

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
*Board of Education*

Work Session – February 13, 2017

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by Superintendent Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Patrick McKennon, Denise DuFort, Beverly Winstanley, Sara Clark Pierson, Jon Shiflett, and Kim Mulvenna. **Central Office Administrators:** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske and Sara Sutherland. **Others in Attendance:** Thom Sowle, Dan DuFort and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEM

**A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$25,977.94, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

In accordance with MCL380.4203, member Sara Clark Pierson abstained from the vote.

**B. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE**

**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the purchase of technology in the amount of \$231,990, as presented.**

Superintendent Metcalf advised this purchase will replace outdated laptops for all K-6 teachers.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. McKennon asked if the district is able to recoup any money for the sale of the outdated laptops we will be replacing. Superintendent Metcalf advised our Director of Technology always looks into this option, but unfortunately, the technology is changing so quickly it is really not something that will benefit the district.

President Mulvenna advised the funding for this purchase is coming from several different sources including: Technology Capital Projects Fund (Sprint), Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (22i TRIG) and the General Technology Budget.

**C. APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve Designation of Depositories / Signatures on School Funds, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 105 & 105(C) SCHOOLS OF CHOICE**

**Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the district's participation in Section 105 and 105(c) Schools of Choice for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented.**

Superintendent Metcalf led a detailed discussion among the members recommending the district's participation in School of Choice for the 2017-2018 school year on an unlimited bases for Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION**

**A. ENERGY CONSERVATION UPDATE**

District Energy Specialist Thom Sowle provided the board with an update regarding savings the district has recognized as a result of the implementation of energy conservation measures. He noted over the last four-year the district has saved almost \$1M in energy costs as a result of this program.

Mrs. Clark Pierson asked for clarification of the information noting this is cost avoidance versus an actual savings to the budget. Mr. Sowle confirmed, it is, in fact, money we have not had to spend due to conservation measures set in place and items we are implementing.

It was also questioned if the district will reach a plateau and not see as much savings in future years. Mr. Sowle advised the district will continue to look for ways to implement further savings in the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Mike thanked Mr. Sowle for his presentation and the time and effort he puts into his job noting he does a good job for the district.

**CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley or the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies, as per Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Mrs. Winstanley    | <u>Yes</u> | Mrs. DuFort        | <u>Yes</u> |
| President Mulvenna | <u>Yes</u> | Mr. Shiflett       | <u>Yes</u> |
| Mr. McKennon       | <u>Yes</u> | Mrs. Clark Pierson | <u>Yes</u> |

**The motion carried unanimously at 6:27 p.m.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

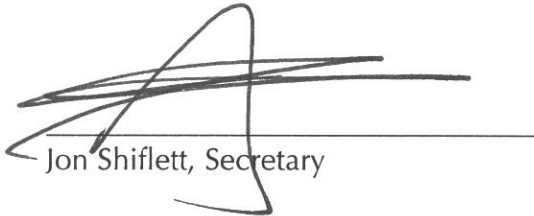
The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:42 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CONTRACT – MEA/NEA Unit I – Secretarial / Clerical**  
**Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the MEA/NEA Unit I – Secretarial / Clerical employee contract, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jon Shiflett, Secretary

Attest:

  
Kim Mulvenna, President