

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

February 12, 2024

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Board Secretary Ashley Kuykendoll indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll, Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, and Ben Cwayna. Dr. Glasscoe joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m. **Members Absent:** Denise DuFort. **Central Office Administrators:** Julie Waterbury, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Chris Groves, Sara Taylor, Cindy Zerbe, Dave Zerbe, Payton Hubert, Kim Hubert, Devon Detmers, Cora Detmers, Amanda Smith, Pat McKennon, Amy Bowers, Jan M. Seeger, John Piper, Ashleigh Lore, Melissa Mazzola, Rickie Kuykendoll and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 12, 2024 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 12, 2024 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the Meeting Minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting and the teacher hiring of Payton Hubert.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- A. Capitol Connections** – Mr. Shiflett advised the Governor has released her initial budget that includes an increase in the per pupil funding allocation. Dr. Glasscoe added that community colleges and universities anticipate a 2.5% increase which could mean more for funding for K-12 partners. She confirmed there is funding included to continue the free lunch program.
- B. Eaton RESA** – There was no report in Mrs. DuFort's absence.
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation** – Ms. Shannon advised registration is open for the Comet Chase 5K noting a new location at the Track & Field complex.

D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion – Ms. Kuykendoll advised there was no report as the meeting had to be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

E. Governance Committee – Ms. Shannon advised the Governance Committee met last week noting with the implementation of the Neola policies, and sharing they are now available on the district website, the committee has turned their focus on creating a protocol for filing board vacancies and creating a plan for onboarding new board members.

F. Bond Update – Bond Supervisor John Piper provided the board with an update on bond construction throughout the district including updates on the progress of the new Wacousta building, Neff, High School, Hayes and Willow Ridge, still working on HVAC system at transportation building. He confirmed construction remains on track for the opening of the new Wacousta building and clarified the work for Hayes and Willow Ridge relates to the road study sharing we are finalizing the budget and planning.

G. Superintendent –

a. Wacousta Elementary School Presentation

Wacousta Principal Chris Groves thanked Bond Supervisor John Piper, Dr. Barnes and the Central Office Leadership Team listening and making sure the new Wacousta building is going to be a special place for everyone. He went on to review the goals Wacousta is focusing on this year including content delivery and involving all stakeholders.

Wacousta Dean of Students Sara Taylor provided the board with an overview of efforts to increase communication among the staff, work on social emotional learning and PBIS sharing information on the Wacousta club house.

Teacher and student council advisor Devon Detmers provided information and the process students go through to join the Wacousta student council. Wacousta students Cali, Emerson, Joy and Core each individually shared ways student council is working in the building.

In closing, Cindy Zerbe, who will be retiring at the end of the year, shared her thoughts and experiences serving the students, staff and families of Wacousta and remarking you can take the kid out of Wacousta but you can't take Wacousta out of the kid.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 105 AND 105(C) SCHOOLS OF CHOICE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve Participation in Section 105 and 105(c) Schools of Choice on an unlimited basis for Kindergarten and Grades 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th for the 2024-2025 School Year. The motion carried unanimously.

B. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Grand Ledge Education Program, as presented.

Grand Ledge High School teacher Patrick McKennon provided a detailed overview and answered questions on the proposed Grand Ledge Education Program and curriculum he is hoping to begin offering at the start of the 2024-2025 school year noting it would provide an opportunity for students who are interested in a career in the education field with first-hand experience.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. BID AWARD – GLPS ACCESS CONTROL

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the bid award to RedGuard Fire & Security in the amount of \$164,942 for specified Access Control System Renovations, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER (SBHC) AGREEMENT

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the School Based Health Center Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools and Sparrow Eaton Hospital, as presented, and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the Agreement on behalf of the district. The motion carried unanimously.

E. BID AWARD - SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER (SBHC)

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the bid award to LJ Trumble in the amount of \$344,500 for the School Based Health Center with a PLM Bond in the amount of \$3,600 and a Contingency of \$10,000 for a total bid award of \$358,100, as presented. The motion carried 5 to 1.

F. GLPS / EATON RESA PREVENTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Prevention Services Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools and the Eaton Regional Service Agency, as presented, and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the Agreement on behalf of the district. The motion carried unanimously.

G. EATON RESA PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the appointment of Grand Ledge Public Schools Parent Kasi Hunziger to serve on the Eaton RESA Parent Advisory Committee, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

H. PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICE

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of a Sinking Fund Invoice in the amount of \$16,900, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett advised this was reviewed by the Board Bond Committee and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents roof scans at Hayes and Willow Ridge.

The motion carried unanimously.

I. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$2,485,421.79, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett advised this was reviewed by the Board Bond Committee and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents work at Wacousta.

The motion carried unanimously.

J. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$14,329, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett advised this was reviewed by the Board Bond Committee and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents work at the high school.

The motion carried unanimously.

K. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 4 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of a Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoice in the amount of \$7.020, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett advised this was reviewed by the Board Bond Committee and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration. This represents the traffic study.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD

Dr. Glasscoe thanked Wacousta for the wonderful presentation.

Mr. Cwayna noted for those with questions about the Strange School that the board does not have all the information on this yet, but they are gathering information and will provide updates as they learn more.

Mr. Shiflett thanked Hayes Intermediate School for a copy of the all school read book noting he looks forward to reading it.

Mr. Kuykendoll thanked Wacousta for their presentation, paid tribute to Mrs. Zerbe, thanked Hayes Intermediate School for the book and expressed her appreciation to the member of the Central Office Leadership Team.

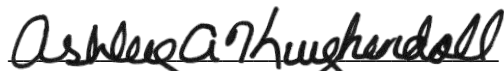
President Shannon thanked Mr. Cwayna for his remarks regarding Strange School, thanked Wacousta for their presentation and the Central Office Leadership Team. In closing she congratulated the Pom team on their recent state championship.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Ashley Kuykendoll, Secretary


Nicole Shannon, President