

## GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Virtual Regular Meeting – May 10, 2021

### MINUTES

President Sara Clark Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Ben Cwayna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Interim Superintendent Dave Chapin indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Sara Clark Pierson, remotely from Eagle Township, Clinton County, Jarrod Smith remotely from Delta Township, Ingham County; Nicole Shannon, remotely from Oneida Township, Eaton County; Jon Shiflett remotely from the City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County; Denise DuFort remotely from the Monitor Township, Bay County; Patrick McKennon remotely from Oneida Township, Eaton County; Ben Cwayna remotely from City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County. **Central Office Administrators**: Dave Chapin, Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance** Alice Mills, Allison Zakerski, Amanda Gabriel, Amber Baker, Amber Moody, Amber Swint, Amy Lowrie, Andrea Babbitt, Andrea Dionise, Andrew Fata, Angie Stevens, Ann Anderson, Ann Paquette-Lukens, Aryaman Sehgal, Benjamin Foster, Beth Aprill, Bill Albrecht, Bri Dennis, Brian Flowerday, Brian McLaughlin, Brian Trudell, Carly Waldrop, Carolyn Bovee, Carrie Mather-Crowner, Cassidy Chandler, Catherine Flowerday, Charity McLaren, Christy Lobdell, Christy Price, Cindy Brummette, Cindy Zerbe, Cory Maar, Cristy Dowker, D’Anne Golub, Dawne Velianoff, Deb Auge-Pochert, Denise Green, Doug Waldrop, Mike Johnson, Ken Wright, Elyse Fox, Erica Ledesma, Erin Pribble, Erin Ries, Greg Almy, Heather Algrim, Heather Vanderlaan, Jace Lemke, Jamie McKennon, Jen Fata, Jen Haakenson, Jen McCloud, Jenn Grantham, Jenny Waybright, Jeremy Babcock, Jessica Cornman, Jill Ford, Jill Rycus, Jim Gee, Jocelyn Thelen, Joe Grant, Haley Grant, John Hubbard, John Irwin, John Lemke, Joshua Irwin, Sherri Irwin, Julie Boruta, Julie Brunk, Julie Douglas, Julie McDermid, Karen Batterham, Karin Gyger, Kathy Jennings, Katie Casteel, Katie Dufresne, Katie Fox, Kellee Auge, Kelly Smith, Kelly Webster, Kelly Williams, Kelsey Davis, Kim Abed, Kim Cotter, Kim Hetherington, Kim Mulvenna, Kirsten Nunham, Kristin Baker, Kristin Shriner, Kristy Merignac, Kristy Welch, Lanny Lo, Lara Hubbard, Laura Mauren, Lauren Blaske, Laurie deSilva, Leanna Agheneza, Leesha Lee, Lisa Klingbiel, Lucinda Shier, Lynn-Marie McLaughlin, Margo Susnjar, Marisa Evans, Marisa Lay, Marlene Promer, Mary Hankins, Meaghan Jacobs, Megan Bouwens, Megan Spedoske, Megan Weber, Melissa Mazzola, Mercedes Reuschel, Michael Lowry, Michelle D’Alessandro, Michelle Knauff, Michelle Mead, Michelle VanDuine, Mike Bauer, Molly Cool, Morgan Cross, Nancy Kim, Nate Moore, Nicholas Fata, Nola Cockroft, Nora Quinn, Pete Bucholtz, Roshni Kaur, Ryleigh Scott, Sara Haase, Sara Taylor, Shawn Bronson, Shelby Hoskins, Shirley Ries, Stacie Gibson, Teagan Byers, Tamela Jones, Taylor Brush, Theresa Abed, Tiffany Floate, Tonya Rice, Traci Gentilozzi, Tracy Smith, Vicki Wenzlick and Kim Manning

#### GLHS CLASS OF 2021 TOP 36

GLHS Principal Dr. Ken Wright presented the Class of 2021 Top 36 Scholars to the Board of Education showcasing their individual Grade Point Average, Academic Achievements, Extra-Curricular Activities and Future plans.

