

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
*Board of Education*

Organizational Meeting – January 9, 2023

MINUTES

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Assistant to the Superintendent and Notary Kim Manning administered the Oath of Office to Denise DuFort, Toni Glasscoe and Ashley Kuykendoll.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call by Superintendent Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Jon Shiflett, Nicole Shannon, Jarrod Smith, Denise DuFort, Ben Cwayna, Toni Glasscoe and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Central Office Administrators**: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Mark Deschaine, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance**: Tim Totten, John Piper, Aleisha Batiste, Phil Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Dean DuFort, Howard Pizzo, Nell Pizzo, Kim Laforet, Melissa Mazzola, Greg Almy, Chelsea Hare-West, Nettavia Cherry, Marlene Promer, Rickie Kuykendoll, Sally Jo Nelton and Kim Manning

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chelsea Hare West addressed the board welcoming the new trustees and asked for clarification on the process for replacing the Varsity Basketball Coach.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board Secretary Jarrod Smith conducted the Election of President.

**A. President**

**Ms. Shannon nominated Jarrod Smith for the 2023 President of the Board of Education.**

**Dr. Glasscoe nominated Jon Shiflett for the 2023 President of the Board of Education.**

There were no other nominations.

**The nomination of Jarrod Smith as the 2023 President of the Board of Education carried unanimously.**

President Elect Smith conducted the election for Vice President and Secretary.

**B. Vice President**

**Ms. Shannon nominated Dr Glasscoe for the 2023 Vice President of the Board of Education.**

There were no other nominations.

**The Nomination carried unanimously.**

**C. Secretary**

**Mr. Shiflett nominated Ms. Shannon for the 2023 Secretary of the Board of Education.**

There were no other nominations.

**The Nomination carried unanimously.**

**SELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. DuFort requested clarification on the role of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

A detailed discussion among the members noted that even though the SMART Goals were adopted under the Strategic Plan and those goals encompass some of the work that is a direct result of the EDI Committee, there is still oversight that needs to be maintained. Dr. Barnes shared he believes, and would appreciate, this committee continuing to provide oversight and accountability.

President Smith commented there has been some discussion on this committee in the past and it would not have been in the Superintendent of Mrs. Manning's perview to remove this Committee without direction from the board. He agreed that the Strategic Plan incorporated initiation steps but supports the continuation of the committee to maintain the oversight and accountability being requested by Superintendent Barnes.

President-Elect Smith made the following appointments for 2023:

- Parliamentarian: Jon Shiflett
- Legislation Liaison: Toni Glasscoe
- Board Representative to the GL Education Foundation: Nicole Shannon
- Members of the Board Audit Committee: Nicole Shannon, Ben Cwayna and Ashley Kuykendoll
- Members of the Board Bond Advisory Committee: Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett and Denise DuFort
- Members of the Board Governance Committee: Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon and Ben Cwayna
- Members of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Jon Shiflett, Denise DuFort and Ashley Kuykendoll

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the January 9, 2023 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included under the Consent Agenda was setting the Board Compensation Rate, noting it remains the same rate as established in 2014 with no increase, the reaffirmation and adoption of the Legal Reference Note; approval of the depositories/signatures for school funds; naming the Grand Ledge Independent as the official newspaper for publication purposes and authorizing the Superintendent (or his designee) to be the designated person to post official business notices; the delegation of the district's election duties to the Superintendent (or his designee); retaining The Thrun Law Firm as the district's legal counsel, Maner Costerisan & Ellis, PC as the district's financial auditors and the Michigan Association of School Boards as the district's consultant for non-certified bargaining groups; and, reaffirming that all seven (7) members of the board of education will sign all ratified collective bargaining agreements.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**SETTING OF 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023 Board of Education Meeting Schedule, as presented.**

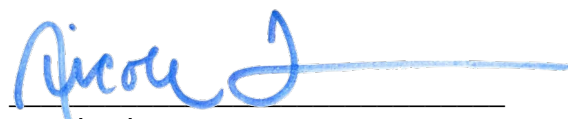
Following discussion among the members Mr. Shiflett offered, and Ms. Shannon accepted, a friendly amendment to remove the June 26, 2023 meeting. Superintendent Barnes pointed out that by law the Board of Education must hold their Truth in Taxation / Truth in Budgeting Hearing and adopt their budget prior to the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Shiflett withdrew his amendment.

**The original motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

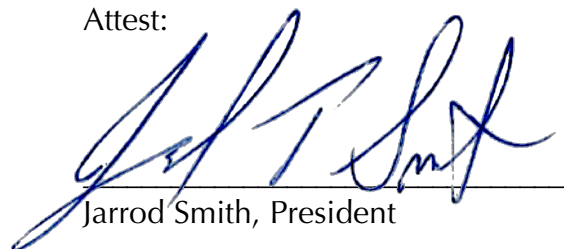
The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, President