
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – March 14, 2016

MINUTES

President Wacyk called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Linda Wacyk, Jon Shiflett, Jay Bennett, Sara Clark Pierson, Kim Mulvenna and Beverly Winstanley. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Andy George, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske, Norma Schutzki and Mark Deschaine ***Others in Attendance***: Christopher Iammarino, Michelle Hamilton, Teri Mulder, Melissa Mazzola, Francie Skarritt, Tonya Rice, Nancy Nowak, Kellee Auge, Mark Jones, Tracy Smith, Olivia Pahl, Kelly Smith, Beth Johnston, Katie Grass, Jamie McKennon, Susan Sowle, Gail Schafer, Jennifer Pippin, Lindsey Grostefon, Dana Schueller, Deborah McMartin-Finkel, Ann Anderson, Fred Hutchinson, Bobbi Fleming, Dawn Grubb, David Averill, Dawn Kennaugh, Lori Bucholz, Chris Groves, Jill Mangrum, Laura Pratt, Paula Dunn, Erin Snyder, Kimberly Shoup and Kim Manning.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Board of Education took a moment to recognize district employee Laura Pratt for her quick thinking and calm demeanor when a student attending Adventure Club began choking and she performed the Heimlich Maneuver. Adventure Club Supervisor Paula Dunn provided the board with details regarding the training caregivers go through noting this instance shows just how important the training is. She commended Mrs. Pratt expressing her gratitude for her actions.

Mrs. Pratt thanked the board and Mrs. Dunn noting how important she believes training is and expressed her appreciation for the training that is afforded her and her colleagues.

Board President Wacyk and Superintendent Metcalf presented Mrs. Pratt with a certificate of appreciation for her actions.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution Approving the Bond Purchase Agreement, as presented.

District Attorney Christopher Lamarrino from Thrun Law Firm provided the board with a detailed overview of the Resolution including pricing, the closing scheduled for March 16, the life of the bonds, the escrow agenda and advising this completes the Board's approval from December 2015 to look at refunding of the 2007 Building and Site Bonds. In closing he advised this refunding will bring a savings of \$3,091,551 over the life of the bonds through a lower interest rate noting that this savings does not go into the general fund.

President Wacyk noted by refunding the 2007 bonds, the district has afforded the Grand Ledge Public Schools' taxpayers with a \$3M savings on the repayment of the bonds. She further noted that the district does not benefit from the refunding in any monetary manner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>
President Wacyk	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Winstanley	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$10,669.70, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf provided the board with the details of the invoices.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote.

APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRING

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the hiring of Teresa Ryder, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operation Andy George provided the board with background information on Mrs. Ryder's experience noting she was the candidate of choice and is highly qualified to fill the position. He recommended the board approve her hiring.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ryder thanked the Board and noted she is thrilled to be joining the Grand Ledge Public Schools team.

ELEMENTARY A-B-C PRESENTATION

Elementary Principals David Averill, Dawn Kennaugh, Lori Bucholz, Chris Groves and Jill Mangrum provided the board with their first trimester (A)ttendance-(B)ehavior-(C)ourse Completion report focusing on reading and math.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

District Teachers Erin Snyder and Kimberly Shoup addressed the board to express their concerns regarding the increased requirements being put on teachers with regard to state mandated tests and lack of planning periods, class sizes, lack of teacher assistant support, teachers not having a contract, the expectations put on students, and stressing the importance of unity if the district wants to see a bond passed in the future.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Mrs. Clark Pierson noted Thursday marks the one-year anniversary of her serving on the Eaton RESA Board. She thanked Superintendent Metcalf, explaining he knew something was wrong over there and endured many phone conversations in the first few months she began serving on the board. She noted with the changes at the RESA, she sees huge benefit for GLPS. She remarked Eaton RESA is reaching out to us and she is confident in the person now at the helm of the RESA.

Superintendent Metcalf noted that Dr. Schutzki has been asking for assistance from the RESA for 30 years and finally we feel someone is listening which will result in a positive change that will serve our students well.

Mrs. Mulvenna commended Mrs. Clark Pierson and the members of the Eaton RESA board on their selection of the new Superintendent. She congratulated Coach Delaney and his team remarking he is demonstrating great leadership for our students and our athletes.

Mrs. Winstanley thanked the principals for their report noting that each time she learns more and more. She remarked she understands it takes time to pull the reports together but it is data that is valuable to the board. As for testing, she understands the increased requirements but does not see a way to get around it.

President Wacyk thanked everyone for coming and sharing positive solutions. She remarked the board is always looking for ways to direct our services and what will make the biggest impact. She also congratulated the archery team, gymnastics team, Rachel Hogan and swimming athlete of the week, Erin Harris. In closing she thanked Mr. Shiflett for taking care of things in her absence.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for 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:

President Wacyk	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Winstanley	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously at 8:02 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jay Bennett, Secretary

Jon Shiflett, Vice President