

## **Green Mountain School District No. 103**

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### **GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 6:30 PM

Green Mountain School 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and  
via Zoom connection

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Eric Lowe called the Board meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairman Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **MEETING PARTICIPANTS PRESENT and VIA ZOOM MEETING:**

School Directors Present: Dave Holmes, Eric Lowe, Kent Furman, Joyce Cooper

School Director via Zoom: Cameron Tormanen

Secretary/Superintendent: Dave Holmes

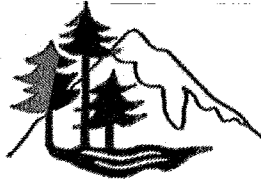
Principal: Jacqui Vansoest

Staff: Carla Whitmire

Guests: Kesiah Brown, Jeremy Brown, Adam Dunn

2. **APPROVAL AND/OR REVISION OF AGENDA:** *Director Syring made motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving Action Item A. Approve board director candidate to be seated at the November 28, 2023, Board Meeting, to #3 so the board can approve a director directly after interviews. Director Tormanen seconded. Motion passed 5-0*
3. **INTERVIEW BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES**
  - A. Approve board director candidate to be seated at the November 28, 2023, Board Meeting. Directors interviewed Adam Dunn and Jeremy Brown. *Director Syring made a motion to appoint Adam Dunn to fill the board director position. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 3-2. Mr. Dunn will be sworn in at the November meeting.*
4. **SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE:** Director Tormanen shared there were two great candidates for board director. Director Furman agreed. Director Furman is enjoying all the campus changes, which is wonderful. Director Lowe shared that he and Director Furman walked through the remodeled cafeteria and feel it is a great step forward. He shared it would be nice to see a pictorial progression of the campus improvements to share with the community. Superintendent Holmes will be sending out a Gazette to the community by the end of November. Director Furman shared his gratitude for all the volunteer time Director Syring has given the district the last 35 years. He does not see people with a commitment to serve anymore. Director Syring is a role model with amazing commitment. "Thank you," Director Syring. Superintendent Holmes said an article will be out in the Clark County Today this week about Director Syring.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 26, 2023, Regular Board Meeting: *Director Syring made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Furman seconded. Motion passed 5-0*



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### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Fire Marshall inspection report. Superintendent Holmes shared the positive letter from the Fire Marshall regarding the annual inspection.

### **7. DONATIONS**

### **8. REPORTS – Informational and Non-Action**

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Holmes shared enrollment remains the same. The final stages of the remodel are being done. The expansion of the playfield is providing more sunlight with the trees being logged. Hardwoods are being removed east of the campus with a fence planned to go up between the properties. Food Service planning will take place over time as there are many parts of the process to work out. Technology continues to have ongoing issues, and we are trying to stay on top of it. Superintendent Holmes completed the STARS transportation report. Ridership this year is only three students under last year's report. The projection is that the Capital Projects Levy fund should have \$250,000-\$300,00 left after the current projects are complete. There will be a need to plan to complete projects in the future that were listed on the Levy planning list.

Budget Status Report: The ending fund balance sits at 1.216 million. The increase is due to local tax revenues from taxes being paid in September.

Review of Board Priority Calendar: No changes

**Principal's Report:** Principal Vansoest shared October has been a crazy month with a lot of activities. There is a new staff meeting format where 20 minutes of general topics are discussed, and the other 30 minutes are a learning opportunity for the group. The format is working well. Donna from KWRL came to the district to give a refresher training on bus pre-trip/post trip protocols, which was positive. Several drills took place which included an evacuation drill. Kindergarten and first grade went to the pumpkin patch and had a visit from the fire department which included fire trucks. Hearing/vision screenings were completed. Our district contracted with Lifetouch photography this year. Students' pictures were completed. Students and staff participated in Spirit Week and an assembly. Several competitions took place at the assembly, which was great. Amboy Fire Department sponsored the district CPR/First aid training held at the fire station. It was a good turnout and positive training. Parent/Teacher conferences took place. PTO sponsored a family night and a book fair. Today was capped off with a costume parade.

Principal Vansoest shared SBA Spring 2023 testing results and Fall 2023 iReady testing results. Teachers now have a full year of iReady testing to begin comparing data to and will be working to close those learning loss gaps caused by COVID.

**Legislative Report:** Director Cooper shared she looked at the report card for all district and Green Mountain looks pretty good. She shared WSSDA has not published their priority list for the 2024 Legislative session. At the federal level legislators are proposing a 28% cut in education, and they are looking at public funding for private schools.



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### **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMUNITY INPUT: No Comments**

### **10. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approve second reading policy 5240 Evaluation of Staff. *Director Syring made a motion to approve policy 5240 Evaluation of Staff. Director Tormanen seconded. Motion passed 5-0*

B. Approve second reading policy 5310 Compensation. *Director Cooper made a motion to approve policy 5310 Compensation. Director Syring seconded. Motion passed 5-0*

C. Approve second reading policy 5400 Personnel Leaves. *Director Furman made a motion to approve policy 5400 Personnel Leaves. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 5-0*

### **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The consent agenda will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.*

#### **A. Main Consent Agenda**

- 1) Approve payroll direct deposits of \$93,684.81
- 2) Approve benefit warrants 25291 through 25292 totaling \$4,261.62
- 3) Approve benefit warrants 25284 through 25290 totaling \$32,289.57
- 4) Approve Capital Projects warrants 805 through 807 totaling \$90,428.94
- 5) Approve accounts payable warrants 25261 through 25283 totaling \$49,523.93  
PCard Transaction Register
- 6) Approve electronically paid federal withholding taxes of \$8,589.95
- 7) Approve electronic payment to Dept. of Retirement Systems totaling \$22,194.00
- 8) Approve third quarter Dyed Diesel Tax payment totaling \$85.01
- 9) Approve third quarter Compensating Tax payment totaling \$104.17

*Director Syring made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 5-0*

### **12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Replacement Levy- length/amount/date to run- initial conversion.**

**1. Every 10 cents = \$23,000 in levy proceeds.**

**2. Current County tax rates for schools.**

**3. 2024 Elections Calendar**

**4. Anticipated County Levies**

**5. Historical Levy Expenditures**

Board members discussed levy rates. Superintendent Holmes will talk to Mitch about writing a resolution to begin with 2.25 per \$1,000 assessed value for a three-year levy period. At the next meeting during the levy discussion, the rate can be adjusted prior to the resolution being approved. The directors would like to see how the rates will help improve the planned deficit projected in the four-year budget.

**B. SBAC test results:** Principal Vansoest shared the results in her report.

**C. SBAC for newsletter:** Results will be published in the Gazette.



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**13. COMMENTS: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Levy Resolution**

**B. Remaining Capital Projects Levy to do list.**

**14. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Lowe adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Holmes  
Secretary/Superintendent

Approved by:

Eric Lowe  
Chairman, Board of Directors