

MINUTES

GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204

School Board Study Session

GHS Multipurpose Room

January 18, 2023

PRESENT (Board): Ron Fleming, Paul Golob, Kyle Shinn, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Rick Russell.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Study Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by board chairman, Ron Fleming, in the Granger High school Multipurpose Room followed by the flag salute.

PUBLIC FORUM

Adrian Guerrero, parent of GSD students, shared a concern he has regarding the need for more security in the district and during non-school hour events. He shared about a positive experience he had in a neighboring district which had armed security at a recent sporting event. He requested that the Board consider hiring more security. The Board thanked Mr. Guerrero for sharing his concerns and informed him that district security is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Guerrero thanked the Board for their time and was pleased to learn of the district's plans to add a security position.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. **ASB Update (Josh Golob/students)**

Students, Isaias Gaitan, Marcus Reyes, and Jonathan Sanchez, updated the board on the recent events in which ASB has organized or been a part of. The update included a recap of Santa's Workshop which took place in December that had an excellent turn out as well as the two successful blood drives that took place in September and November. The next blood drive is on Thursday, January 26th and they hope to continue meeting their goal of having 29 participants or more. The students also shared that GHS earned a pajama day as a reward for having 90% of the student body following the school dress code.

b. **Fulbright IREX Conference, February 9-11 in Washington DC: request approval to attend (Stephanie K/Josh S)**

High School Teacher, Stephanie King, gave the board an update on the work she and her students have been doing as part of her participation in the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms program. She also requested the Board's approval to attend the Global Education Symposium in Washington D.C., February 9-11, 2023. The symposium is a professional learning workshop to build networks, collaborate, and develop strategies to enhance global learning.

c. **LEAP Conference, March 27-29 in Tacoma: request approval to attend (Antonio Garcia)**

LEAP Coordinator, Antonio Garcia, requested the Board's approval to attend the LEAP Conference in Tacoma, Washington, March 27-28, 2023. He will take up to 20 eligible students who will have the opportunity to meet and network with other Latino communities in the state, attend valuable workshops, and listen to inspiring guest speakers. The trip will be funded with Migrant grant dollars. The transportation costs will be split with the Toppenish School District and both groups will be sharing a charter bus.

d. **HOSA Leadership Conference, March 9-11 in Spokane: request approval to attend (Korina Padilla/students)**

High School Teacher, Korina Padilla, and a group of her HOSA students requested the Board's approval to attend the HOSA Student Leadership Conference in Spokane, Washington, March 9-11, 2023. HOSA stands for Health Occupations Students of America. HOSA's purpose is to empower future health professionals to become leaders in

the global health community through education and experience. At the conference the students will have the opportunity to meet other students with similar interests, network with people in the health industry, develop leadership, social, and communication skills, and gain a deeper understanding of their career paths. The trip will consist of 11 students and 2 staff members and will be CTE funded.

e. Annual Migrant Conference, April 30-May 3 in New Mexico: request approval to attend (Cris Santoyo)

Special Education and Migrant Director, Cris Santoyo, requested the Board's approval for a group of staff and parents to attend the National Migrant Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 30-May 3, 2023. The purpose of the conference is to learn about the new Migrant Education Program (MEP) requirements, provide learning opportunities to families enrolled in our MEP, network with other districts, and receive professional development credits. The trip will be funded through the Migrant Education Grant.

f. Student Board Representative Procedure Update (Brian)

The Board seeks to hear the input of students and would like to have two student representatives on the Board. The role of the students will be to provide student insight and perspective, serve as liaisons to the students of GHS, and report to students about the work of the school district and Board. Students must meet the required qualifications in order to serve on the Board. More information and the application form for these positions can be obtained by reading Policy No. 1250 and filling out Policy Form No. 1250. The applications must be submitted to their building principal.

g. Creating a Strong Culture and Mentoring of the Administrative Team (Brian)

Superintendent, Brian Hart, updated the Board on the work being done throughout the district. The update included the growth that is taking place with PBIS, PLCs, and leadership team meetings. Building administrators also shared their building's progress and the plans in place to continue to support student learning and staff growth.

h. School Safety Officer Recommendation (Proposed Job Description) (Brian)

Superintendent Hart shared the proposed job description for a School Safety Officer with the Board. This is a newly created position which was created due to the need for more district security. Previously the district contracted with local law enforcement to have a school resource officer in the district during the school day but due to their staff shortages they are unable to continue their contract. If approved, the position will be posted as soon as possible.

i. Policy No. 4210 (1st Reading): Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises (GSD 2016) (WSSDA June 2022) (Brian)

The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) has made essential updates to Policy No. 4210 regarding the regulation of dangerous weapons. WSSDA is a state agency that provides school board members with policy and legal resources among other supports. Superintendent Hart reviewed the updates with the Board. There will be a second reading of policy updates at the next Board meeting.

j. Policy No. 3432 (1st Reading): Emergencies (GSD 2017) (WSSDA June 2022) (Brian)

The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) has made essential updates to Policy No. 3432 regarding emergencies. Superintendent Hart reviewed the updates with the Board. There will be a second reading of policy updates at the next Board meeting.

k. Policy No. 5001 (1st Reading): *Hiring of Retired School Employees (GSD 2016) (WSSDA June 2022) (Brian)*

The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) has made essential updates to Policy No. 5001 regarding the hiring of retired school employees. Superintendent Hart reviewed the updates with the Board. There will be a second reading of policy updates at the next Board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: January 23, 2023

Superintendent Hart shared the agenda for the upcoming regular school board meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023 with the board. He gave a brief overview of the items currently on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Board chairman, Ron Fleming, adjourned the study session meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Ron Fleming, Chairman

Paul D. Golob, Board Member

Kyle Shinn, Board Member

Dalia Chavez – Isiordia, Vice-Chairman

Rick Russell, Board Member

Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent, Secretary