

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – July 17, 2024

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in special session in Larson Middle School Room 2311.

Call to Order: President Emily Gephart called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Emily Gephart	Eric Bode
	Kevin Gusé	Katie Matney
	Molly Wassmuth	

Motion 25-001 (Personnel) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Classified Resignation
Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignation, effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year:
 - a. Tondra Myers; Health Services Paraprofessional
2. Resignation
Recommend the Board accept the following resignation, effective 8/02/2024:
 - a. Nicole Smith, Kids' Club Assistant Director
3. Leave of Absence
Recommend that Board approve the following leave of absence for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Katelyn Burkholder; Grade 1 Teacher
4. New Substitute
Recommend the Board approve the following classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school at 95% of the corresponding GHESSA salary schedule base rate:
 - a. Suzanne Cole Hamilton; Classified Substitute
5. Human Resources Coordinator Contract
Recommend the Board approve a two-year contract for Leanna Wilcox, Human Resources Coordinator, \$87,000, effective August 19, 2024 – July 31, 2026.
6. Boys Basketball Summer 2024 Program Payments
Recommend the Board approve the following payment for Boys Basketball 2024 summer Youth Camp, to be paid out of the Boys Basketball Activity Account (300-9113):
 - a. Chris Armstrong, \$25 per hour
7. Supplemental Contracts
Recommend the Board to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Certificated

 - a. Doug Page; Tennis, Head Coach, Boys, III-1-2, \$4,047.62
 - b. Lana Williamson; Cross Country, MS Coach, VI-3-M, \$2,857.14
 - c. Doug Page; Tennis, Head Coach, Girls, III-1-2, \$4,047.62

Non-Certificated

 - a. Chris Panknin; Football, Assistant Varsity Coach, IV-3-M, \$5,238.09
 - b. Manny Belluccia; Football, Assistant Varsity Coach, IV-2-8, \$4,047.62
 - c. Matt Green; Football, Assistant Varsity Coach, IV-3-M, \$5,238.09
 - d. Mike Dodge; Football, Assistant Varsity Coach, IV-3-M, \$5,238.09
 - e. Dakota Cook, Football, MS Assistant Coach, V-1-3, \$2,142.86

- f. Kristy Mason; Cheerleading, Football Head Varsity Coach, V-2-6, \$3,571.53
 - g. Maya Hanscel; Cheerleading, Football MS Coach, VI-1-2, \$1,904.76
 - h. Joe Ortiz; Soccer, Girls MS Coach, V-1-1, \$1,428.57
 - i. Nick Rose; Volleyball, Head Coach, II-3-M, \$6,666.66
 - j. Cana Ingalls; Cross Country, Assistant Coach, VI-1-3, \$1,904.76
 - k. Bob Ghiloni; Basketball, Boys Head Coach, Varsity, I-3-M, \$8,333.33
 - l. Joshua Madden; Basketball, Girls 8th Grade Coach, V-1-1, \$2,857.14
 - m. Nick Rose; Bowling, Head Coach, III-1-2, \$4,047.62
 - n. Kristy Mason; Cheerleading, Basketball Head Coach, V-2-6, \$3,571.53
 - o. Maya Hanscel; Cheerleading, Basketball MS Coach, VI-1-2, \$1,904.76
 - p. Cana Ingalls; Track & Field, Assistant Varsity Coach (Distance), V-1-3, \$2,857.14
 - q. Andrea Hunter; Track & Field, MS Track & Field Coach, V-1-1, \$2,857.14
 - r. Jack McNamara; Track & Field, MS Coach, V-1-3, \$1,428.57
 - s. Kristy Mason; Softball, Head Varsity Coach, II-3-M, \$6,666.66
 - t. Jacob Hamric-Haller; Football, MS Head Coach, IV-1-4, \$3,333.33
 - u. Carter Jump; Football, MS Assistant Coach, V-2-6, \$3,571.43
 - v. Kody Richardson; Football, MS Assistant Coach, V-1-1, \$1,428.57
 - w. James Gerdes; Soccer, Boys, Varsity Coach, II-3-M, \$6,666.66
 - x. Terry Eisele; Soccer, Girls, Assistant Varsity Coach, V-3-M, \$4,761.90
 - y. Maria Claypool; Soccer, Girls, MS Coach, V-1-2, \$1,428.57
 - z. Andrew Hatem; Soccer, Girls, JV Coach, V-1-2, \$2,857.14
 - aa. Sam Claypool; Basketball, Boys, 8th Grade Coach, V-1-4, \$2,857.14
 - bb. Chris Panknin; Wrestling, JV Coach, IV-2-6, \$1,619.05
8. Classified Employee
Recommend the Board approve the following Summer 2024 paraprofessional position:
- a. Nicole Sweder; Substitute Summer Paraprofessional, \$19.96 per hour
9. Classified Resignation
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club resignation:
- a. Xiamara Bombay; Kids' Club Paraprofessional, effective 7/17/2024
10. Summer 2024 Reading and Math Camp
Recommend the Board approve Summer Reading and Math Camp instruction at the rate of \$55 per hour.

