

# Grand Ledge Public Schools

## Board of Education

**MARCH 13, 2023**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**BOARD ROOM**

**6:00 PM**

# ***Grand Ledge Public Schools***

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

Please take notice that the Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on:

**Date:** Monday, March 13, 2023\*

**Place:** Sawdon Administration Building  
Board Room  
220 Lamson Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

***Once the meeting begins, it will be Live Streamed  
at: [youtube.com/@GLPS21](https://www.youtube.com/@GLPS21) (click on Live)***

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Purpose:** General Business

**Phone:** (517) 925-5400

Board minutes are located at the Board of Education office, 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837



William A. Barnes, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

cc: Buildings  
Board Members  
Lansing State Journal  
Grand Ledge Independent  
Melissa Mazzola, Co-President, GLEA  
Greg Almy, Co-President, GLEA  
Cindy Zerbe, President, MEA/NEA Unit I, Secretarial /Clerical  
TBD, President, MEA/NEA Unit III, Food Service  
Vicki Wenzlick, President, MEA/NEA Unit IV, TA/HC/Bus Assistants & Adv. Club  
Danis Peck, President, IUOE Local 547, A, B, C, E & H AFL-CIO, Bus Drivers  
Kelly LeSatz, President, Custodial Association

***\*Only one Meeting in March due to Spring Break***

*Date of Posting: March 7, 2023*

***NOTE:*** Individuals may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting. Any person with a disability needing accommodations to attend a Board of Education meeting should contact Kim Manning at 925-5401 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting he/she plans to attend

**Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Board of Education  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, March 13, 2023**

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance ..... Jarrod Smith, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Approval of Agenda Items
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
  - A. February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
  - B. Teacher Hiring
    - a. Bryan Wetherwax – Social Studies – Beagle Middle School
- V. Reports
  - A. Capitol Connections
  - B. Eaton RESA
  - C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation
  - D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
  - E. Governance Committee
  - F. Bond Update
  - G. Superintendent
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. New Business
  - A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of NEOLA Board Policies – 2000 Programs
  - B. Approval of the Payment of Capital Funds Invoices
    - a. Trades – February 2023
 

→ E.T. MacKenzie	→ Kone, Inc.	→ Twin Lake Nursery
→ Integrity Interiors	→ Lansing Tile & Mosaic	
  - C. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoice
    - a. GMB
    - b. Ewing Electric
  - D. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices
    - a. Clark Construction – February 2023
    - b. GMB Architects & Engineers – February 2023
    - c. Trades – February 2023
 

→ B & J Painting	→ Great Lakes Systems	→ Ritsema Associates
→ Ewing Electric	→ Mall City Mechanical	→ Trumble Group
→ Flairwood Industries	→ Moor Trosper	→ Vander Hyde Mechanical
→ Glazing Solutions		
  - E. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices
    - a. Clark Construction – February 2023
    - b. GMB Architects & Engineers – February 2023
    - c. Trades – January 2023
 

→ Aaron Glass	→ Dobie Construction	→ Ritsema Associates
→ Architectural Metals, Inc.	→ H & H Painting Company	→ Stonecreek Interior Systems
→ Centennial Electric	→ Integrity Interiors, Inc.	→ Total Fire Protection
→ Davenport Masonry	→ Professional Thermal	
  - F. Approval of Bid Award – Delta Center Life Safety Issues

**NOTE:** Individuals may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segments of the meeting. If any person with a disability needs accommodations at the Board of Education meeting, please contact Kim Manning at 925-5401 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting he/she plans to attend.

**Grand Ledge Public Schools  
Board of Education  
MEETING AGENDA  
Monday, March 13, 2023**

Page 2 of 2

---

- VI. Comments from Staff and Board
- VII. Future Topics
  - Board Bond Advisory – Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Sawdon Room 107
  - Board Meeting – Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Sawdon Board Room
- VIII. Adjournment

---

***NOTE:*** Individuals may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segments of the meeting. If any person with a disability needs accommodations at the Board of Education meeting, please contact Kim Manning at 925-5401 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting he/she plans to attend.



## **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Jarrod Smith

"I pledge allegiance  
to the Flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the republic  
for which it stands,  
one Nation under God,  
indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all."



