

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Work Session – November 13, 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 Kim Mulvenna. ***Central Office Administrators:*** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance:*** Melissa Mazzola, Darrin Gyurich and Kim Manning.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Shiflett noted Peter Pan was amazing.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$131,178.54, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shiflett advised the invoices are payment to Axiom, GMB and Michigan Paving for work at Delta Mills.

FOOD SERVICE MEAL CHANGE CHARGE POLICY – 1ST READING

Food Service Director Darrin Gyurich advised the board the district has had a policy regarding charging meals for quite some time. However, it is now been mandated by the State to include language regarding “bad debt” noting at the end of each fiscal year we must transfer any debt that is in the food service budget, to the general ledger. Federal funds cannot be used to cover “bad debt”. The district is allowed to try to collect / recover these funds by other means, i.e., legal action. He further explained that a lot of the “bad debt” arises because a child is on the free and reduced lunch program and they forget to renew their application so there is a lapse in coverage. He also advised the meal prices were updated in the policy as well.

Further discussion among the members covered who qualifies to receive free or reduced meals, payment for meals can be done online or by the parent sending check or cash to their student’s school and via Master Card, Visa or Discover – noting there is a fee to pay by credit card. In addition, they reviewed that some of the school have a fund that will cover the “bad debt”, which eliminates the need to provide an alternate meal to a student, what is done with food that students don’t want to eat, but that must be put on their tray and the current bad debt being about \$600.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Steve Gabriel presented information to the board on MiPHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth). He advised this volunteer survey is administered every two years and is meant to assess risk factors among students in 7th, 9th and 11th grade. He reviewed how we use this data to guide curriculum, apply for grants and ensure appropriate staffing. He noted who was represented within the survey and provided an overview of the perception data, trend data, behavior patterns, protective factors, associated risks and the impact on academics. He further reviewed nutritional trends, perception of their weight and physical activity of the students.

Mr. Gabriel went on to review a report from EIDEX advising this service allows the district to use any data to provide us with the most constructive report to drive our direction. Tonight's report provided comparison of our M-STEP data against like-kind districts from throughout the state. He reminded everyone the M-STEP is given to students in grades 3-11, noting however, at the high school level, only social studies and science are tested.

President Mulvenna was appreciative of the data and sharing how this data is being used to raise our goals for our students. She noted she is still not happy with the gaps, but likes to see the progress.

In closing Mr. Gabriel advised this data gives us the conversation starter, it help us establish our professional development needs, helps us figure out where we are going as a district and helps guide our purchases.

MASB GOVERNANCE STANDARDS DISCUSSION

A detailed discussion among the members regarding the Governance Standards established by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) noted this board has a lot of experienced educational personnel serving on it, the majority of the members being unsure if they need to be adopted but could be used as a guide and in the end, consensus of the board was to discuss this in more depth at the next Board Retreat.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary



Kim Mulvenna, President