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GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
***Board of Education***

Regular Meeting – December 12, 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, Jay Bennett, Sarah Clark Pierson, Kim Mulvenna, Brody Boucher and Beverly Winstanley ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Jill Mangrum, Julie Taylor, Ken Wright, Blake Wegenke, Scott Millbrook, Denise Dufort, Greg Almy 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 December 12, 2016 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the December 12, 2016 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the November 28, 2016.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**REPORTS**

**A. A-B-C Reports**

Grand Ledge High School Principal Jill Mangrum and Hayes Middle School Principal Julie Taylor each presented their Attendance, Behavior and Course Completion (A-B-C) Reports to the Board of Education.

Following the reports, Mr. Shiflett commented on term limits and lame duck noting the services the district would be able to provide to students if Proposal A would not have been enacted noting in this right alone, Grand Ledge Public Schools would have approximately \$5M more in per pupil funding. Further discussion included road funding

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taking a large portion out of the general fund, and noting the economic tax credits voted in are designed to kick in when most of those who voted for it would be term limited out, leaving a new legislature to deal with the fall out.

**B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**a. Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Bennett noted the reduced reporting requirement legislation is going to the Governor as well as allowing districts to start school before Labor Day as long as the Friday before is not a session day. He further reported on the ISD opt out, citizen testing for high school graduation, union leave time, opiate antidotes in school and restraint and seclusion.

The questions was raised on who will be responsible for providing opiate antidotes to which it was advised districts will be responsible just like they are with the Epi Pen requirements put on them by the State. Epi Pens can cost upward of \$600 per building and they have a shelf life of one year.

**b. Eaton RESA Report** – Mrs. Clark Pierson noted that an independent audit conducted by Maner, Costerisan resulted in a completely clean audit. She remarked in a “normal” organization, a clean audit is the gold standard, but in an organization that has struggled like the Eaton RESA, it was a monumental task. She commended Superintendent Cindy Anderson and her team for bringing the RESA back in such a short amount of time. She further noted that in recent past the RESA has implement additional special education service agreements with constituent districts and they are beginning to look at reading and math supports now. Mrs. Clark Pierson also highlighted the fact that the Career and Technical Education budget has increased as the number of students signing up has increased by leaps and bounds, which shows the need for such programming. In closing she advised the Eaton RESA Board will hold their Evaluation Training on Wednesday evening.

**c. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mr. Bennett advised all teacher grants have been awarded and items are being order to fill those grant awards.

**d. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mr. Boucher advised the boat launch, River Street and the addition to Oak Park are complete. The Master Plan has been adopted and is available on the City Website encouraging everyone to take a look at it as he believes it contains really good proposals

**C. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Metcalf took a moment to recognize retiring board members, Jay Bennett and Brody Boucher. He thanked them for their service to the district and presented them with a small token of appreciation for their years of service.

**OLD BUSINESS – Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices**

**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$35,434.00, as presented.**

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Superintendent Metcalf reviewed the expense noting this was the final payment on the retaining wall at the High School.

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

**NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Summer Tax Resolution**

**Motion by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2017 Summer Tax Resolution, as presented.**

Chief Financial Officer, Nancy Rasinske advised this is an annual resolution that allows the district to collect taxes on non-homesteads in Delta Township and the City of Grand Ledge as part of the summer tax collection. This allows the district to maintain fiscal viability. In closing she noted this is not a new tax.

**A Roll Call Vote:**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

GLEA President and district employee Greg Almy spoke about the benefit of online courses as reviewed in the High School ABC Report, the proposed tax refund not going through which would have cost Grand Ledge Public Schools approximately \$1.4M creating a large burden to the district population and noting that students who have a 504 plan do not necessary qualify for special education services but may qualify for different types of services. In closing he asked about the district borrowing money to sustain itself and wondering what rate we borrow at?

In response to Mr. Almy's question, he was advised the rate changes every year and the district doesn't know for sure until the rate locks in. However, that being said, interest on the loan can range from \$75,000 to \$80,000.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF**

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Steve Gabriel expressed his thanks to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Boucher for their service to the district. He also advised the district has about 13% of its student population that receive special education services, which is in line with state and national averages.

Mrs. Winstanley thanked the principals for their presentations and the staff for working to ensure the academic success of our students.

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Mrs. Mulvenna expressed her thanks to outgoing members Jay Bennett and Brody Boucher noting she loved their input and commentary.

Mr. Boucher expressed his thanks to the administration and Superintendent Metcalf. He noted the district is in good hands as the Board always makes good decisions and always come to the right decision. As a citizen he has no qualms this standard will continue. To the public at large he noted his greatest disappointment was the lack of engagement of the community. He encouraged everyone to read what is going on in your district, ask questions but don't confine your involvement to only specific issues; know what is going on within the district and with public education as a whole. In closing he remarked, "We need to make sure we are asking the right questions of the people we are sending to represent us."

Mrs. Clark Pierson commented she has served on many different boards over the past 20 years and this is the best board she has ever been on. She noted the backgrounds and makeup of this particular board has been a really good group of people. In closing she remarked she is going to miss Brody and Jay quite a bit remarking she is going to Facetime with them on her phone during the meetings so they don't have to come in but she is going to make sure they are listening.

Mr. Bennett expressed his thanks to the administration and the principals for tonight's presentations. In closing he commented, "I would say I was going to miss you, but I'm not going anywhere. I plan to start a wave of engagement."

Mr. Shiflett also thanked Mr. Boucher and Mr. Bennett for their time and commitment to the district. He remarked that while many people may not have noticed their impact, he has. In closing he thanked the principals for their ABC reports advising we are getting to the heart of the data and this matters tremendously.

President Wacyk echoed everything said by her colleagues with regard to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Boucher noting she too will miss them. She expressed her appreciation for their perspectives from their various fields.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Jay Bennett, Secretary

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Linda Wacyk, President