## ROLL CALL

Superintendent Dr. Bill Barnes



## APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the March 13, 2023 Agenda Items, as presented.



## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**B. Teacher Hiring**

a. Bryan Wetherwax - Social Studies - Beagle Middle School

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the March 13, 2023 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting – February 27, 2023

**MINUTES**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call by Superintendent Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Jarrod Smith, Nicole Shannon, Jon Shiflett, Ben Cwayna and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent**: Denise DuFort. **Central Office Administrators**: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance** Matt Oppenheim, Michelle Oppenhiem, Devon Detmers, Clifford Hurth, Kate Meengs, Melissa Hinojosa, Michael Patrick, Kelly Nevison, Kylie Heiler, Sara Taylor, Cindy Zerbe, Violet Melton, Jes Melton, Ada Taylor, Danielle Taylor, Kelsey Burzynski, Hudson Burzynski, Nicole Cardwell, Danielle Cardwell, Pat Stefanick, Angie Stefanick, Scott Parsons, Melody Parsons, Jamie McKennon, Holly Bierstetel, Alexa Walter, Karen Bedard, Cathy Fox, Julie Grech-Kramer, Melissa Mazzola, Katie Dufresne, Emerson Dufresne, Nate Rosalin, Julie Schieding, Kim Laforet, John Piper, Tiffany Organek, Jocelyn Thelen, Kristina Dawkins, Desmon Dawkins, Sally Jo Nelton, Allyson McCann, Rickie Kuykendoll and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 27, 2023 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 27, 2023 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the February 13, 2023 Meeting and Closed Session Minutes.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**A. Capitol Connections Report**

Dr. Glasscoe shared she is tracking several bills that revolve around providing monies and flexibility for post-secondary education options and stressing she feels it is the job of board and school (counselors) to ensure our parents know of all the resources that may be available.

**B. Eaton RESA Report**

There was no report in Mrs. DuFort's absence.

**C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report**

Ms. Shannon advised the committee is preparing for their biggest fundraiser, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Josh Spalsbury Memorial 5K Race scheduled for Yankee Doodle Saturday. Sign-up is open now and she encouraged everyone to join the fun.

**D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Report**

Ms. Kuykendoll noted the committee met last week and had a great conversation revolving around strategic opportunities for the group moving forward, how we become a support for students in the district, elevate where we stand and leverage trains to continue moving forward.

**E. Governance Committee Report**

Ms. Shannon advised the committee will meet next week to continue the process of working through the NEOLA policies.

**F. Bond Update**

Bond Supervisor John Piper provided an update with regard to bond construction projects at Delta Center and the High School Fine Arts. Last week we met with GMB about Wacousta, today Mark and I met with the group about door hardware. Track should be starting next week and wrapped up around April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Barnes noted Willow Ridge is our art group on display in the hallway this month and sharing he will host a small, informal reception for the students and parents who have art work on display later this week. He shared work continues on our Emergency Operations Plan with local and county-level first responders. Upon completion of the district level plan, work will begin on building level plans. He advised the district now has a dollar amount for the school safety and mental health grant and he will be bringing the plan for utilizing these funds to one of the meetings in March. He shared he will turn it over to Wacousta for what has become a wonderful tradition at our board meetings. He noted Wacousta and the Wacousta community is near and dear to his heart as a Wacousta Alum, the father of a Wacousta Alum, the father of a current Wacousta student and the husband of a Wacousta teacher.

Wacousta Principal Chris Groves kicked off with a presentation with members of the staff and students sharing information on Wacousta being open for all and how they created a welcoming sign at the entry of their building and the "Forever a Wacousta Kid" display that students can have their pictures taken in front of – noting it's not just for kids and Dr. Barnes has had his picture taken in front of the display, sharing ways they use facility dog Sandee and students sharing why they love Sandee, staff using their own time to take advantage of the LETRS and Dr. Castle from MSU professional development and implementing what they learn in their classrooms, sharing many things students are learning in their classrooms, helping out their community by collecting money and food for the Believer's Food Pantry, sharing how they are working to bring more focus on math learning and gearing up for March Book Madness thanks to the generosity of the Grand Ledge Education Foundation. Principal Groves closed the presentation commenting he is blessed to be at Wacousta and extending a special thanks to Ms. Anna Rosalin his Dean of Students remarking she keeps him moving.

Dr. Barnes thanked Mr. Groves and everyone from Wacousta for the presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Shannon read the rules for addressing the board.

Alexa Walter a student teacher in Mrs. Carlson’s room at Hayes read a statement from Mrs. Carlson, who was unable to be in attendance tonight. Mrs. Carlson expressed how proud she was of the two students who will address the board tonight to express their concerns and experiences with the current Hayes Intermediate School dress code.

Danielle Cardwell addressed the board providing her concerns and experiences with regard to the Hayes Intermediate School dress code and asking for change.

Violet Mellon addressed the board providing her concerns and experiences with regard to the Hayes Intermediate School dress code and asking for change.