The board members individually congratulated the Top 36 Scholars noting how impressive their accomplishments and future plans are, especially in an unprecedented year that has been seen a different platform in learning platform.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the May 10, 2021 agenda items, as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mr. McKennon</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>Mr. Smith</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Mrs. DuFort</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>President Clark Pierson</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Mr. Shiflett</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>Mr. Cwayna</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Ms. Shannon</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>		

**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 May 10 , 2021 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the Meeting Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Virtual Meeting and Closed Session, the April 26, 2021 Special Virtual Meeting and Closed Session, May 3, 2021 Special Virtual Meeting and the May 4, 2021 Special Virtual Meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**

<b>Mrs. DuFort</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>President Clark Pierson</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Mr. Shiflett</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>Mr. Cwayna</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Ms. Shannon</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b>Mr. McKennon</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>
<b>Mr. Smith</b>	<b><u>YES</u></b>		

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**A. Capitol Connections Report**

Mr. Smith noted we are starting to see budget movement with proposals to increase per pupil funding ranging between \$50-\$250 and advising more will follow the May 21, 2021 Consensus Revenue Conference. He noted things continue to change with regard to mask mandates and legislation that would provide clarity with respect to graduation ceremonies. In closing he noted the package of legislation surrounding access to school busses, camera usage, signage is moving through the legislative process.

**B. Eaton RESA Report**

Mrs. DuFort noted the RESA board received a presentation from the Meadowview staff on their recent award, reviewed their proposed 2021-2022 budgets which will be acted on by this board later in the agenda, the addition of a new vocational education program in partnership with Davenport College for those interested in nursing that would provide

them with three years of a five year program at no cost, and shared the RESA will be hosting a vaccination clinic through the Barry-Eaton District Health Department at Meadowview on May 22 aimed for 16-18 year old students who have special needs, specifically sensory issues that will provide them a more conducive environment.

Ms. Shannon noted and congratulated Mrs. DuFort for recently being recognized for the excellent work she is doing through Eaton RESA.

**C. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee**

President Clark Pierson noted the committee will meet as a whole on March 25, 2021. However, work continues in the four sub groups that are working independently on specific target areas. She noted she looks forward to being able to have this group meet in person noting it will just bring another dimension to the group but advising the group is doing a great job under the current Zoom meeting format.

**D. Bond Update**

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations Dr. Steve Gabriel noted we are on point with the construction schedule at Holbrook and anticipate have the building ready in June which will provide time for all the moving that needs to take place over the summer. He advised the same is true for Beagle, noting work at present is scheduled so as to not interfere with classrooms. Once school is out on June 18, work will begin inside the building, especially with connecting the 16 new classrooms on the west side of the building to the main building. He also noted the roundabout construction has begun.

Mr. Smith noted he is a member of the Board Bond Advisory Committee and is pleased that things remain on track. He highlighted the district has been able to use Sinking Funds for some projects freeing up more bond funds to keep things financially on track. He also noted projects are coming in under cost which is another benefit to the bond projects.

Dr. Gabriel noted Holbrook and Beagle are about 80-90% complete and advising Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske will share information later in the meeting regarding the sale of the Series II bonds. He noted as this first phase is wrapped up, the district looks forward to hosting open houses at the completed buildings so our students, staff and community can see what has been accomplished.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

Interim Superintendent Dr. Chapin apologized for not getting the Friday Notes out to the members last week. He thanked Dr. Wright for presenting the Top 36 Scholars noting it is inspiring and motivating to see the many accomplishments of these outstanding students, but also the boarder base of students throughout the district. He reiterated Mr. Smith touching on recent information shared from the World Health Organization, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Barry-Eaton District Health Department, but commenting the information is non-stop and changing every minute. He advised at this point the district will continue with the status quo until the weekly meeting with the Health Department on Wednesday. Communication will be shared following that meeting. He noted he just received a text alert advising the Pfizer vaccine has just been approved for 12-16-year-olds which will probably also be a part of the Wednesday conversation. He commended our District Nurse Cindy Brummette and her team for the 24-7 work they are doing noting she deserve a lot of credit and expressing how grateful he

is to have her on staff. He addressed action later on in the agenda noting it is the recommendation of the administration, in conjunction with the Next Steps Advisory Committee, the health department and the teacher association to continue with our current learning schedule for the balance of the school year and a second recommendation to provide clarity in the goal to provide a traditional, full-day, five-day-a-week, in-person schedule for all students for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. In closing he noted last week was a nation-wide celebration of the teaching profession and he expressed his appreciation for everyone in the teaching profession from teachers to substitutes, paraprofessional, nurses, coaches, bus drivers, custodians, principals, assistant principals and this year, parents, guardians, grandparents. During the course of this unique year, it has been everyone pulling together.

