

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
***Board of Education***

Regular Meeting – March 25, 2019

**MINUTES**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call by Superintendent Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Jarrod Smith, Kim Mulvenna, Sara Clark Pierson, Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. ***Others in Attendance***: Erica Ledesma, Erin Reis, Melissa Mazzola, Greg Almy, Jim Price and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the March 25, 2019 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the March 25, 2019 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the Meeting Minutes from the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and the March 11, 2019 Work Session and Closed Session and the 2019-2020 Teacher Leave of Absence for Katie Muhlenkamp.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**A. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS REPORT**

Mr. Smith reported nothing has moved much since last month, but several bills are being introduced to address this year's snow days for schools, eliminating tax on pension, eliminating restrictions on school start dates and internet gaming being allowed from home.

Mrs. DuFort advised the bill to eliminate the Work Keys test is still in committee but there are several business groups that are not in favor of this legislation.

Mrs. Mulvenna questioned where the bill stands that would increase the requirements on teacher evaluations being advised this is not something that will be put into place for the upcoming year so there is still time for discussion. Mrs. Mulvenna noted there is so much legislation targeted at schools.

**B. EATON RESA REPORT**

President McKennon read the report from Eaton RESA Board Representative Jay Bennett advising the RESA has renewed the agreement with Ingham ISD to provide Public Relations and Communication Services from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$190,575 including a one-year extension option for 2023. They also approved the Eaton RESA Five-Year Common Calendar for 2019-2020 through 2023-2024. In closing he advised he hopes to see everyone at the Region 6 Legislative Breakfast on April 12 and our Eaton CASBA on April 30.

**C. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mrs. DuFort advised the Foundation had quite a lengthy meeting recently noting they are working hard to get their finances back in order. They appointed a new Treasurer, which will be very beneficial to the Foundation. In closing, she reminded everyone the Josh Spalsbury Memorial Comet Chase will be held on June 22, 2019 in conjunction with Yankee Doodle Days.

**D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Metcalf congratulated our performers and staff: The Lion King ran over the weekend and was another outstanding performance! The 16th Annual Jason Plite Memorial Dinner is coming up on April 12. GLHS students are awarded scholarships from the Jason Plite Memorial Fund for art and swimming, two of Jason's passions. He gave a shout out to Sun Theater owner, Chuck Pantera noting Chuck does a lot for the district - behind the scenes. Recently, a field trip for our Wacousta 1st graders fell prey to one of our many snow days this year. So, Chuck offered the Sun Theater as a substitute, at no cost! The kids, and teachers were so thankful. In closing, he noted next week is Spring Break and encouraged everyone to be safe!

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

District Employee Jim Price addressed concerns regarding math scores at the high school level when compared to the math scores his students exhibit at the middle school level noting there has to be a disconnect. He noted that in looking at that data with his colleague Andrea Dionise they worked to implement options for their students.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CHARTWELLS**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Contract Renewal with Chartwells for Food Service Management, as presented.**

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske advised the district has a well-established relationship with Chartwells for its Food Service Management. Darrin Gyurich does a great job on behalf of the district. This is year five of a 5-year contract with Chartwells for the district's Food Service Management. As is required by the MDE, we submitted our contract to them for review and have received their approval to renew the contract..

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Mr. Cwayna gave a shout out to all the performers in the recent Lion King production noting he liked how the younger kids were brought up in this production. He also addressed the threat at the high school last week encouraging parents to continue the dialogue with their children noting we must teach our children to make sure they are always doing the right thing so we don't have an incident like last week's.

Ms. Clark Pierson thanked Mr. Price for his insight and expressed her appreciation for this kind of information being brought to the board. She encouraged him to continue the dialogue to ensure the discussion keeps going.

Mrs. DuFort noted the Lion King was a wonderful production and she echoed Mr. Cwayna about having the younger kids involved. She noted that during March is reading month she was able to make it into all the elementary buildings and the middle school and read to approximately 50 classes. She remarked that these visits also provided her an opportunity to talk to a lot of teachers and support staff and it was exciting to hear the enthusiasm they have for what they are doing. She thanked Mr. Price noting we need to know how we can do things better and agreed with Ms. Clark Pierson in that we need to make sure the discussion continues.

Ms. Clark Pierson gave a shout out to her sister, Wacousta teacher Nancy Clark Coleman for arranging to have Lt. Governor Gilchrist in to read to the kids last week.

President McKennon thanked Mr. Price noting these are important conversations and commended him and Mrs. Dionise for taking the time to look at the data and make changes on the fly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Ben Cwayna, Secretary

  
Patrick McKennon, President