Kristina Dawkins addressed the board sharing there will be an open house on March 2, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:30 at Eagle Park for persons interested in learning more about the possible sale and development of property around M-100 and State Road.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Administrative Contract, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes noted we this contract represents the new and updated administrative contract for Central Office administrators following review by district legal counsel. This will be the contract for all of our new Central Office staff will other members transitioning to this contract at the next renewal.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 105 & 105(C) SCHOOLS OF CHOICE FOR 2023-2024**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve Participation in Section 105 & 105(c) Schools of Choice on an unlimited basis for Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2023-2024 School Year, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes advised this recommendation is brought with a lot of information behind it explaining area looked at including but not limited to the history of applications received dating back to the 2016-2017 school year, classroom caps and student performance.

A discussion among the members reviewed the flexibility provided through the unlimited option, resident students are always placed into their respective buildings, options available to students in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, why schools of choice is not offered as an option for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, reviewing the release process for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and students at all grade levels following the closure of the schools of choice window and what resources or expansion of resources are available schools of choice students such as Adventure Club.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. APPROVAL OF DISTANCE LEARNING 3<sup>RD</sup> TRIMESTER ELECTIVES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Distance Learning 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Electives, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes and Dr. Gabriel provided the board with information on the process implementing board approval of distance learning electives each trimester based on student enrollment and noting distance learning students have the same requirements as in-person learns and this allows them to enhance or add to their study.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Technology Purchases, as presented.**

Dr. Barnes and Director of Technology Mark Deschaine provided the board with a detailed overview of the technology purchase recommendations, continued work to map out a true technology replacement plan, working within the district's budget and the use of one-time funding, reviewing the process for disposing of outdated equipment, and ensuring the district is keeping up with current technology.

Mr. Deschaine reviewed the specifics of the recommendation to include a wireless network refresh, wired network refresh, network management (AirWave & ClearPass), Wireless Network Installation, Wacousta Projector Refresh, Student MacBook Refresh for Hayes, Beagle and the High School and the Drafting Lab Computer Refresh at the High School noting these purchases will utilize funds from the 2018 Proposal 1 Series 2 Tech Infrastructure/Equipment Budget, Federal Universal Services Fund, Section 11t Funds, ESSER III Funds, Vocational Education Fund and General Fund.

In closing, Dr. Barnes advised he will provide the board with the district technology replacement plan at a meeting in the near future.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Director of Communications John Ellsworth shared it is Public Schools Week and encouraging everyone to celebrate their public schools and the partnership with families and our communities as a whole.

Dr. Gabriel thanked the Wacousta staff for their presentation, commended the Hayes students who addressed the board and thanking the Hayes student teacher for stepping in for Mrs. Carlson.

Dr. Barnes addressed the student speakers noting the way we make change is doing so in a respectful, articulate and thoroughly thought-out process, which is what the students did and advising their concerns were heard. He thanked the Wacousta team for being here, the community member for sharing information about a community event and noting he is happy we are having these conversations and talking about the business of education.

Ms. Kuykendoll addressed the Hayes students directly advising there is power behind your words and expressing her appreciation in seeing a young person take their power and put it into action. She thanked the student teacher for supporting the students in this space, gave a shout out to Wacousta and thank the community member for the information about the open house.

Mr. Cwayna expressed his appreciation to the Hayes students for coming to speak noting it is good feedback for the board and noting the board does not often get the opportunity to hear how things might be directly affecting students. He thanked Wacousta for their presentation.

Mr. Shiflett reiterated the concerns raised by the Hayes students to ensure his understanding.

Ms. Shannon thanked team Wacousta and the students from Hayes noting she likes the dress code included in the handbook but noting it sounds like that is not what the students are living.

Dr. Glasscoe seconded what had already been said by her colleagues concerning Wacousta as well as the handbook. She commented it can be hard to be objective when you are the one responsible but expressed her appreciation for the input noting it is very helpful to her. She went on to reassert the importance of ensuring we have the information to share with our families regarding resources available to assist them in the continuation of their educational goals. IN closing she gave a shout out to Grand Ledge High School Principal, Ken Wright, and Counselor, Stacy Dohm, for their assistance in a recent situation noting they were very flexible and open, which in turn will allow a student to accomplish their goals.

President Smith thanked everyone for being here tonight and taking time out of their day to come to a school board meeting. He noted he was impressed with the Wacousta presentation and advising the Hayes students to not lose their edge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nicole Shannon, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jarrod Smith, President



---

---

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

---

---

**TO:** Dr. William A. Barnes, Superintendent of Schools

**FROM:** Kelly, J. Jones, Director  
Human Resources

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Hire

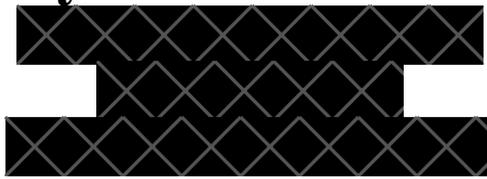
**DATE:** March 3, 2023

---

I recommend the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education hire Bryan Wetherwax to fill our vacant position of Social Studies teacher at Beagle Middle School.