**F. GLPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Update**

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Achievement Dr. Bill Barnes took a moment to commend the Top 36 along with all the graduates across the district for their work this year. He thanked our families for their support. He then provided the weekly two-way log data covering the period of March 31 - April 27, 2021. He reiterated it is the recommendation for the board to approve the Continuation of the GLPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan as presented and approved by the Board on March 22, 2021 and to remain for the balance of the school year. It noted students and staff are in a routine and we feel interrupting that routine would interrupt learning. In closing he commented he is excited to share information with the board later in the agenda regarding students supports for the summer and into the fall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS TO INCLUDE THE GLPS EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN.**

Secretary Shannon read the rules for addressing the board.

GLEA President Greg Almy addressed the board and community encouraging everyone to put down their pitch forks and make kindness and understanding our message. He noted he respects and admires our community but asked everyone to let us heal.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE GLPS EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN**

**Motion by Mr. Smith , seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Continuation of the GLPS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, as presented and approved on March 22, 2021 with the understanding the current schedule will be maintained for the balance of the 2020-2021 school year.**

Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>NO</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried 6-1.

**B. APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 SCHOOL START UP**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve, unless directed otherwise by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, or other State Authority, beginning the 2021-2022 School Year in a Traditional, Full-Day, Five-Day-A-Week, In-Person Schedule for all Students.**

President Clark Pierson noted she would support this motion if the word directed was changed to advised.

A detailed discussion among the members noted the vaccination rate, seeing drops around the country, giving parents a chance to plan, changing the word directed to advised, it has been clearly stated by this board the intent is to be full-time, in person at the start of next year, believing this sets us up for failure as the laws could change and noting this is a motion that doesn't accomplish anything.

**Motion by President Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. Smith to amend the motion changing the word directed to advised.**

Further discussion among the members noted that since the shutdown, the district has never been directed by a state agency not to return or to shut down, but has been advised, noting this is aspirational, again it is the intent of the board to be back to in person schooling next year, but legislation could direct things differently. The future is unknown, but this just clarifies the boards' intent that we will be back to a traditional classroom setting but there is no way of predicting what will transpire in the next three months. It was again noted this is a non-action motion but a communication motion.

**Roll Call Vote to Amend the Motion**

Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>NO</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>NO</u>		

**The motion carried 5-2.**

Mr. Cwayna asked and was provided clarification on the amendment.

Further discussion among the members again reiterated it is the boards' intent to have students back in a traditional classroom setting for the 2021-2022 school year, but the future is unpredictable and things could change.

**Mr. Shiflett called for a Vote of the Amended Motion.**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve, unless advised otherwise by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, or other State Authority, beginning the 2021-2022 School Year in a Traditional, Full-Day, Five-Day-A-Week, In-Person Schedule for all Students.**

Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>NO</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried 6-1.

**C. APPROVAL TO SUSPEND USE OF PUBERTY – THE WONDER YEARS**

**Motion Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve suspending the use of the Puberty – The Wonder Years Curriculum for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year, as presented.**

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Barnes provided the board with information leading to the recommendation to suspend this curriculum.

**Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

**D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – EATON RESA 2021-2022 GENERAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGETS**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the individual Resolutions in Support of the Eaton Regional Education Service Agency’s 2021-2022 General Education and Special Education Budgets, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted the budget was presented at the April 27, 2021 CASBA meeting.

