm with Dan McNeil and Xandra Odland then email the Board Members

Kathy Williams made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

DeeRay Wardle seconded the motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Vote 3-0 Pass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.