

MINUTES

School Board Study Session

GRANGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 204

Granger Middle School Library

March 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL (Board)

All Board members were present: Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, Kyle Shinn, Veronica Bermudez, Paul Golob, and Rick Russell. Student Board Representative, Serrennity Lorton, was also present.

PUBLIC FORUM (I)

No public forum.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD (I)

a. ASB Update (Student Representative)

Student Representative, Corrina Slade, gave the Board and ASB update. The update included information on the recent events that have taken place at GHS as well as upcoming events. The GHS TSA club competed in the TSA state competition in Tacoma earlier this month. The final rankings have not been announced yet but some students made it into the top 5. Several high school students also competed in the regional math competition that took place on March 6th in Sunnyside. 14 students qualified for the state competition. Corrina also shared that there will be a Blood Drive on Monday, March 25th at GHS beginning at 9am.

b. Asset Prevention Program (APP) Resolution #06-2023-2024 (Kevin Omta)

Maintenance Director, Kevin Omta, shared information with the Board about the Asset Preservation Program (APP). The Asset Preservation Program (APP) is a systematic approach to ensure performance accountability, promote student health and safety by maintaining and operating building systems to their design capacity, maintain an encouraging learning environment, and extend building life. An APP review and resolution is required to be done yearly by OSPI to ensure the district is in compliance and is used to qualify for future state assistance.

c. Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports & Counseling Department Update (Jaquelin Herrera & District Counselors)

PBIS & Language Development Coordinator, Jaquelin Herrera, and the district counseling team shared a PBIS and counseling department update with the Board. PBIS is a multi-tiered proactive and data-driven framework to teach expectations, acknowledge desired behaviors, and provide support and interventions that foster a positive learning community. The group shared how PBIS is implemented in schools and shared that it has been a successful initiative.

d. Competitive Grants & GSD Projects March 2024 (Amy Coats, Cris Santoyo & Sarah Gardiner)

Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Gardiner, Business Manager, Amy Coats, and Director of Federal Programs & Assessments, Cristobal Santoyo shared that GSD was awarded a competitive grant in the amount of \$820,000. They shared what projects and purchases will be funded with the grant as well as the timeline for the projects. In order to

receive these funds, a budget extension and Board action is needed as the grant will be awarded from state capital dollars. The district will receive \$820,000 and spend \$820,000 making the net impact to the Capital Projects Fund \$0.

e. Capital Project Budget Extension Resolution #07-2023-2024 (Amy Coats)

Due to the competitive grant GSD received in the amount of \$820,000, a budget extension and resolution is required. Resolution #07-2023-2024 will be submitted to OSPI showing the Board’s approval of the budget extension.

f. Regular Board Meeting March 25th at 6:00pm (Brian Hart)

Superintendent Hart shared that the next regular board meeting will take place on March 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Granger Middle School library.

CITY OF GRANGER (I)

a. Public Safety/Law Enforcement

Police Chief Ceja, shared an update on law enforcement and public safety. Currently the PD is understaffed and underfunded but are doing all they can to patrol regularly and meet with district SRO, Sam Ramos, to keep each other up to date on school safety matters. Chief Ceja shared that he would like to start a block watch program in the near future. He also shared that if a serious situation were to arise, they have the support of neighboring city police departments for backup.

b. Traffic Safety

City Mayor, Hilda Gonzalez, the City will be installing traffic counts in high traffic areas soon. This will provide data for future funding opportunities. Currently there is a lot of commercial traffic coming through the city which poses safety issues for residents and students walking to school. The mayor plans to create a safe route in the future.

c. New Developments

The Washington State DOT will be installing a roundabout at the intersection of 3rd Street and SR223 to create a safer path for pedestrians crossing that intersection. Construction is set to begin in the summer of 2024. The mayor shared that the City had no say in the placement of the roundabout.

The City has applied for grants to make improvements renovations to Hisey Park better known as the dinosaur park. The improvements will include a new parking lot, multi-sport court, skate park, and crosswalk with pedestrian signals. If the grant is awarded to the City, the funds will be received in 2025 and construction would start in 2026.

d. Cargill Trucking

Cargill Trucking is expanding which will create a large increase in the amount of semi-trucks driving through the city and school zones. The City plans to create a safe route in the near future for community and student safety. They also plan to continue discussions with Cargill on how they can work together to make traffic safety a priority.

e. Legislative items that impact Granger

Mayor Gonzalez shared that grant funding is available to help police departments with behavioral health support. This will help the officers assess the need for mental health services during incidents. It will also fund additional support to responders during incidents.

The mayor also shared that she will be giving a state of the city address on April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. It will be televised, aired on KDNA, and will be live on Facebook.

ADJOURNMENT

Board chairman, Dalia Chavez-Isiordia, adjourned the study session meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Dalia Chavez – Isiordia, Chairman

Paul D. Golob, Board Member

Kyle Shinn, Board Member

Rick Russell, Vice-Chairman

Veronica Bermudez, Board Member

Dr. Brian Hart, Superintendent, Secretary