

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Work Session – June 10, 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***: Jon Shiflett, Kim Mulvenna, Sara Clark Pierson and Ben Cwayna. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Jill Mangrum, Heather Algrim, Eric Leopold, Jessica Leopold, Cyrus Leopold, Bill Barnes, Kelly Smith, Jim Gee, Mercedes Borgstrom and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HIRING

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Administrative Hiring of Dr. William Barnes to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services and Eric Leopold to serve as the Assistant Principal at Hayes Middle School, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Barnes expressed he is honored and humbled for the board's approval. He advised he has worked with the Charlotte Public Schools for the past 14 years serving as a principal for the last eight. He noted he is excited to join the Grand Ledge Public Schools team, appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to working together.

Mr. Leopold advised he grew up in the Upper Peninsula but 14 years ago moved to Florida to become a teacher and four years ago became an administrator. He expressed his excitement to be joining the community and looks forward to joining the team at Hayes.

B. APPROVAL OF 2019-2020 TEACHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Teacher Leave of Absence for Renee Sommerlot for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$7,674.18, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett explained this invoice to Myers Plumbing and Heating is for HVAC work at Grand Ledge High School noting the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed this invoice and approved it to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1 BOND INVOICE

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve payment of a Proposal 1 Bond Invoice in the amount of \$460,595 to Midwest Transit Equipment, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised this is the approval of the invoice for the purchase of five (5), conventional, 77-passenger buses that the board approved purchasing at its May 11, 2019 Work Session Meeting.

It was again noted the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed this invoice and approved it to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the purchase of 120 iPads and cases, using Sprint Funds, in the amount of \$52,079.64, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF BID TO REPAIR TENNIS COURTS

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to bid of \$65,825 from Racquet Sports to repair the tennis courts, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised this is a general fund expenditure to repair cracks at the tennis courts which are in very poor condition. He noted this is due to a drainage issue.

The motion carried unanimously.

Career Development Presentation

HS Principal Mangrum introduced Mrs. Algrim noting Heather is the Eaton RESA Career Pathways Specialist. She advised Heather is a Grand Ledge Public Schools Alumni attending Wacousta Elementary School, where she competed annually in Odyssey of the Mind. At Hayes Middle School she loved her Tech Ed class and still has the egg crash car Mr. Cassidy helped her build. As a sophomore at Grand Ledge High School she got to try out Welding in Power Auto Theory with Mr. Lehman and was inspired to take Welding the following year at the Eaton RESA Career Prep Center. As a senior, she took dual enrollment classes and AP

History with Mr. Ellsworth. Between her Welding Program, the dual enrollment classes and AP test credits, Heather graduated from Grand Ledge High school in 2004 with 21 college credits and continued at Lansing Community College. She went on to attend Central Michigan University where she majored in Vocational Family and Consumer Science and minored in Industrial Arts Education. She has a Master's Degree in Career and Technical Education her graduate certificate in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University. She is the first person in her family to graduate from college and feels she would not have pursued college without her great start in career and college readiness while attending Grand Ledge High School. Mrs. Algrim started her educational career student teaching at Sawdon Alternative High School, later teaching Life Skills, Health Education and Work-based Learning with adjudicated youth at Ingham Academy. For the last six years, she has supported Grand Ledge with co-op, CTE programming and Educational Development Plans.

Mrs. Algrim thanked the board for their time noting she felt it was important to share her "back story" to show the personal connection to her work.

She went on to present the board with an update on the Michigan Career Development Model and shared information regarding Career Development opportunities for our students in compliance with Section 380.1166a(2) of the Revised School Code.

A detailed discussion among the members included discussion on the elimination of the welding and auto shop classes at the high school, preparing students who are not going to go on to a four-year college with trades or vocational programming, the increased awareness of the programs offered and the support from Eaton RESA.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Dr. Gabriel shared the two administrators that were approved to hire by the board tonight rose above the other candidates during the screen process and he looks forward to working with them. He also noted tonight is Dr. Johnson's last meeting with his impending retirement and he thanked him for his years of service, noted he enjoyed working with him and learning from him.

Dr. Johnson thanked Dr. Gabriel. He noted he was hired in 1990 and Grand Ledge has been a great place. He noted he has taught and been an administrator with the district and never thought he would leave Willow Ridge. However, then he went to Hayes and thought he would never leave there. But then he landed at Central Office. He expressed all of his time here has been a learning experience and he is thankful for his story. He noted Grand Ledge is student centered and our goal is to ensure our students are successful. He advised he is excited about the new administrative hires and what they will bring to the district. In closing he thanked everybody noting he is very encouraged.

Mrs. Mulvenna thanked Dr. Johnson and reflected on the comments she heard during his retirement celebration.

Superintendent Metcalf thanked Dr. Johnson for his service to the district noting he was the one that encouraged him to look at taking the leap to lead Hayes Middle School. He expressed he was excited when he came to Central Office and appreciated his straight-forward, direct approach. In closing he commented that the 2019 Commencement Ceremony was great graduating 389 students.

Mr. Deschaine thanked Dr. Johnson.

Ms. Clark Pierson commented to Dr. Johnson, "I'm gonna miss you man."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Ben Cwayna, Secretary


Patrick McKennon, President