

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Work Session – February 10, 2020

MINUTES

Vice President Smith 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:** Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Kim Mulvenna, Patrick McKennon, Ben Cwayna **Central Office Administrators:** Brian Metcalf, Bill Barnes, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Megan Bouwens and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Bill Barnes presented the board with an overview of the 3rd grade reading legislation, Public Act 306. He provided them with the cut scores released by the Michigan Department of Education in May 2019, a synopsis of what this legislation means to Grand Ledge Public Schools 3rd grade students, what the district is doing to support our students noting the district uses state approved screeners, researched based core curriculum, Individual Reading Improvement Plans (IRIP) for qualified students, ongoing checks on reading progress, Read At Home Plans (RAHP) and reading teachers monitoring progress and providing interventions for those who need it. He further explained what the IRIP and RAHP entail. He advised the law is in effect for this year's 3rd grade students. Students must be at, or above, grade level, or less than one year behind in reading in order to be promoted to 4th grade. Students who do not meet the required score will receive a letter informing them of their potential retention noting a student will only be required to repeat 3rd grade once. He went on to explain exemptions for retention and the procedures for requesting such an exemption. In closing, he shared the impact of PA 306 on staff noting early intervention is essential, engaging with families and helping them understand and advising 3rd grade teachers are responsible for maintaining multiple examples of student work (portfolio), and if appropriate, providing input for the exemption.

Trustee Mulvenna asked if Dr. Barnes thought the addition of more reading coaches was appropriate. Dr. Barnes explained we always have to look at how we are supporting our teachers and ensuring they are getting all the supports they need because students are coming with their own challenges. He noted he recently visited a district that had implemented what they were calling 21st Century Coaches and this is something he would like to learn more about.

ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. McKennon seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$11,502.75, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised all invoices have been approved to be brought forward by the Board bond Advisory Committee.

Mr. McKennon provided an overview of the invoices.

Ba. Approval OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to reconsider the vote of the Payment of Proposal 2 Bond Invoices from the January 13, 2020 Work Session Meeting of the Board of Education.

Superintendent Metcalf advised it was brought to our attention there was an error in the Clark Construction December billing noting they had inadvertently billed certain items under Proposal 2, when in fact it should have been bill to Proposal 1. As the board had already voted to approve the payment under Proposal 2, they must rectify the error with the requesting the reconsideration of their January 13 vote, then defeating the motion to pay the invoices under Proposal 2 and finally approving the payment of the invoices under the correct Proposal 1.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Cwayna seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$127,989.94, as presented. The motion FAILED unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McKennon seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$127,989.94, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bb. Approval OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$42,396.62, as presented.

Mr. McKennon provided an explanation of the invoices noting the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed all the invoices and approved them to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF BID AWARDS

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve bid awards for Construction at Holbrook to Soils & Structures, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for material / quality control testing services, Dobie Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$556,400 for rough carpentry / millwork, \$39,948 in construction contingency funds and \$11,128 general conditions costs, as presented.

Mr. McKennon noted this is all for work at Holbrook.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 105 & 105(C) SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 Participation in Section 105 & 105(c) Schools of Choice to include limited options for Kindergarten, closed to grades 1 through 6 and limited options for Grades 7 through 12, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf provided the board with an overview of current enrollment noting this recommendation will help ensure the stability of the district.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

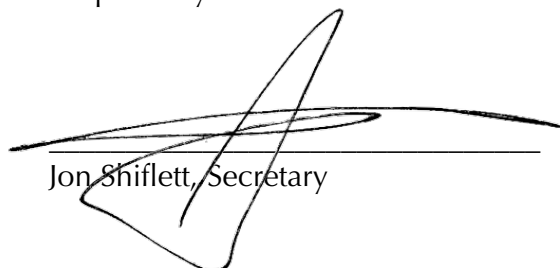
Secretary Shiflett expressed how much he enjoyed the Little Comets Winter Musical and recognized the tremendous amount of work from the staff it must have taken to make the event happen.

Trustee Mulvenna expressed she is happy to see we are continuing to look for ways to improve supports to our students and staff. She also expressed she is very happy to see all the district good news social media posts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jon Shiflett, Secretary

Attest:


Denise DuFort, President