

GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204

Minutes

School Board Study Session

GHS Multipurpose Room

May 18, 2022

PRESENT

Kyle Shinn, Paul Golob, Ron Fleming, Rick Russell, and Dalia Chavez-Isiordia.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Study Session was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Kyle Shinn in the Granger High school Multipurpose Room followed by the flag salute.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. ASB update/End of Year Events (Josh Golob & Mike Carlson)

ASB Advisor, Josh Golob, updated the board on ASB events including the upcoming and last blood drive of the year which will take place on June 2nd. He also proudly reported that so far 1000+ units of blood have been collected this year from staff and students.

Mike Carlson, High School Principal, invited the board to attend the high school graduation on June 3rd at 7:00pm. He also updated the board on events that are planned for the seniors between here and June 3rd.

b. Curriculum Update (Sarah Gardiner: RES Math Team & GMS ELA Team)

GMS Teacher, Jennifer Golden, shared information with board on how the adoption of the myPerspective ELA curriculum would support student learning at GMS.

RES Principal, Ann Bohrsen, shared information with board on how the adoption of the Illustrative Math curriculum would support student learning at RES. Teachers really like the curriculum and the supports for student learning.

c. Long Range Committee Update Presentation & Handout, Track (Brian Hart/Gary Wetch)

Superintendent, Brian Hart, gave the board an update on the projects that the Long Range Committee approved earlier in the year as well as the projects that are recommended for board approval. Some of the approved projects that were discussed are set to begin this summer include the repainting of the high school locker rooms and the resurfacing of the HS Aux and MS gyms. Superintendent Hart also shared that some minor changes were made to the design of the new track for functionality.

Gary Wetch of Loofburrow Wetch Architects was present to update the board on the cost and status of the middle school/counseling office interior and the CXT building for restrooms at the high school.

d. School Resource Officer Update GMS Gang Acknowledgement, GHS Gang Acknowledgement (Brian Hart/Officer Joe Hurst)

Granger Police Officer and district SRO, Joe Hurst, was present and introduced himself to the board.

He shared a bit about himself, his history working in schools, and that he is excited to be working directly in the schools and building relationships with our students. He has been an officer for 13 years.

Superintendent Hart shared the GMS and GHS Gang Activity Awareness Acknowledgments with the board.

e. Proposed Positions: Elementary Counselor, Intervention and Resource Coordinator, and Student Support Interventionist (3) Presentation (Brian/Sarah)

Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, shared a presentation on Mental Health, Interventions, and Support. The presentation included the results from the Healthy Youth Surveys that GSD students in grades 8, 10, and 12 took in 2018 and again in 2021. The survey showed that a high number of students are experiencing depression, anxiety, worry, and suicidal thoughts. There is an increase in legislative funding available over the next three years for physical, social, and emotional support. The district is requesting to use the funding to open 5 new positions which would provide support to GSD students. The positions requested are: one additional elementary counselor, one Intervention and Resource Coordinator, and three Student Support Interventionists. The elementary counselor will be funded by state revenue and the other position will be grant funded.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: May 23, 2022 (6:00pm)

Superintendent Hart shared the May 23rd Regular Board Meeting agenda with the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The school board study session adjourned at 7:40pm. A closed session followed.

CLOSED SESSION

The board requested 25 minutes to discuss professional negotiations. They took a 10-minute break and entered into closed session at 7:50pm. The closed session ended at 8:15pm.

Kyle E. Shinn

Chairman

Ron L. Fleming

Paul D. Golob

Rick Russell

Dalia Chavez – Isiordia

Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent

Secretary