

GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204
Agenda - School Board Study Session
GHS Multipurpose Room
September 20, 2023 | 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

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

FLAG SALUTE

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

PUBLIC FORUM

No public form.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. ASB Update (ASB Representatives)

High school student and ASB President, Corrina Slade, gave the board an update on the ASB sponsored events and shared who the ASB and class officers are this school year. She shared that the blood drive that took place on September 6th went very well and they have now begun planning for the homecoming dance which takes place on Saturday, October 7th. This year's theme is Wild Wild West.

b. HOSA ILC recap (student Brenda Cortez-Giron & Maria Maldonado)

HS Assistant Principal, Maria Maldonado, gave the board a recap of the HOSA International Leadership conference that she and student, Brenda Cortez-Giron, attended in Dallas, Texas in June. Brenda was a state qualifier at the HOSA competition in Spokane, Washington last school year and was invited to attend the conference. Brenda was not able to attend today's meeting but asked Maria to thank the board for allowing her to attend the conference.

c. Fall 2023 Surplus List (Amy Coats)

Business Manager, Amy Coats, shared the list of surplus items and explained the surplus process. Many items were repurposed throughout the district. Once approved, the remaining items will be offered for sale to other public and private schools and the remaining items will be offered for sale to the public.

d. NEA Global Learning Fellowship and NCTE National Convention (Stephanie King)

HS English Teacher, Stephanie King, updated the board on her participation in the NEA Global Learning program. She shared that this program offers free materials for educators and how her participation in this program benefits her students.

e. Solar + Battery Backup Grant Presentation (Scott Lewis Apollo)

Apollo representative, Scott Lewis, shared a facilities improvement presentation with the board. He shared information on the Commercial Clean Buildings Law and what the plan is to have all buildings in compliance. He also shared information on the Solar + Battery Backup grant the district received from the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$1,491,568. Having a battery backup system in place

can be utilized in emergency power outage situations. It also will reduce energy consumption at Granger High School, which will help with the district’s compliancy with the Commercial Clean Buildings Law.

f. Budget Update Board Presentation 9-20-2023 (Amy Coats, Sarah Gardiner)

Business Manager, Amy Coats, and Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, presented a budget update to the board. They shared that the student head count is currently at 1367 and the FTE is at 1353. The district has submitted to run an Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) for students which will give them the option of online learning. This will allow the district to service those students who do not want to attend in-person school. The ALE is currently pending approval from OSPI. Amy and Sarah also shared the grant and procurement process, this year’s professional development calendar, and their plan to send budget reports to buildings weekly.

g. Mental Health and Gang Prevention Specialist Positions (Sarah Gardiner)

Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, presented the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between GSD and the United Family Center for the mental health counselor and gang prevention specialist. These MOUs are to renew the contracts for Sandra Zesati, Mental Health Counselor, and Jose Zesati, Gang Prevention Specialist.

h. Policy Updates-1st Reading: 3241P Student Discipline, 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees, and 3530P Fundraising Activities Involving Students (Brian)

Superintendent Hart shared the updates WSSDA made to policies 3241, 5001, and 3530P. These updates are essential and provide more clarification and align to updated laws passed by the legislature.

i. School Improvement Presentation Updates (RES, GMS, GHS)

The building principals gave the board a school improvement update. Each principal shared their building’s goals, actions plans, and successes in the areas of PLC (Professional Learning Communities), PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports), and ELL support (Multilingual Learners).

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: September 25, 2023

Superintendent Hart shared a brief overview of the agenda for the upcoming board meeting on Monday, September 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ron Fleming, Chairman

Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Vice-Chairman

Paul D. Golob, Board Member

Rick Russell, Board Member

Kyle Shinn, Board Member

Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent, Secretary