
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – November 28, 2016

MINUTES

Vice President Shiflett 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 Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members:*** Jon Shiflett, Jay Bennett, Brody Boucher and Beverly Winstanley ***Central Office Administrators:*** Brian Metcalf, Mike Johnson, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance:*** Toni Brownfield, Chris Groves, Mikel Kellogg, Jen Powers, Pat Stefanick, Angie Stefanick, Dave Zerbe, Cindy Zerbe, Sara Taylor, Theresa Koenigsknecht, Frank Koenigsknecht, Cory Dykhuizen, Stacy Dykhuizen, Pat McKennon, Jamie McKennon, Melissa Mazzola, Greg Almy, Brie McPhall and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the November 28, 2016 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Boucher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the November 28, 2016 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the October 10, 2016 Closed Session, October 24, 2016 Regular Meeting and the November 14, 2016 Work Session and the leave of absence for Beagle 5th Grade Teacher Trevor Dunn.

The motion carried unanimously.

WACOUSTA DREAM DEPO 2.0 PRESENTATION

Superintendent Metcalf and the Board of Education took a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of the members of the Friends of Wacousta Playground Project Committee including: Derek Andritsis, Mike Beebe, Toni Brownfield, Carrie Chance, Cory Dykhuizen, Stacy Dykhuizen, Eric Dewey, Stephanie Dewey, Marisa Evans, Jordan Kohn, Mikel Kellogg, Amber Lemon, Jamie McKennon, Brie McPhall, Elizabeth Powers, Jen Powers, Ami Richardson, Angie Stefanick, Pat Stefanick, Julie Tadgeon, Sara Taylor, Eric Thorne, Angela Vereecke, Cindy Zerbe and Dave Zerbe. Each of the members were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

In addition, Superintendent Metcalf expressed heartfelt thanks on behalf of the district to the many, many, many volunteers who gave their time and or donations to help in making this project a reality.

Finally, on behalf of the district, Superintendent Metcalf and Vice President Shiflett presented Wacousta Elementary School Principal, Chris Groves with a memorial plaque to display at the building to honor and recognize everyone who had a part in making this dream come true.

Cory Dykhuizen expressed how much he enjoyed watching this dream come to life. He noted it was a lot of hard work but the commitment of the people involved and the way the community came together was beyond compare.

Principal Groves also spoke to the commitment and dedication of the people in the Grand Ledge Public Schools community noting he would not want to work anywhere else.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. **Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Bennett provided an update on the "lame duck" session of the legislature noting the Michigan Association of School Board's is watching a variety of legislation including: MiPSERS reform, stem endorsement, energy policy changes, campaign finance, student free speech and requiring a physical presence to vote to name a few. He encouraged everyone to keep an eye on these types of things and reach out to legislators.
- b. **Eaton RESA Report** – No Report.
- c. **Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – No Report.
- d. **Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mr. Boucher advised the Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey is available on the City of Grand Ledge webpage. He advised the committee continues to look to the DNR for more funding opportunities similar to that of the boat launch. In closing he advised Oak Park will be expanding by 3.41 acres due to a recent property purchase and the River Street construction project is finished with additional parking.

- B. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Metcalf extended his condolences to the family of Pete Clark, noting Pete was a Grand Ledge graduate and a long time community member. In closing he stated Pete was a good man who will be dearly missed by many.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Trustee Bennett commended the cast and crew for the High School's recent performance of Shrek noting it was another fantastic performance. He also recognized all the "dream builders" that were here tonight noting he was happy he was able to volunteer on the build.

Trustee Winstanley echoed her appreciation to the team that pulled the dream depot together noting that Cindy Zerbe was the first person she spoke to when her family relocated here from California.

Trustee Boucher also thanked the members of the Friends of Wacousta Playground noting he was happy to send out Michigan State Police Recruits to help with the build. He remarked that part of his duties is to "debrief" with all the candidates following their training, "what did / didn't you like". In this year's "debriefing" he noted that the majority of the cadets noting the dream depot build was probably the best time they had in the 24 weeks under the MSP's care. In closing he advised this was a great way to remind the cadets of the importance of community service and staying connected with good people and serving your community.

Vice President Shiflett echoed his appreciation to the committee and the community as a whole for the "awesome" place created for the community. He also offered condolences to the Clark family noting Mr. Clark was always a generous supporter of this community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jay Bennett, Secretary

Jon Shiflett, Vice President