**Roll Call Vote**

President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

**E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION – SERIES II BOND SALE RATIFICATION**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution Ratifying the Sales of Series II Bonds under parameters established by this Board of Education on March 22, 2021.**

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske provided the board with the details of the bond sale noting it was a very successful sale.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Approval of Resolution – District ROW Access from Michigan Department of Transportation Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the District to obtain the Right-of-Way Access from the Michigan Department of Transportation and Authorize Interim Superintendent Dr. David Chapin to execute the final Contract on behalf of the District.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Approval of Property Transfer – Purchase Agreement Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operation Dr. Steve Gabriel provided the board with information regarding the property transfer purchase agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Approval of Technology Purchase Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Technology Purchase of 1,000 Chromebooks and 100 Chromebook Carts in the amount of \$362,625 using Technology Capital Project Funds and the Purchase of Network Switches, Holbrook Gym Projection and Wireless Additions and Upgrades in the amount of \$103,962.04 using 2018 Proposal 1 Bond Infrastructure Funds, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

I. Approval of Bid Award – Automated Bus Wash System

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Bid Award to Hydro-Chem Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$209,153 for the Purchase of an Automated Bus Wash System, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

J. Approval of Proposal 2 Bid Awards – HS Pool Remodel

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Proposal 2 bid awards for the High School Pool Remodel to Asbestos Abatement, Inc. in the amount of \$20,840 for Selective Demolition, Burggrabe Masonry in the amount of \$5,550 for Masonry, Aquatic Source in the amount of \$309,400 for Swimming Pool Systems, LJ Trumble Builders in the amount of \$79,500 for General Trades, Glazing Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$96,864 for Openings, H & H Painting Company in the amount of \$5,700 for Painting, Vander Hyde Mechanical in the amount of \$60,400 for HVAC & Hydronic Piping, Centennial Electric in the amount of \$46,110 for electrical, with a Construction Contingency of \$44,580, General Conditions of \$12,487, and a \$15,000 Swimming Pool Surge Tank Allowance for a Total Bid Award of \$696,430, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
President Clark Pierson	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>		

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



**K. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices**

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$131,163.88, as presented.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the invoices.

**Roll Call Vote**

President Clark Pierson	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>		

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

**L. Approval of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices**

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$2,280,215.77, as presented.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the invoices.

**Roll Call Vote**

Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>		

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

**M. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 2 Bond Invoices**

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Proposal 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$981,512.10, as presented.

Mr. Smith provided an overview of the invoices.

**Roll Call Vote**

Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>		

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

**N. Discussion Items**

**a. Board Operations Policy – NEG 700 – Board Negotiations Team – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mrs. DuFort advised this is a new policy. She read the policy. Discussion among the members noted this addresses the concerns of the board and they thanked the Governance Committee for addressing the issue.

**b. Fall 2021-2022 Student Support Planning**

**i. Summer School with Section 23 Funding & FUSE**

**ii. Virtual Options for 2021**

**iii. Facility Support Dogs for 2021-2022 & Moving Forward**

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Bill Barnes provided a detailed overview of the Summer School Planning noting students will be able to sign up for programming in one week blocks K-8 and two week blocks 9-12 between June 28 and August 20, 2021. This provides students with flexibility to access opportunities throughout the summer, based on their family's schedule. All sessions will run from 9 am until noon, Monday through Friday. Free breakfast, lunch and transportation will be available to all students. He further reviewed the district has learned throughout this past year that some students thrive in a virtual learning environment and shared the district's plan to implement a virtual program beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and reviewing plans for continuing the program. He reviewed the curriculum, instruction and assessment for virtual learning. Lastly, Dr. Barnes noted the district would like to use ESSER funds in the social and emotional learning category to purchase nine facility support dogs noting in 2019 a team from the district visited Brighton to observe their program and then utilized volunteers from Canines for Change to bring facility dogs into various schools this spring and received positive feedback from staff.

In closing, he noted he did not want to move forward with any of the programming discussed without sharing information with the board members so they are aware.

Mrs. DuFort noted she believes these are three very exciting program and that she supports all of them

Mr. McKennon thanked Dr. Barnes for being innovative and doing things differently. He thanked him for his leadership on these endeavors.

President Clark Pierson noted these are pretty exciting initiatives.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Secretary Shannon read the rules for public comment.

Amber Swint addressed the board to thank Mr. Cwayna, requested in person board meetings, requesting the resignation of all board members except Mr. Cwayna, addressing the new mask guidelines and noting she is not going to back down.

Lara Hubbard addressed the board to thank Mr. Cwayna, expressing her frustration regarding comments made by Ms. Shannon at the second-round interviews calling out her husband and calling for the resignation of all board members except Mr. Cwayna. She also expressed concerns over the suspension of the Puberty curriculum noting parents are not qualified to teach this.