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye, Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments

Mr. Jon Murphy addressed the Board stating he was 100% in support of the proposed cell phone policy, recognizing the addictive nature of cell phones and the distraction they cause.

Discussion

Mr. Culp explained that he has received approximately 35 emails from parents which were nearly all supportive of the policy. He said a few parents expressed concerns regarding their ability to track their child and/or contact their child in the event of an emergency. Mr. Culp also explained that the policy allows for exceptions if a student IEP requires a cell phone as an assistive device. He also stated that while the law requires the adoption of a policy by July, 2025, the district leadership team had been discussing and planning for the implementation of a new policy long before recent legislation mandated it.

Motion 25-002 (Board Policy) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

- 1. Board Policies – Final Reading
Recommend the Board approve on final reading the following policies.
 - a. JFCK – Use of Cellphones and Electronic Communication Devices
 - b. IKF – Graduation Requirements

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye, Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion 25-003 (Curriculum and Instruction) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. 2024-2025 Student – Parent Handbook
Recommend the Board approve updates to the 2024-2025 Student – Parent Handbook

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Culp explained that the student handbook includes specific guidelines pursuant to the cell phone policy. Cell phones and smart watches will not be permitted during the school day in grades K-8 and will only be permitted outside of academic classes for grades 9-12.

Mr. Gusé asked how discipline will be handled.

Mr. Culp explained that the intent is to work collaboratively with students and parents over time to address any cell phone issues rather than focus on discipline.

Ms. Wassmuth expressed her belief that enforcement needs to be consistent which puts some additional burden on the teachers. She also stated that she doesn't think smart watches are a problem, given that Grandview is a walking community, but that it will be important to reflect on the policy after a few months of implementation.

Mr. Gusé stated that it will be important for teachers to model good behavior in terms of the new cell phone guidelines.

Ms. Wassmuth stated that it will be important to talk to students about what to do if they forget their lunch or chromebook, for example, given that they will not be able to use their cell phones. She also recommended communication to parents regarding the use of locks on lockers to secure student cell phones.

Mrs. Gephart reiterated that the Chief of Police and the district's security consultant have both stated that students having cell phones during an emergency actually creates more problems. She also asked if the principals could provide an update to the Board a few months after implementation of the policy to let the Board know how it is going. Mrs. Gephart also agreed with Ms. Wassmuth's point about the importance of consistent enforcement among school staff.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye, Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion 25-004 (Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

1. Field Trip
Recommend the Board approve the following field trip for the GHHS Cross Country team to Lake Hope State Park in McArthur, Ohio, for a Cross Country camp.
 - a. August 2-4, 2024
 - b. 25 students/5 chaperones
 - c. No cost to students
 - d. Bus transportation provided by the district
2. Field Trip
Recommend the Board approve a field trip for the GHHS Football Team to attend a football camp at Tressler Game Preserve in Chillicothe, Ohio:
 - a. July 9-10, 2024
 - b. 40 students/6 chaperones
 - c. No cost to students
 - d. Bus transportation provided by the district
3. Volunteers
Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:

- a. Hannah Barenthin
- b. Fredrick (Rick) Kinsinger
- c. David Schmied
- d. Molly Schmied
- e. Benjamin Thomas Siefker
- f. Kyle Turner
- g. Jasmin Wurster

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye, Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion 25-005 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye, Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

President Gephart declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer