GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6:30 PM Green Mountain School 8th grade classroom and via Zoom connection

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Kent Furman called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Furman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

School Directors Present: Kent Furman, Joyce Cooper, Kessie Brown, Curtis Tikka

School Director Excused: Adam Dunn Secretary/Superintendent: Dave Holmes

Principal: Jacqui Vansoest Staff: Carla Whitmire

- **2. APPROVAL AND/OR REVISION OF AGENDA:** Director Coooper made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Director Brown seconded, Motion passed 4-0.
- 3. SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE: Director Cooper appreciated the Administration talking about how things have gone in the school. All has gone well and ended the year on a positive note. Director Brown said it was cool to see all the academic awards handed out at graduation. It speaks volumes about the commitment of teachers and students. Director Tikka said it was a good day. Superintendent Holmes shared that graduation went off without a hitch. He thanked Robin and Carla for the work they put in on graduation. He applauded Robin for speaking at graduation. He shared Principal Vansoest did a great job of planning it. Director Furman shared it is amazing to watch kids grow and graduate high school. His stepdaughter, Lily, was the first student from Green Mountain School to be Valedictorian at La Center High School graduation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 28, 2024, Regular Board Meeting: Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- 5. **CORRESPONDENCE** None
- 6. **DONATIONS** None
- 7. REPORTS Informational and Non-Action

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Holmes shared buses are being transported to KWRL for maintenance. Once we get a new Business Manager he will start the bus purchase process. Our

current Business Manager Mitch Thompson is transferring to Moses Lake School District. Chuck Hole and Kristin Correll will share the role of Business Manager in the interim. Robin will be moving to the cottage as she will be taking on more of a technology role. Colf Construction dropped the earth mover off to back-fill the dirt. They will also be reinstalling the fence by the playground.

Budget Status Report: Our current ending fund balance is at \$1.398M. June will drop 5.5% in revenue. It is possible we could end the year at \$1.5M. The 2024-25 proposed budget uses \$271,000 of ending fund balance to balance the budget. Based on the overall ending balance predicted at the end of this budget year, we will be fine for next year, but following years will have to be closely monitored.

Review of Board Priority Calendar - The calendar is up to date.

Principal's Report: Principal Vansoest shared that June has been a whirlwind. The PTSO held a Color Run fundraiser. Students and families raised \$11,000. Kids were covered in different colors and stated it was the "best day ever." Teachers have been wrapping up last minute lessons. We held a field day which consisted of a bounce house obstacle course, and several field games. The weather was beautiful. We held the end of year academic awards assembly. The students got to throw whipped cream pies at Mrs. Kipp as an award for raising so much money for the color run. Another award was to turn Mrs. Vansoest into a silly string monster. Kids had a blast! Eighth grade graduation was the same night as the awards assembly. Principal Vansoest's team interviewed six candidates for the 3rd and 5th grade teaching positions. The third-grade candidate has cleared background checks. She is waiting for calls to be returned for the other candidate. Principal Vansoest just returned from the annual AWSP Conference. Both AWSP and WASA are on board to ask Legislature to fully fund schools, Special Education, and transportation. She shared that at some point the board will need to have a conversation about AI in schools. She is pleasantly surprised that OSPI is being proactive in a positive way in regard to giving guidance around AI.

Director Cooper shared that she looked at the new 3-4 grade Science Curriculum and it really is consistent through all K-8th grades. Principal Vansoest shared that all hands-on materials are supplied by Amplify. The district entered into a 6-year contract which includes refreshing supplies every year. Director Brown asked how hands on it was. Principal Vansoest responded that it is very hands along with simulations they watch.

Legislative Report: Director Cooper shared that she emailed Representative Maria Perez about the Civil Rights Data Collection mandate. It is an unfunded mandate that requires about 40 hours of preparation. She asked how it is a benefit to districts related to the amount of time it takes to complete it, how it affects Legislation and what they use the date. She has not received a response yet.

- **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMUNITY INPUT –** Carla praised Director Cooper for her work as the board's legislative representative.
- 9. ACTION ITEMS

- **A.** Approve second reading Policy 6022 General Fund Minimum Balance. *Director Cooper made a motion to approve Policy 6022 General Fund Minimum Balance*. *Director Tikka seconded*. *Motion passed 4-0*.
- **B**. Approve K-5 Amplify Science curriculum. *Director Brown made a motion to approve the K-5 Amplify Science curriculum. Director Cooper Seconded. Motion passed 4-0.*

10. 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 \$93,954.40
 - 2) Approve benefit warrants 25452 through 25456 totaling \$30,849.64
 - 3) Approve electronic payroll accounts payable payments totaling \$52,169.51
 - 4) Approve electronically paid federal withholding taxes of \$8,874.12
 - 5) Approve electronically paid accounts payable totaling \$6,913.29
 - 6) Approve general fund accounts payable warrants 25457 through 25468 totaling \$28,854.02 PCard Transaction Log
 - 7) Accept Breana Oldham resignation, classified paraeducator
 - 8) Approve hire of Chelsea Trump, Food Service Director
 - 9) Approve hire of Katie Carter, 3rd Grade Teacher, 2024-25 School Year

Director Cooper made a motion to approve the main consent agenda. Director Brown seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Summer maintenance projects. Superintendent Holmes shared the summer maintenance list with board members. The first priority items will be completed first and so forth.
- B. Small schools' modernization planning grant. Superintendent Holmes shared the planning grant is restricted to remodeling current buildings and it cannot be used to remodel portables. The grant is for \$4.7M. The cottage, brick building and gym can be remodeled. The Architect is checking on 'inleu of remodel' which would mean possibly razing the cottage and rebuilding it in the same square footage with the addition of a daylight basement. There could also be a possibility of moving the cottage and building the same square footage structure. Director Cooper made mention of canvasing the community to see how they would feel as it is one of the original buildings on campus. Director Brown shared that we need to weigh the functionality of a new building with the historical perspective. Superintendent Holmes shared that in addition they will plan to re-roof the brick building, replace the wooden steps on the brick building with the steel structure, and add new windows, HVAC system, lighting, insulation, and windows to the gym. Director Furman mentioned that if they raze the building, the new building will need to look like the original from the outside. Superintendent Holmes will keep the board up to date as he receives more information. Director Furman said it would be nice to be able to move the structure.



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12. COMMENTS: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Superintendent evaluation process/forms will continue to collect examples.
- B. Budget hearing/ budget approval July meeting.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Furman adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Holmes

Secretary/Superintendent

Approve by:

Kent Furman

Chairman, Board of Directors