

## **MINUTES**

**Granger School District No. 204  
Regular School Board Meeting  
GHS Multipurpose Room  
December 13, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Dalia Chavez-Isiordia followed by the flag salute.

### **OATH OF OFFICE / General Elections Letter**

- a. New board member - Veronica Bermudez**
- b. Re-elected board members - Dalia Chavez-Isiordia and Paul Golob**

Newly elected board member, Veronica Bermudez and re-elected board members, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia and Paul Golob took their oath of office. Veronica introduced herself and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve her community.

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

Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Paul Golob, Rick Russell, Kyle Shinn, and Veronica Bermudez were present.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)**

- a. November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Paul Golob requested that the public comment section of the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be revised as he feels the wording was not accurate. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the wording would be revised. Kyle made a motion to approve the 11/20/23 meeting minutes with the recommended changes. Dalia Chavez-Isiordia seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. The 11/20/23 minutes with the pending revision was approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Action)**

- a. Budget Status for November 2023, Financial Summary for November 2023, Cash Flow/Fund Balance Comparison, Enrollment December 2023**
- b. Approval of Payroll & Accounts Payable for November 2023**
  - 1. Accounts Payable: ASB 11/30/23 & 12/15/23**
  - 2. Accounts Payable: General Fund - 11/30/23 & 12/15/23**
  - 3. Warrant Issue for A/P & Payroll: 11/30/23 & 12/12/23 & 12/15/23**
  - 4. BMO Reconciliation**

Business Manager, Amy Coats, updated the board on funding and revenue for the month of November 2023. The update included information on the November 2023 budget status, November 2023 financial report, cash flow balance comparison, and student enrollment for December 2023.

**c. Personnel Changes for December 2023**

Superintendent Hart updated the board on the personnel changes for the month of December 2023.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD & DISCUSSION (Information)**

**a. ASB Update (leadership students)**

ASB Representatives, Corrina Slade and Kevin Reyes, updated the board on the recent activities that have taken place at GHS. The update included a recap and pictures of Santa's CTE Workshop, Band Concert, and on the spot college admission nights with Central Washington University and Eastern Washington University. GHS had 18 students accepted to EWU and 22 accepted to CWU.

**b. Solar Grant Update (Scott Lewis)**

Scott Lewis of Apollo Solutions gave the board an update on the solar grant project. The grant is for 2.1 million and is through the Department of Commerce for solar panels and a battery backup system. The battery system can be utilized in emergency power outage situations and the solar panels will help reduce energy consumption costs.

**c. CTE Program HOSA Update (Korina Padilla)**

High School CTE teacher, Korina Padilla, and some of her HOSA students shared a HOSA presentation with the board. The students shared some highlights of the events they've participated in as well as what HOSA is and why they chose to participate in HOSA. The HOSA program is available to all GMS and GHS students with parent permission.

**d. Mental Health & Gang Prevention Update (Sandra & Jose Zesati)**

Mental Health Counselor, Sandra Zesati and Gang Prevention & Intervention Specialist, Jose Zesati, gave the board an update on the services they provide to GSD students. Sandra and Jose shared the number of students that they are currently servicing and gave detail on the types of services they provide. They also shared their schedule and contact information. Sandra and Jose not only provide services during school hours but are also available to students after hours and on non-school days.

**e. Edgenuity Online Update & New Grants (Sarah Gardiner & Josh Simmons)**

Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, and High School Principal, Josh Simmons gave the board an update on the Edgenuity ALE program. Currently there are 14 students enrolled in the program. The Edgenuity program allows instruction to be customized for students who are not ready for or cannot do in-school learning. Weekly contact is made with the students and monthly progress reports are completed. In the future the goal is to streamline the process and advertise on a larger platform to allow for a larger number of online students. Sarah Gardiner also gave the board an update on the new grants GSD has received since her last update.

**f. PLC training update from November 28th (Brian Hart & Sarah Gardiner)**

Superintendent, Brian Hart, shared a Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training update with the board. Brian shared the three big ideas and the four focus questions. He also shared a recap of the focus of the work.

**g. Classified and Certified Substitute Rate (Brian Hart )**

Brian shared a comparison of substitute fill rates for staff who are absent. The comparison showed coverage data from September through December 2022 versus September through December 2023. The fill rate has increased this year with each month having 80% coverage or better per month for certified staff.

**NEW BUSINESS (Action)**

**a. Classified Substitute Rate \$16.50**

On January 1, 2024 minimum wage will increase to \$16.50 per hour. Currently classified substitutes are paid \$16.28 an hour. The pay rate will need to be increased to be in compliance with the Washington State minimum wage rate. The certificated substitute rate is currently \$160 per day and will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Kyle Shinn made a motion to approve the classified substitute rate increase to \$16.50. Paul Golob seconded the motion. All approved, motion carried. The classified substitute rate increase to \$16.50 starting in January 2024 was approved as presented.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Information)**

**a. Winter Break (December 18 - January 1)**

There will be no school December 18<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> for winter break. School will resume on January 2, 2024.

**b. Legislative Meeting Update**

Brian shared a recap of the December 7<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Discussion meeting with Senator Nikki Torres and Representatives, Bruce Chandler and Bryan Sandlin. The board met with the legislators to discuss the GSD legislative priorities. Information on the college courses offered at GHS was also shared with the legislators.

**c. Santa's CTE Workshop Update**

The annual Santa's CTE Workshop took place on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the high school. There were approximately 400 people in attendance. Students had the opportunity to make various crafts, take pictures with the Grinch or Santa, and enjoy some cheese zombies.

**d. RAVE Foundation Website**

Brian Hart ,Sarah Gardiner, Josh Simmons, and Stephanie King, recently met with representatives from the RAVE Foundation to present their proposal to have a soccer field built in Granger. The RAVE Foundation is the official charitable arm of the Seattle Sounders. They plan to build 26 community soccer fields in Washington by 2026 and are taking proposals on where to build. If Granger is selected, the field would be built at no cost to Granger.

**e. Annual Election of Board Officers**

The annual election of board officers will take place at the regular board meeting in January 2024. Vice-Chairman, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, will be the acting chairman until then.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS (Information)**

- a. **January 17, 2024 Board Study Session**
- b. **January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting**
- c. **January 29, 2024 Board Advance, 5pm, CO**

Superintendent Hart shared the dates, times, and locations of the upcoming meetings in January. School board meetings are also posted on the district website and in the newspaper.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chairman, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Dalia Chavez – Isiordia, Acting Chairman

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Paul D. Golob, Board Member

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Kyle Shinn, Board Member

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Rick Russell, Board Member

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Veronica Bermudez, Board Member

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Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent, Secretary