

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – February 24, 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 Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members:*** Ben Cwayna, Patrick McKennon, Sara Clark Pierson, Jon Shiflett and Jarrod Smith ***Central Office Administrators:*** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Nancy Rasinske, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth ***Others in Attendance:*** David Logel, Melissa Mazzola, Brandon Stevens, Sam Kuntzsch, Tyler McCready, Greg Almy, Mandy Dall, Katherine Fox, Amanda Morey, Karlene Ketola, Tracy Jo Devereaux and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 24, 2020 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 24, 2020 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Ms. Clark Pierson provided an overview of what is categorized as a consent agenda item.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting, January 6, 2020 Work Session, January 6, 2020 Closed Session and the February 10, 2020 Work Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. GLHS Student Leadership – GLHS students Tyler McCready and Sam Kuntzsch advised the board January was a busy month at Grand Ledge High School. The student council planned the annual winter homecoming pep assembly and a successful talent show where student showcased their abilities. The GLHS musicals put on their second musical workshop for grades 3-8. DECA club competed at districts and of the 32 students who participate in the club, 20 qualified for the state competition. They went on to explain that this is random acts of kindness month and PALs handed out candy and compliments to kick off the event. Students in SAT skills took their PSAT's last week to prepare for the SAT in April. They gave a shout out to GLHS student Cooper Evans who scored a perfect 36 on

his SAT. For the month of February, students have been participating in Safe Driving Month. There will be an assembly in the auditorium and they asked the board and administrators to sign their safe driving pledge. All the members and administrators signed the pledge.

In closing out their presentation, they noted it is exam week at the high school and they encouraged everyone to watch the student news on Tuesdays and Fridays on the GLHS Student News YouTube channel and to follow them on Instagram at glcomettv and gl_council on twitter.

- B. Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Smith advised the Governor is starting to make budget proposals that include an increase in per pupil funding, including an increase for the Great Start Readiness Program that has not had an increase since 2014. These are all proposal so nothing is firm. He further provided an update on House Bill 4689 addressing door barricade devices and minor changes to legislation to remove the sunset date of 2024 for allowing CTE classes to be substituted for certain foreign language requirements under the graduation requirements and reimbursement to the school aid fund.

Mr. Shiflett noted the Senate Judiciary Committee has taken up two bills that address violations to the Open Meetings Act and awarding fees for any such violations. He advised the district has a well-established practice ensuring compliance with the Open Meetings Act for all meetings of the Board.

- C. Bond Update** – Superintendent Metcalf advised the Bond Steering Committee continues to meet to discuss bond work at Beagle and Holbrook. He noted both projects are under budget but this hasn't come easy. He referenced the board will be asked to approve a contract with GMB Architects and Engineers tonight, which is the architectural firm the district works with on all bond construction projects. He also advised the board will be asked to award bids for both the Holbrook and Beagle projects noting Holbrook construction is expected to lead off as early as April 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Secretary Shiflett provided the rules for public comment.

Student Adelaide Remy addressed the board to provide her account of an incident she was involved in at Willow Ridge and encouraging appropriate training for staff.

Parent Rachel Buffenbarger addressed the board to provide her account of interactions with school personnel regarding her daughter noting she has seen a lot of good things, but her recent personal experience has not been one of those.

Parent Tracy Deveraux addressed the board advising the Grand Ledge staff and special education teachers have been a "life saver" for her and her students, but she does not feel we should ignore other students or parents' perceptions.

Parent Samantha Nye addressed the board regarding her experience with the special education staff and supporting Adelaide. She noted we count on school staff to care for our children and something needs to be done.

Child Mental Health Advocate Ester Dale spoke on behalf of the students she works with who attend Grand Ledge Public Schools noting she does not support the use of time away rooms and feels some of our practices are outdated. She noted she feels it is time for a change and encouraged the members to consider the feedback being provided.

Community Member Rebecca Hummel asked what was being done about the drugs at the high school.

Community Member Dan Hummel addressed the board expressing he disagrees with the district's practices regarding students smoking , vaping and drinking on school property.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of GMB Architects & Engineers Contract

Motion by Mr. Shiflett seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the GMB Architects & Engineers Contract as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf advised district counsel has reviewed the contract and recommends it for approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Secondary Course Offerings & New Guidelines

