

## **MINUTES**

**Granger School District #204**

**School Board Study Session**

**GHS Multipurpose Room**

**October 18, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ron Fleming, followed by the flag salute.

### **ROLL CALL (Board)**

Present: Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Rick Russell, and Kyle Shinn, and Ron Fleming. Paul Golob had a planned absence.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum.

### **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD (I)**

#### **a. ASB Update (ASB Representative)**

ASB President, Corrina Slade, gave the board an update on recent and upcoming events which included a recap of homecoming week and the upcoming blood drive in November. She also shared pictures of students and staff enjoying the homecoming week festivities. Corrina also shared some questions the ASB officers had regarding purchasing procedures and thanked the board for their support of the ASB.

#### **b. Maintenance Department Update (Kevin Omta) (I)**

Maintenance Director, Kevin Omta, shared a maintenance department update with the board. The update included the projects that were completed over summer, the projects currently being worked on, and the maintenance department goals moving forward for the school year.

#### **c. Safety Update Presentation (Sam Ramos) (I)**

School Security Officer, Sam Ramos, gave the board a safety update. Sam shared the efforts he has made so far this year to help keep schools safe and secure. Sam has met with all administrators and safety leads to discuss strengths and concerns regarding safety. He participates in all building safety committees and collaborates with school staff to implement monthly safety drills. Sam also shared recommendations he has for helping to increase school safety. He gave a special thanks to Kevin Omta and the administrative team for their support and collaboration.

#### **d. Board Meeting Notification Process (Brian Hart) (I)**

Superintendent Hart shared information regarding the board meeting notification process. The Open Public Meetings Act requires districts to have a policy in place which identifies the day of the month, time, and place of regular meetings. GSD policy #1400 follows this requirement. Beyond having a policy in place, there is no other notice requirement. The district does, however, provide extra notice to the public by printing the dates in the yearly school calendar, posting meeting notices in the Yakima Herald, posting the board meeting calendar on the school district website, and posting a board meeting notice

on the front window of the Central Office on board meeting days. When the need for a special board meeting arises, the district sends notice to the Yakima Herald and posts meeting information on the district website.

**e. Levy Update (Brian Hart) (I)**

Business Manager, Amy Coats, shared levy information with the board. Amy showed figure comparisons between running a bond and a levy. She also shared comparisons based on assessed property values. The board asked for a comparison of the three options with the pros and cons of each option. The Levy Committee recommended option three. Amy will present this information to the board at the next regular board meeting.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: October 23, 2023 (I)**

Superintendent Hart shared a brief overview of the agenda for the upcoming board meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board chairman, Ron Fleming, adjourned the study session meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Ron Fleming, Chairman

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Paul D. Golob, Board Member

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Kyle Shinn, Board Member

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Dalia Chavez – Isiordia, Vice-Chairman

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Rick Russell, Board Member

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Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent, Secretary