

## **MINUTES**

### **GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204**

**School Board Study Session with the City of Granger**

**GHS Multipurpose Room**

**April 19, 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)**

All members were present: Ron Fleming, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Rick Russell, Paul Golob, and Kyle Shinn.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **a. ASB Update**

### **b. Update: Prevention Club Trip Request to Great Wolf Lodge, Centralia, WA, May 9-11**

### **c. Certiport Educator Conference, June 26-28, Florida**

High school assistant principal, Josh Simmons, updated the Board on school and ASB events. He also shared information regarding the Prevention Club and their request to take a group of student prevention club members to the 2023 Spring Youth Forum at the Great Wolf Lodge in Centralia, Washington, May 9-11. Lastly, Josh shared a request for high school teacher, Isael Marines, to attend the upcoming Certiport Educator Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 26-28, 2023.

### **d. AVID Field Trip to Perry Tech recap**

Middle school teacher, Jennifer Golden, gave the Board an update on the recent trip that several 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students took to the Perry Technical Institute in Yakima, Washington. She shared that the students had a great time and were engaged throughout the entire trip. Students asked several questions and received information on the programs available.

### **e. Camp Cispus Request**

Middle school teacher, Kristin Taylor (on behalf of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team), requested the Board's approval to attend Camp Cispus in Randle, Washington with their 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. She shared an informational power point with Board which included the location of the camp, lodging information, supplies needed, and cost. If approved, the trip will take place May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **f. Social Media Lawsuit Update (Attorney Garrett Williams via zoom)**

Attorney, Garrett Williams, of the Frantz Law Group gave the Board information on the ongoing social media litigation that several school districts across the country have joined. The lawsuit alleges that the social media platforms involved intentionally targeted youth with harmful content which has substantially contributed to the mental health crisis America's youth are facing. The attorneys will seek past monetary damages that districts have suffered and also fight to obtain the appropriate compensation to deal with the mental health crisis. The focus of

these future damages will be about educational programs and mental health resources. This would include funding for a period of years' salaries of school counselors. There is no cost to the district to join this lawsuit and not cost to the district if the lawsuit is lost. Garrett will send more information to Superintendent, Brian Hart, and the Board so they can be fully informed before making a decision.

**g. New Safety Officer & Phoenix Security Contract**

GSD will have a full-time safety officer beginning August 2023. Retired police officer, Sam Ramos, accepted the position and brings 25+ years of law enforcement experience with him. Phoenix Security officer, Ricardo Bernal, has been hired to provide security for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year.

**h. High School Principal Interviews**

Interviews for a new principal for the 2023-24 school year took place last week. Two candidates were interviewed and one has been selected. Superintendent Hart will be recommending this candidate for hire at the next regular board meeting. The current high school principal is out for the rest of the year due to health issues and will not be returning next year.

**i. Traffic Safety Report from Clear Risk/GMS/RES aerial view**

Superintendent Hart shared a safety report from Clear Risk Solutions regarding the pick-up and drop-off zones of the middle school and elementary. The current system has been in place for over 10 years and a review was requested by GSD to see if any safety improvements could be recommended. Superintendent Hart reviewed the suggestions from Clear Risk with the Board. No significant issues were found. Dr. Hart also shared an aerial view of the zones with the Board for clarity on what areas were observed.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS/DEVELOPMENTS**

- a. Conoco/Chevron Intersection**
- b. On/Off Ramp I-82 Near Hudson Road**
- c. Joint Projects**
  - i. Safe Routes to Schools**
- d. New Construction**

Mayor Trevino gave the Board an update on the work the City of Granger has been doing to improve the city and make it safer for all. These improvements include redoing the business corridor which will include repaving the roads and adding sidewalks. Work on this will begin in May. Mayor Trevino also shared that the installation of the new roundabout is a DOT project and the City has no say on any part of the project including its location. His other updates included the hiring of new police officers, the purchase of a new fire truck, and that 200 new jobs will be coming to this area due to the expansion of the Cargill company. Lastly, he invited the Board and all GSD staff to attend their City Council meetings which take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and also to the Dino in a Day event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 3pm.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA: April 24, 2023**

Superintendent Hart shared the date of the upcoming regular board meeting and gave a brief overview of the items on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chairman, Ron Fleming, made a motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:37 p.m. He announced that the Board would take a 10-minute break and then enter into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (RCW 42.30.110) - Performance of a Public Employee**

The Board entered into executive session at 7:47 p.m. They anticipated they would need 30 minutes to discuss the performance of a public employee. At 8:17 p.m. Ron Fleming made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Paul Golob seconded the motion. Executive session adjourned at 8:17 p.m. No action was taken.

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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