
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – July 13, 2015

MINUTES

President Winstanley 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***: Beverly Winstanley, Kim Mulvenna, Sara Clark Pierson, Brody Boucher, Jay Bennett and Jon Shiflett
Central Office Administrators: Brian Metcalf, Andy George, Nancy Rasinske, Norma Schutzki and Mark Deschaine
Others in Attendance: Logann Ackins, Elizabeth Burkhardt, Matt Pierson and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Boucher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 13, 2015 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 13, 2015 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Capitol Connections Report - Mr. Bennett reported on the Early Warning Legislation, road funding and the uncertainties that could be created on the general fund and thereby the state aid fund.

B. Eaton RES Report – Ms. Clark Pierson providing an in-depth report on the Truth in Budgeting hearing conducted by the RESA on July 1. She commended Interim Superintendent Don Sovey on his diligence and his broad experience. She noted a due process hearing will be conducted on Thursday regarding the future of Superintendent Beardsley. An attorney out of Muskegon will be conducting the hearing. She remarked this has been a very long, thorough process by an independent investigator and Mr. Sovey. In closing she remarked that she has never seen so many accounting problems and administrative issues treated in such a cavalier manner and noted that it will take up to a year to get things in order at the RESA.

- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** - Mr. Bennett had no report.
- D. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mrs. Mulvenna advised the building inspector found significant issues with the Scout Building and therefore the building will be removed. She noted that events and groups that were using the building will be relocated to space within City Hall. In closing she reminded everyone that the Grand Adventure Race is scheduled for September 27th noting that volunteers are still needed.
- E. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Metcalf reported the district is working with parents and the community in the Wacousta area regarding the future of the Dream Depot play structure. He advised that the original architectural firm, Leathers, will have a representative in this week to review the structure and provide us with an estimated cost to bring the structure up to “code”. He advised he will keep the board apprised as the district continues through this process. He noted that work still continues to finalize the district’s 2015-16 school calendar, but advised we do know the dates for the start of school, which is September 8 and Spring Break for 2016 will be April 4 - 8.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Parent Matt Pierson addressed the board to express his concern regarding reducing the number of teachers at Delta Center.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. APPROVAL OF FINAL 2014-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**
Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Final 2014-2015 Budget Amendment Resolution, as presented.

Mr. Boucher noted that it is common for districts to make adjustments to their budgets throughout the year as many factors can change that must be addressed.

A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Bennett	<u>YES</u>	Wacyk	<u>YES</u>
Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Boucher	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

- B. APPROVAL OF FINAL 2015-2016 DEBT SERVICE AND GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION**
Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2015-2016 Debt Service, Food Service, Community Education, School Store, Athletics, Adventure Club, Capital Improvement, Technology Replacement and General Fund Budget Resolution, as presented.

A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Boucher	<u>YES</u>	Bennett	<u>YES</u>
Wacyk	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 FOOD SERVICE MEAL PRICES

Motion by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2015-2016 Food Service Meal Prices, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett noted this change is not due to any ineffectiveness of our food service department. In order to continue to provide free and reduced lunches, we must meet cost requirements established by the State.

Secretary Wacyk advised there will be no change in the cost to secondary lunch prices, but the elementary lunch price will increase by 10¢ from \$2.40 to \$2.50.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$205,599.34, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote.

B. APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 Designation of Depositories and Signatures on School Funds, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised this is to update the district's accounts in accordance with administrative personnel changes.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF BEVERAGE CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Beverage Contract with Coca-Cola Lansing, 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

Superintendent Metcalf assured the board and Mr. Pierson that he is reviewing the student enrollment numbers weekly. He noted that 31 students in a classroom is not an ideal number for class sizes and while he would like to see those numbers around 27 or 28, it is not always something we can do. He advised the district is looking at a 5.2% fund balance and the district will do everything in its power not to drop below a 5% fund balance as established in the newly enacted early warning legislation that was established by the state. He noted it is a very fine balance as student enrollment is very fluid at this time, however, he assured the board, and Mr. Pierson that this is something the district is monitoring very closely. He thanked Mr. Pierson for coming and noted he understands his concerns as he is the father of a daughter who attends Grand Ledge Public Schools.

Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Pierson for coming out and reiterated that the board's goal is to keep class sizes as low as possible. He encouraged Mr. Pierson, and all parents, to reach out to legislators and remind them that school funding is broken, which is one of the things that has put us in the position we are in.

Mr. Boucher thanked Mr. Pierson as well. He went on to acknowledge all the work Ms. Clark Pierson has done with the Eaton RESA, and wants those that may be watching to understand that while the RESA is located in Charlotte, their failure to support their constituent districts has had an impact on the students of those district, Grand Ledge included. This is being brought to closure in retrospect of the work of Ms. Clark Pierson and her due diligence to this district.

Ms. Clark Pierson thanked Mr. Boucher and noted that it has been very helpful to her to have the support of her fellow board members. She noted that just about every Grand Ledge Board Member has attended a RESA Board Meeting recently and she believes that it has surprised the other members that the constituent districts are having members attend. It makes the Eaton RESA Board accountable to their constituent districts and they have to take action. She expressed great thanks to Mrs. Mulvenna and Mrs. Winstanley as they have been standing behind her and at every meeting. In closing she expressed that it has really been helpful to have the support of her fellow board members.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Pubic Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies, as Per Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Boucher	<u>YES</u>	Bennett	<u>YES</u>
Winstanley	<u>YES</u>	Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mulvenna	Yes

The motion carried unanimously at 6:36 pm.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:23 pm.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the contract with the IUOE Local 325 – A, B, C, D, G, H, P, RA, S – AFL-CIO Bus Drivers, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Linda Wacyk, Secretary

Beverly Winstanley, President