
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – July 11, 2016

MINUTES

President Wacyk 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***: Linda Wacyk, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Kim Mulvenna, Brody Boucher and Beverly Winstanley ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: John Ellsworth, Greg Almy, Bill Fleener and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 11, 2016 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 11, 2015 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. **Capitol Connections Report** - In Mr. Bennett's absence, Mr. Shiflett reported legislators are currently in their districts for the summer. He advised this is a good time to reach out to them to discuss matters of importance.

- b. **Eaton RESA Report** – Mrs. Clark Pierson advised the RESA's Human Resource Director has taken another position outside public education. Superintendent Anderson is suggesting the position may not need to be filled with a full time person. Mrs. Clark Pierson does not believe this in the best interest of the RESA or its constituent districts and encouraged Superintendent Anderson to establish a strong core of cabinet level administrators who are highly competent within the industry.

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- c. **Board Audit Committee Report – President** Wacyk advised the Audit Committee met with the district’s auditor, Bruce Dunn, to review the preliminary work done. She noted some protocols are charging but the district is in good standing. It is believed the audit will be completed sooner than usual and Bruce will provide a detailed report to the board upon completion of the audit report. In closing, she noted Mr. Dunn was clear that the numbers being reported are not his number, they are the district’s numbers being audited by his firm.
 - d. **Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mr. Boucher advised the boat launch should be in by September, noting the river would be lowered the first week of August to install the pylons for the boat launch. He noted there will be green space where the house used to be on the property but the River walk will eventually be expanded through this area.

B. Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Metcalf reported on the first round of interviews for the new GLHS Band Director noting the field has been narrowed to three who will be brought back to teach a class. He noted he is please to announce that Hayes Middle School Assistant Principal Julie Taylor will move into the Principalship. The district will post the Assistant Principal position internally to start. In closing he advised that just two hours ago he met with GLEA representatives Greg Almy and Andrea Dionise to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar. The calendar will be posted to the website tomorrow. He noted there is 10 minutes less of instructional time each day, but five additional days to the calendar. In closing he advised that with feedback from parents, students and staff, this year the district is implementing early releases versus late starts. We hope this will provide a better school day for our students.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

District employee John Ellsworth reiterated that while the contract has been settled, there is still much to do, noting local advocacy is needed at the state level. He remarked the state could be doing more for public education and we need to go get that support. He advised that Representative Barrett and Senator Jones have both submitted joint resolution to equalize school funding, there is an upcoming election in November, noting now is the time to create the sense of urgency. He expressed he is willing to help and as such, he will be visiting PTA meetings with member Clark Pierson. It is time to act and encouraged the board to lead the charge to get action started.

Former employee Andy George addressed the board to say thank you, specifically to Dr. Metcalf, the board and cabinet. He remarked, “It was a tough decision to go, but I appreciate everything you do.” In closing he noted that while he won’t be nearly as involved, he still wants them to know how much he appreciates each and every one of the board members and the Administrative Team of the district.

GLEA President Greg Almy addressed the board regarding the contract being settled noting we are good for another four years. However, he reiterated that when, and if, we start to plan for another bond, he would like to be a part of that conversation; to be a guiding hand to get this community to support a bond. In closing he noted he too will be visiting PTA’s with member Clark Pierson this September.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Boucher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$64,473.83, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL380.4203.

B. APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES / SIGNATURES ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Motion by Mr. Boucher seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2016-2017 Designation of Depositories and Signatures on School Funds, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Technology Purchase

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the technology purchase of 55 MacBook Air Computers and supporting equipment using Technology Capital Project Funds in the amount of \$62,020, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Director of Technology Mark Deschaine advised the county has switch Internet Service Providers and the transition has been rocky. However, the transition is complete and the district will save money in the long run.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations Mike Johnson remarked he is appreciative of this opportunity noting it was a good day with interviews advising that when the candidates were asked why they wanted to join the Grand Ledge team it was always due to our reputation and this is from candidates that came to us from out-of-state. In closing he noted we are getting great quality teacher candidates applying.

Mrs. Winstanley welcome Dr. Johnson.

Mrs. Mulvenna remarked she is happy to have Sara and Mike on board at the cabinet level. It is a new adventure.

President Wacyk welcomed Sara and Mike. She remarked Grand Ledge Public Schools is retraining quality programs and it is exciting that so many well-qualified candidates want to join

us. In closing she remarked it is important we not cut opportunities for our student and would like to grow more opportunities for the students of Grand Ledge Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jay Bennett, Secretary

Linda Wacyk, President