
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – November 9, 2015

MINUTES

President Winstanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Beverly Winstanley, Kim Mulvenna, Linda Wacyk, Brody Boucher, Jay Bennett and Jon Shiflett. Sara Clark Pierson joined the meeting at 6:02 pm. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Andy George, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske, Norma Schutzki and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Eddie Saade, Nicole Saade, Ava Saade, William Saade, Nicholas Saade, Vera Saade, John Ellsworth, Russell Misner, Mark Jones and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Boucher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$29,957, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent Andy George provided the members with an overview of the invoices, noting that the Board Bond Committee has approved the invoices being brought forward.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRING

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the teacher hiring, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent Andy George provided the board with background information on Edward Saade who will begin serving the district as a counselor at Grand Ledge High School, noting he bring 11 years of experience to the district and received great recommendations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Saade expressed his excited in joining Grand Ledge Public Schools.

C. APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE VEHICLE PURCHASE

Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Ms. Wacyk for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the vehicle purchase, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent Andy George and Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske provided the board with information regarding the need for a box truck with a lift and reviewing the funds that will be used to purchase this vehicle noting these funds are designated for the food service program and are not part of the district's general fund. These funds are earmarked specifically for use by the food service program. As such, it was necessary to obtain approval from the Michigan Department of Education prior to bringing this approval forward for board action.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS GROUP REPORT

Jeff Gartner from Gartner and Associates presented the board with his findings from the facilitation of 10 Strategic Plan Focus Groups, which garnered feedback from 153 students, staff, parents and community leaders. The information received from these focus groups will be used to craft the questions for a district-wide survey the district will make available later this year. Mr. Gartner anticipates having a draft available prior to the Thanksgiving Recess so board members and district administrators will have time to review and modify the questions as necessary.

B. MICHIGAN RETIREMENT INVESTMENT CONSORTIUM (MRIC)

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske provided the board with an overview of the Michigan Retirement Investment Consortium noting if the district joined the consortium our employees would realize a reduction in the fees they pay from the current 403b/457 provider. This is strictly a cost saving measure for our employees. Consensus was received from the board to move forward. This item will be brought back for action at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Superintendent Metcalf congratulated our Varsity Football team on their District Championship thereby bringing another playoff game to Grand Ledge on Friday Night. This game will coincide with the Grand Ledge High School performance of Mary Poppins. As such, the district will be implementing a shuttle bus service that evening to help with parking congestion at the high school campus.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies, as Per Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ms. Wacyk	<u>YES</u>	President Winstanley	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Boucher	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously at 7:00 pm.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Linda Wacyk, Secretary

Beverly Winstanley, President