

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Work Session – March 9, 2020

MINUTES

President DuFort 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:*** Denise DuFort, Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Kim Mulvenna and Patrick McKennon ***Central Office Administrators:*** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. ***Others in Attendance:*** Gordon VanWieren, Melissa Mazzola, Greg Almy, John Szczerowski, John Turk, and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

CONSUMERS ENERGY PRESENTATION

Consumers Energy Representative John Turk provided the members with an overview of their Temporary Work Area request to accommodate the installation of a pipeline along Nixon Road.

District Counsel Gordon VanWieren provided details of the temporary agreement noting it provides the right to use the property for a limited purpose for a limited time frame and the amount the district will be compensated for the use of the property. In closing he noted he has worked closely with Consumers Energy on behalf of the district and supports the Board's approval of the agreement.

ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$2,243.24, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised all invoices have been approved to be brought forward by the Board bond Advisory Committee.

Mr. McKennon provided an overview of the invoices.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. McKennon seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$377,444.51, as presented.

Mr. McKennon provided an explanation of the invoices noting the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed all the invoices and approved them to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

C. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$7,943.02, as presented.

Mr. McKennon again provided an explanation of the invoices noting the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed all the invoices and approved them to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

D. APPROVAL OF BAND UNIFORM PURCHASE

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the purchase of band uniforms in the amount of \$104,579.80 from Orefice, LTD, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised the district has been setting aside funds in anticipation of this purchase. The current uniforms are over 20 years old and it is time for new ones.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the use of Bond funds in the amount of \$476,565 for the purchase of five, conventional, 77-passenger school buses from Midwest Transit, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised the district has been awarded a grant to help offset the cost of the buses, however, we must purchase the buses up front and be able to show the grantors that we have purchased the buses and destroyed the old one, as stated in our application.

When the funds are received, they will immediately go back into the bond fund.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRING

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Teacher Hiring of Alyssa Murphy, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent Steve Gabriel advised Ms. Murphy is highly qualified and meets the requirements for hiring.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY WORK AREA AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Authorize Superintendent Dr. Brian Metcalf to finalize the Temporary Work Area Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools and Consumers Energy. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

GLHS Band Director John Szczerowski thanked the board for their support of purchasing new band uniforms. He noted this is the first time as band director that he has gone through the process of purchasing new uniforms and expressed his gratitude that the district had the wherewithal to set aside money knowing this purchase was coming recognizing there are not many districts who can say they fully funded this purchase.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations, Dr. Steve Gabriel congratulated the cast and crew of the middle school production of Willy Wonka noting they did an outstanding job and was on par with our high school productions.

Board member Patrick McKennon echoed Dr. Gabriel noting it was a fantastic show and hopes we will continue to do this year after year.

President Denise DuFort thanked Vice President Smith for taking care of things in her absence.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith 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.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. McKennon	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Clark Pierson	<u>Yes</u>	President DuFort	<u>Yes</u>

The motion carried unanimously at 6:39 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

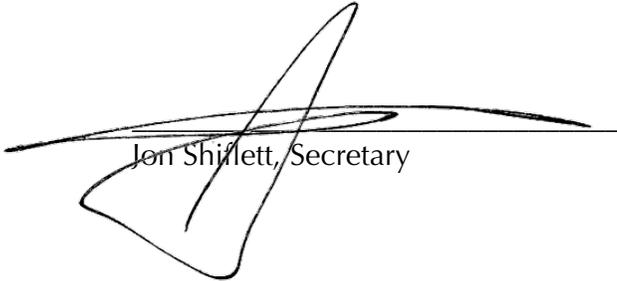
The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary



Denise DuFort, President