

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – June 13, 2022

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Marcus Davenport indicated the presence of **Board Members Present:** Jon Shiflett, Nicole Shannon, Jarrod Smith, Denise DuFort, Ben Cwayna and Toni Glasscoe. **Board Members Absent:** Sara Clark Pierson. **Central Office Administrators:** Marcus Davenport, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Julie Waterbury, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Kyle Dymond, Melissa Mazzola, Jan Seeger, Gerald Kapp, Wendy Seida, Debbie Stair, Chelsea Chambers, Ashley Oneil, Kim Laforet, Darrin Gyurich, Nell Pizzo, Howard Pizzo, Marlene Promer, Ashley Kuykendoll, Sally Jo Nelton, Greg Almy, Mary Fearheiley, Misty Herson and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Shannon provided an overview for making public comment to the board.

Stacy Erwin Oakes addressed the board sharing her perception of a conflict of interest in using the Michigan Association of School Boards to guide the Board of Education in their development of a Strategic Plan and appealing the board to see the conflict of interest.

Gerald Kapp addressed the board to share that when he attended a recent blood drive at the high school he was concerned with his ability to enter the building through an unsecured door.

Kim Laforet addressed the board requesting that public comment be moved to later on the agenda to allow the audience to speak on agenda items.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board expressing concerns for teacher reduction, increasing student enrollment and the impact on safety of the district.

DISCUSSION / PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. Strategic Planning

MASB Consultant Debbie Stair in conjunction with Chelsea Chambers, Educational Consultant from Eaton RESA presented an overview of the strategic planning process and presented the Mission, Vision and Belief Statements and Goal Statement established by the Strategic Planning Team during the May 14, 2022 Strategic Planning Session and the ground breaking work the district is leading in aligning the Goal Statements and the work to meet those goal statements will align with the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP).

B. 98B Data Presentation

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, Dr. Bill Barnes presented the board with a detailed overview of the district's end of year K-8 Math and ELA Goal Report and the High School Math and ELA Goal Report respectively noting this is the end of year report. He reminded everyone the mid-year report was presented during the February 14, 2022 meeting.

A detailed discussion among the members addressed other data points outside just the NWEA including, but not limited to Dibles and Delta Math along with embedded assessments with curriculum tools, MSTEP and SAT. The information being reported tonight is specific to the data requested for the 98B, clarification that FW and FS reference Fall to Winter assessment and Fall to Spring assessment, and the need to have continuous presentations looking at other measures to provide important information to the board, our families, our community to help people in putting the "puzzle" together.

C. 2022-2023 Budget Review

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury provided the board with an update on the 2022-2023 projections noting current teacher attrition at 15 and current teacher assistant attrition at seven with a projected fund balance of 7.14%, advising the district will need to hire one new teacher so the attrition number is reduced to 14, noting the district will not need to borrow for the fall, and advising the final 2021-2022 budget amendment and the proposed 2022-2023 budget will be presented at the June 27th board meeting..

A discussion among the members noted the current Schools of Choice and Student Releases is 315 with 213 approved. However, this is still a tentative number until the students are actually in seats at the start of the 2022-23 school year and advising a summer enrollment campaign is set to kick off at the end of June.

D. Operations Policies – First Reading

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury reviewed proposed Operations Policies FM415 – Food Service – Meal Charges and FM416 – Food Service – Uncollectible Debt noting these are required policies.

A detailed discussion among the members noted the offer of free meals will expire in the fall, the need to communicate with our families on what will happen if a student does not have the funds in their food account, students will still be provided a full standard meal, they will be charged for that meal and the parent is responsibility for paying for that meal, maintaining confidentiality and treating students with dignity, sharing opportunities for free and reduced meals, publicizing our meal prices, how the district will handle any uncollectible debt, what is considered an uncollectible debt, tracking uncollectible debt before it becomes a problem through counselors or student services, and ensuring people understand what will happen if there is an uncollectible debt left when the student leaves our district.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MAY 23, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE HIRING

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Hiring of Wendy Seida as the Executive Director for Student Services, as presented.

Dr. Davenport provided background information on Ms. Seida's credentials noting she bring 20 years of special education experience to the district. He noted the important roll Mrs. Holding has played in the district for many years and thanking her for her service to the district.

Ms. Seida expressed she was happy to be joining the team.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN MISSION, VISION & BELIEF STATEMENTS AND GOAL STATEMENTS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Strategic Plan Mission, Vision and Belief Statements and Goal Statements, as presented, and instruct Superintendent Davenport to begin the implementation plan process to develop objectives and actions plans with measurements, timelines, responsibilities and a board monitoring calendar. The motion carried 4-1.

