

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Work Session – September 11, 2017

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by Superintendent Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Patrick McKennon, Denise DuFort, Beverly Winstanley, Sara Clark Pierson, Jon Shiflett and Linda Wacyk. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Melissa Mazzola and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, 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 \$207,501.23, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett noted the invoices are for work that has been completed at the Delta Mills Early Childhood Center by Axiom, GMB and Myers Plumbing. The Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed all of the invoices prior to tonight's meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Technology Purchase in the amount of \$17,962.40, as presented.

Director of Technology Mark Deschaine advised this purchase is to equip two new classrooms that were added this year at Beagle Elementary School due to student enrollment; Chromebooks for a 6th grade class and iPads for a 1st grade class.

Mrs. Wacyk asked about the process the district will use to replace aging technology and was advised technology is included in the conversations we are starting about district needs. Teachers will be included in this information gathering to see if we are getting use out of them and if teachers appreciate having the technology available.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2017-2018 Educational Services Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools, the Eaton County 56th Circuit Court and the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised this is an agreement to continue providing services through the Eaton County Youth Facility (ECYF) advising this will be the 4th year the district has supported the ECYF. The county holds us harmless in providing the services and we support the program through the Academic Services department, including curriculum, school improvement plans, course books, etc. Good working relationship.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. 2017 M-STEP RESULTS

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Steve Gabriel provided the board with a detailed overview of the district's 2017 M-Step Results (Assessment given last Spring) including demographic data for the students tested, Math and ELA results for Grades 3 – 8, Science for 4th & 7th Grade, Social Studies for 5th & 8th Grade and provided an overview of student growth.

A detailed discussion among the members closed on the positive of the results with Mr. McKennon pointing out the district realized gains in 14 of 16 categories and is above the state average in 15 of 16 categories. He commended the district noting these results are the direct result of every teacher, every administrator, every student, every custodian, every single staff person doing what they are supposed to be doing; making sure kids are safe, well fed, and moving forward in their learning.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

GLPS staff member Melissa Mazzola addressed the M-Step presentation reminding members this 5th grade class is the first class that did not have Developmental Kindergarten and this could be affecting scores. She encouraged the members to use this information but not as an evaluation tool. In closing she expressed her appreciation for including teachers in the discussion for the replacement / upgrading of technology throughout the district.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Trustee DuFort expressed her appreciation for the M-Step presentation and the conversation.

Vice President Wacyk expressed her appreciation for the M-Step presentation also, noting she believes the district is working in the right direction.

Trustee Winstanley added to Mrs. DuFort's and Ms. Wacyk's comments noting the district will no longer accept the status quo.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations Section 8(c) and 8(d)

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies and Property Sale, as per Section 8(c) and 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Wacyk	<u>YES</u>
Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Winstanley	<u>YES</u>	DuFort	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously at 7:16 pm.

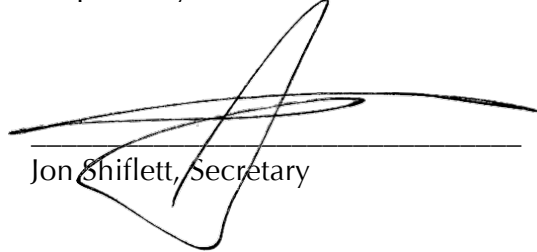
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:37 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary

Attest:



Kim Mulvenna, President