Cindy Zerbe addressed the board to thank them for their decision on finishing the school year status quo, thanking the parents for their abundance of caution in sending children to school, thanked Mr. Almy for his words and reiterated life has been tough, we have all endured challenges and as time has passed, more frustration come out. She reminded everyone to be kind always.

Teagan Byers addressed the board to expressed concerns with naming Dr. Gabriel the next superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools and asked the board to insight change.

Megan Weber addressed the board to ask questions about the summer school program and asked for information to be shared sooner rather than later.

John Hubbard addressed the board to second everything Amber Swint had said, express his concerns about the puberty class, noting he doesn't use the word privileged, he considers himself blessed and encouraged the board to get their act together.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board to concur with Lara and John Hubbard and Amber Swint but noting that Ben and Sara have stepped up, asking why curriculum is not being discussed beyond what was discussed tonight and noting she feels there has been no good report from the EDI group.

Carrie Mather-Crowner addressed the board to address the board's commitment to diversity, questioning what programs the district is putting into place to help and create more incentive for families that do not fit the main stream.

Margo Susnjar addressed the board with a written statement addressing the accountability, wanting what is best and asking to sit together in conversation.

Meaghan Jacobs addressed the board and spoke of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting noting she pointed out a systemic problem within the system at that meeting and noting it won't change unless the whole system changes.

Megan Spodeske addressed the board advising she is following the concerns surrounding Dr. Gabriel closely.

Cristy Dowker addressed the board noting her appreciation for their service over the course of a difficult year and encouraging them to continue to guide our schools in thoughtful ways and expressing she believes Dr. Gabriel cannot lead this district.

President Clark Pierson thanked everyone for their comments.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Bill Barnes addressed the questions from Megan Weber and advised information will be shared later this week or early next week.

Ms. Shannon noted there was a terrible misunderstanding regarding her comments at the last meeting and she, in fact, was recognizing Mr. Hubbard for a good point regarding questions for our final Superintendent candidates. She remarked she would never do (call-out) a community member and expressing she can spot a good idea and was noting that Mr. Hubbard had a good idea. She further noted she would like to see the Facebook page back up but noting social media is complicated.

Mr. McKennon again congratulated the Top 36, commending Dr. Barnes for his creative thinking for our schools and clarifying that the Facebook page Ms. Velianoff referenced has no affiliation with Grand Ledge Public Schools nor does the leader of that page have any affiliation with the EDI Committee.

Mr. Shiflett noted he was approached by several staff members who support the K-9's for Change Program and wants them to know they were heard.

President Clark Pierson expressed she is proud that Grand Ledge Public Schools got to play a role in the lives of the Top 36 and the entire Class of 2021. She noted she appreciates the thoughtfulness of the district in the sale of the bonds and noting the board and district continue to be good stewards to our community and their support of the bond proposals. She noted she believed she made the right decision in shutting down the district's Facebook page noting we should be using social media to share information but it had become an avenue for dialogue and people responding to each other. She would like to see the district establish a fair use policy but at present the board must stay focused on seating the next Superintendent. In closing she advised the board will interview the final three candidates tomorrow night with the interviews being lived streamed for those interested. She will recess the meeting at the conclusion of the final interview and then reconvene the meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Zoom format to hear public comment and for the board to deliberate and select the next Superintendent. She advised the community will be able to provide the board with feedback by answering one question, what they liked about the candidates interview, during the interview process. She noted she believes this was the best mechanism commenting the community is very engaged and her belief this is the best way to allow for community input.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies and receiving Confidential Attorney / Client Communication as Per Section 8(c) and Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.**

**Roll Call Vote**

Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>		

**The motion carried unanimously at 8:55 p.m.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:32p.m.

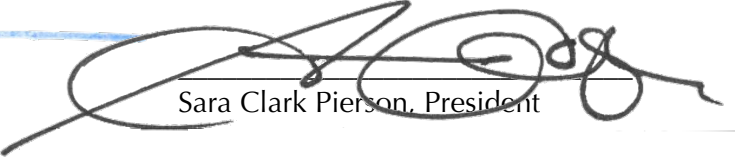
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
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Nicole Shannon, Secretary

  
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Sara Clark Pierson, President