Mrs. DuFort thanked the MASB Team for their guidance through this process and the members of the Strategic Planning Team noting she looks forward to continuing the work on the Strategic Plan.

President Shiflett agreed with Mrs. DuFort noting he felt this was a much more thorough and thoughtful process.

D. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Employee Contract with the Food Service Unit III, MEA/NEA, as presented.

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury provided an overview of the changes in the contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 FOOD SERVICE MEAL PRICES

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2022-2023 Food Service Meal Prices, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$247,076.65, as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted these are invoices related to the work of the high school fine arts.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon or the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of a Sinking Fund Invoice in the amount of \$129,622.00, as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted this represents design work for the updates to Beagle and Holbrook.

The motion carried unanimously.

H. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$108,023.08, as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted this represents furniture purchased for Beagle Middle School.

The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$400.00, as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted this represents an invoice from the Drain Commission for plan review for Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

J. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Cwayna or the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$580,329.41 as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted this represents work on the pools at the high school and Beagle.

The motion carried unanimously.

K. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,103,609.43, as presented.

Dr. Glasscoe noted this represents construction of the fine arts and track.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Bill Barnes noted the Summer Learning Program kicks off on July 8, 2022 at Beagle. He noted there are approximately 400 students signed up to participate. Additionally, the 2022 Comet Camp, which provides reading support for students in K-3 will be conducted the first week of August. This was intentionally designed to allow students to participate in both Comet Camp and the Summer Learning Program. He commended Mrs. Holding and Mr. Deschaine for their work in getting the registration for these two programs working through PowerSchool. In closing he shared these programs will have about 200 staff members working throughout the programs.

Ms. Shannon shared that the graduation ceremony at the Breslin Center was fantastic noting Dr. Wright did a great job.

Mr. Cwayna noted the board was made aware of a concern from a parent regarding a communication about mask requirements at Wacousta noting it is important that emails going out to parents follow the procedures established by the Board of Education.

Mrs. DuFort thanked the staff for their representations this evening and her appreciation to Dr. Glasscoe for the request that we think about parent input and commenting that as she already mentioned she is excited about the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Glasscoe noted that on one of her tours of our buildings she had a conversation with Mr. Buckland at Beagle surrounding our Robotics teams and expressing how delighted she was that LCC was able to facilitate an event at its West Campus for these students to attend that showed them more of how might work on assembly line or in real work situations.

Dr. Davenport noted we are close to the end of the school year and we must all be mindful of safety and security in these last few days. He shared he worked with local law enforcement and there will be an increased presence of law enforcement in our school buildings over these last three days of school. He noted this is being proactive instead of reactive, being mindful of what happened in Texas, and talking with parents about their concerns following that incident. He noted he will close out the school year with finalizing administrator evaluations.

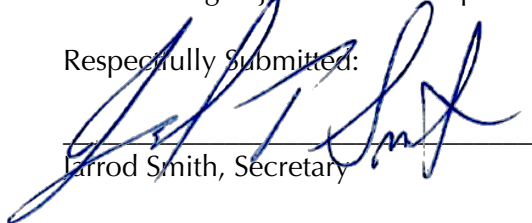
Ms. Shannon noted she understands that Dr. Davenport took the time to visit every school building within the district the day after the incident in Texas noting this is not an easy task to accomplish but commending him for his commitment.

President Shiflett thanked everyone for their public comments and noted he is confident Superintendent Davenport will address the concern brought to the podium regarding the security of the High School. In closing he noted the Board does not see their relationship with MASB as a conflict of interest.

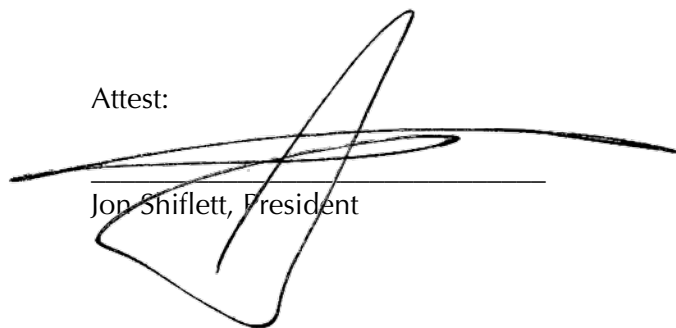
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jarrod Smith, Secretary

Attest:


Jon Shiflett, President