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the addition of Film Studies and Theatre courses to the GLHS curriculum, the change of the CIP code from architecture to engineering, the current GLHS and Hayes Middle School course offerings as outlined in the 2019-2020 GLHS Course Book and in PowerSchool, and the guidelines for online courses and pilot course offerings, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Bill Barnes provided a point of reference noting new guidelines in the pupil account manual requiring the board's approval of secondary course offerings, including the course catalog and online course offerings. In the February 10, 2020 meeting of the Curriculum Council, High School Principal Ken Wright brought forward the additional course offers of Film Studies and Theatre along with the CIP code change, all which were approved by the Council to be brought forward for your approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Bid Awards

a. Holbrook Elementary

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve a bid award to William Reichenbach in the amount of \$612,833 for drywall and ceilings, \$43,541 for construction contingency and \$9,912 for construction general conditions for a total award of \$665,566, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf noted the two bid awards before the board are the result of a lot of work in preparing the bid packages and screening all the bidders to ensure they can meet the specifications of each individual bid. He further noted all the bids were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee and reflect the lowest, qualified bidder for each area of work.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Beagle Elementary

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve bid awards to Abatement & Demolition Services in the amount of \$493,895 for demolition, Choice Concrete in the amount of \$344,270 for foundations, Schepers Concrete in the amount of \$279,805 for concrete floors, Levitt - Stack in the amount of \$412,900 for site concrete, Kerkstra Precast Concrete in the amount of \$60,925 for pre-cast concrete, Eagle Enterprise in the amount of \$748,800 for structural steel, Burgrave Masonry in the amount of \$1,289,201 for masonry, Architectural Metals Inc., in the amount of \$193,600 for exterior metal panels, Lansing Glass Co. in the amount of \$353,729 for glass & glazing, Division 7 Roofing in the amount of \$391,246 for roofing, Integrecore in the amount of \$773,625 for general trades, Stone Creek Carpentry in the amount of \$414,404 for casework, William Reichenbach in the amount of \$1,184,827 for drywall & ceilings, Interkal in the amount of \$43,825 for bleachers, Lansing Tile in the amount of \$15,847 for terrazzo flooring, CKI Signs in the amount of \$78,075 for signage, Concrete Floor Treatment in the amount of \$38,800 for polished concrete, H & H Painting in the amount of \$237,757 for painting, Integrity Interiors, Inc., in the amount of \$121,840 and \$195,380 for hard tile, carpet and base, Star Flooring in the amount of \$84,400 for wood flooring, Concrete Floor Treatment in the amount of \$30,500 for epoxy treatment, Rayhaven in the amount of \$43,746 for lockers, Otis Elevator in the amount of \$77,815 for elevator, Pro Thermal Systems in the amount of \$1,011,600 for plumbing, Quality Air in the amount of \$2,294,838 for HVAC, Brigade Fire Protection in the amount of \$219,077 for fire protection, FD Hayes Electric in the amount of \$1,266,230 for electrical, ET MacKenzie in the amount of \$1,704,000 for site work, American Asphalt in the amount of \$536,000 for asphalt, KLM Landscaping in the amount of \$175,000 for landscaping, \$1,073,938 for Construction Contingency and \$226,728 for construction general conditions for a total bid award of \$16,415,913, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Director of Communications John Ellsworth reminded everyone the all middle school musical production of Willy Wonka starts this Friday and runs through Sunday with shows on Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 pm and a Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm. He encouraged everyone to get their tickets by visiting glmusical.net.

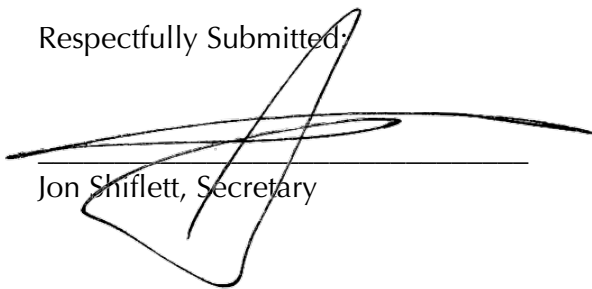
Member Sara Clark Pierson thanked everyone who came to speak to the board and noting she understands it is not easy for some people. She remarked it is important for the board members to hear from the public as the board is elected by the people of this district to represent them on the Board of Education. She advised she has great passion for community mental health noting she served on the Community Mental Health Board for 24 years. She further advised on the structure of board meetings noting public comment segments provide the members with the opportunity to hear and take in the comments and concerns of the community members, but not designed for members to comment, it is the Superintendent who will respond and address concerns addressed. She did, however, note the sound system is not something the board controls and concerns regarding the discipline of students can be addressed by the high school administration referencing the student handbook and the student discipline outlined in such.

Vice President Jarrod Smith echoed Ms. Clark Pierson expressing his appreciation for most of the comments being respectful advising he knows all comments were meant with good intention and purpose. He noted the board hears the public and their comments will generate discussion with the administration. In closing, he thanked everyone for coming out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary

Attest:



Denise DuFort, President