KJJ/edc

# Bryan Wetherwax



## *Objective*

To develop students into responsible, hardworking citizens, while enabling students to develop an awareness of how the social sciences impact their lives.

## *Teacher Certification*

### **Secondary Professional**

- Social Studies RX
- History CC
- Psychology CE

## *Education*

### **Michigan State University: East Lansing, Michigan**

- Major: Education
- GPA: 3.9
- Master of Arts Degree

### **Grand Valley State University: Allendale, Michigan**

- Major: History with an emphasis in secondary education
- Minor: Psychology
- GPA: 3.292
- Bachelor of Science Degree

## *Teaching Experience*

### **Ionia Middle School, Ionia, Michigan 2013-present**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade United States history teacher
- Lessons designed with a clear learning target for goal based learning, emphasizing important historical figures and events that impact modern society
- Incorporate PBIS strategies to encourage positive behaviors in class
- Serve as the middle school social studies department chair
- Mentor for two teachers within the social studies department
- Middle school representative for the District School Improvement Curriculum Council, meeting monthly with each administrator through district to solve challenges for our students

- Co-lead an annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC/Philadelphia trip
- Varsity golf coach for the boys and girls program from 2013-2019

**Burton Glen Charter Academy, Burton, Michigan 2010-2013**

- Taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade world history and 8<sup>th</sup> grade United States history
- Successfully used student data to differentiate instruction
- Enlivened curriculum with technology, debates, role play and simulations
- Took on leadership role to improve school functions and plan field trips

**Latta Middle School, Latta, South Carolina 2008-2009 school year**

- 7th grade world history teacher
- Differentiated instruction for two gifted and talented classes and six single-gendered classes
- Accommodated the needs of IEP's including students with severe autism and cognitive impairment
- Developed excellent relationships with at-risk students using positive reinforcement
- Boys varsity golf coach

*Professional Goals*

---

- Achieve the status of a highly effective teacher in all areas
- Instill the enthusiastic motivation to learn in each student
- Actively integrate my family as positive members within the community



## **REPORTS**

- A. Capitol Connections Report**
- B. Eaton RESA Report**
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report**
- D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Report**
- E. Governance Committee Report**
- F. Bond Update**
- G. Superintendent's Report**



## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Persons may address the board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting by providing your name and jurisdiction (City, Township / County) on one of the Public Comment forms provided at the sign in table and turning it in to the Superintendent's Assistant.

The meeting chair will use the Public Comment forms submitted to invite persons to come forward to make their public comment at the appropriate time.

Board Meetings are constructed to conduct necessary business of the board, while allowing time for the public to express concerns and opinions.

Out of respect for board members, students and staff, you will be interrupted if you:

- Personally attack a board member or district employee on issues unrelated to their job performance.
- Mention a student's name when discussing behavior or other incidents.
- Engage in discussion with other members of the audience.

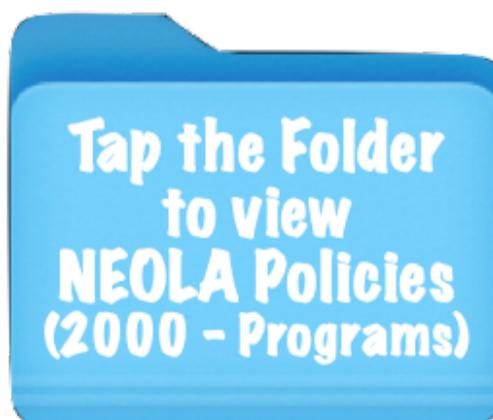
You will be reminded when you are approaching the end of your three-minute limit so you can conclude with your strongest points.

The board will not respond to questions or comments during public comment but the Superintendent will do his best to answer questions at the end of the meeting. If immediate answers are not available, arrangements will be made to provide you with the information requested.



## NEW BUSINESS A

**A. 1st Reading of NEOLA Board Policies - 2000 Programs**





## NEW BUSINESS B

### B. Approval of the Payment of Capital Funds Invoices

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$32,822.34, as presented.





## NEW BUSINESS C

### C. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$5,411.25, as presented.





## NEW BUSINESS D

### D. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$439,821.90, as presented.





## NEW BUSINESS E

### E. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$516,043.05 , as presented.





## NEW BUSINESS F

### F. Approval of Bid Award - Delta Center Life Safety Issues

**PROPOSED MOTION:** I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Bid Award for the Delta Center Life Safety Issues, as presented.





## COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



## FUTURE TOPICS

- Board Bond Advisory Committee - Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Sawdon Room 107
- Board Meeting - Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Sawdon Board Room



## ADJOURNMENT

Time: \_\_\_\_\_