

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – June 26, 2023

MINUTES

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 Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Jarrod Smith, Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon, Jon Shiflett, Ben Cwayna and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent**: Denise DuFort. **Central Office Administrators**: Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance**: John Piper, Jan Seeger, Melissa Mazzola, Alan Glanton, Laura Langworthy, Sally Jo Nelton, Samuel DiMaggio and Kim Manning

OPEN TRUTH IN TAXATION / TRUTH IN BUDGETING HEARINGS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Open the Truth in Taxation / Truth in Budgeting Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	President Smith	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried at 6:02 p.m.

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury provided the board with a detailed overview of the 2023-2024 proposed budgets for Debt Service, Food Service, Student Activity, General Capital Projects, School Store, Sinking Fund, Community Education, 2019 Proposal 2, 2021 Proposal 1, 2021 Proposal 2, 2023 Proposal 1 budgets and the General Fund noting a projected ending fund balance of 9.89%.

CLOSE TRUTH IN TAXATION / TRUTH IN BUDGETING HEARING

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Closed the Truth in Taxation / Truth in Budgeting Hearing. The motion carried unanimously at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the June 26, 2023 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the June 26, 2023 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the June 12, 2023 Work Session and Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the Administrative Contract Renewal, the Administrative Hiring of Eric Leopold as Principal at Hayes Intermediate School and Kelly Shumway as the Assistant Principal at Beagle Middle School and the Teacher Hirings of Karen Almcrantz, Anna Barrett, Lindsey Boots, Brianna Carver, Erin Castillo, Ann Cooke, Teresa Faggion-Reed, Karlee Fillmore, Paige Fleischer, Ann Goodwin, Jaclyn Hays, Brandon Lawler, Heather Moon, Margeret Seifert, Allyson Scott, Timothy Shank, Mikayla Silm, Tanya Smith, Tracy Vincent, Alexa Walter and Dylan Winfield.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Capitol Connections Report

Dr. Glasscoe noted she has purposefully tried to connect legislative priorities and initiatives with the budget to stress the importance of advocating for K-14 education. Currently she is watching legislation that could impact mental health services and the continuation of the free and reduced lunch act.

B. Eaton RESA Report

No report is Mrs. DuFort absence.

C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report

Ms. Shannon shared the Foundation held its final Josh Spalsbury Memorial 5K Comet Chase and reported there were 218 participants breaking their previous record. She thanked Dr. Barnes for his participation, congratulate Dr. Glasscoe for winning her division and thanked Dr. Gabriel for helping keep the runners going in the right direction. She expressed she is excited to report how the funds from the race will be used to award teacher grants later this year. In closing she thanked the Grand Ledge community for their support of the Foundation.

D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Report

Ms. Kuykendoll advised there is no report.

E. Governance Committee Report

Ms. Shannon advised the committee has not met.

F. Bond Update

Bond Supervisor John Piper provided an update with regard to the Beagle Pool, pole barn at the track, the High School Fine Arts, Delta Center, milling and resurfacing of the Neff and High School Band parking lots, and noting work on the new build for Wacousta should start in the near future.

President Smith noted that Mr. Piper participates in the Board Bond Advisory Meetings and does a great job with the daily oversight of all the construction projects across the district.

G. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Barnes noted the health clinic continues to move forward with the district hosting the first student advisory committee today and the second full advisory committee

will be held on Wednesday. He reminded the board that over these summer months the district will be bringing the student handbooks and curriculum guides for approval as well as a Strategic Plan update. He expressed his appreciation to the administrative team noting that items on tonight's agenda represents hours and hours of administrative work that have put our district is a great place in our hiring process, the budget and in settling employee contracts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Shannon read the rules for addressing the board.

Sam DiMaggio addressed the board regarding subbing in the district and asking to have reference to inappropriate language and behavior deleted from his record.

Sally Jo Nelton addressed the board with questions regarding the Instructional Tools that will be discussed later in the board agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. FINAL 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Final 2022-2023 Budget Amendment Resolution, as presented.

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury shared a detailed overview of the 2022-2023 Final Budget Amendment Resolutions for the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Debt Service Fund, Student Activity, General Capitol Projects, Community Education, and Capital Project Funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>

Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>
President Smith	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023-2024 Debt Service, Food Service, Student Activity, General Capital Projects, School Store, Sinking Fund, Community Education, 2019 Proposal 2, 2021 Proposal 1, 2021 Proposal 2, 2023 Proposal 1 and General Fund Budget Resolutions, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>

President Smith	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously.

C. L-4029 FOR EATON, CLINTON & IONIA COUNTY

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request Form (L-4029) for Eaton, Clinton and Ionia Counties, as presented.

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury explained these forms provide the cities and townships to know how much to include on their tax collections, noting for Eaton, Clinton and Ionia Counties 100% of the tax collection is in the winter and for the City of Grand Ledge and Delta Township, 50% is collected in the Summer and 50% is collected in the Winter.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. L-4029 FOR CITY OF GRAND LEDGE AND DELTA TOWNSHIP

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request Form (L-4029) for the City of Grand Ledge and Delta Township, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Liaison Officer Contract Amendment

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Liaison Officer Contract Amendment, as presented, and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the Contract Amendment on behalf of the district. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. VOLUNTARY RECOGNITION RESOLUTION

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Shannon, for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to grant Teamster’s request for voluntary recognition, provided Teamster’s request is limited to the same bargaining unit previously represented by IOUE Local 324, and the District’s Superintendent or designee confirms that the signatures on the above-mentioned list are that of a majority of the District’s Bus Drivers.

A detailed discussion provided the members with information pertaining to the options available to the bus drivers following the IOUE dropping them from union representation.

Mr. Shiflett withdrew his motion and Ms. Shannon withdrew her Second.

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Voluntary Recognition Resolution denying the Teamster’s request for voluntary recognition, but Teamsters may seek exclusive bargaining representative status by pursuing a union election through the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, which election process contains procedural safeguards to ensure employee free choice.

Roll Call Vote:

President Smith	YES
Dr. Glasscoe	YES
Ms. Shannon	YES

Mr. Cwayna	YES
Ms. Kuykendoll	YES
Mr. Shiflett	YES

The motion carried unanimously.

B. RESOLUTION RATIFYING & AFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF SALE OF BONDS OFFER

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution Ratifying and Affirming Acceptance of the Sale of Bonds Offer, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
President Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously.

C. INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Instructional Tools and adoption of Amplify Science and MyWorld, as presented.

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Dr. Steve Gabriel provided the board with a detailed overview of the process used to bring this forward and steps going forward for implementation.

Dr. Glasscoe offered a friendly amendment to the motion to approve the Instructional Tools and adoption of Amplify Science for grades K-4 and MyWorld Social Studies for Grade 3 only, as presented. Ms. Shannon accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion carried unanimously as amended.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Mr. Ellsworth shared the district has been fortunate to host many MHSAA tournaments and events at our new facilities showcasing our district and facilities to many from outside our community and thanking the board and community for their support of the bond. More information will be brought back to the members regarding revenue generated from these tournaments and events.

Superintendent Barnes thanked the board for another outstanding, productive board meeting and again thanking the administrative team for all their work that made it happen.

Ms. Kuykendoll expressed that while she understands the 2023-2024 calendar is already set, she would encourage the district to look at ending the school year earlier. She recognized the amazing work of the Central Office Leadership Team (COLT), and expressed the district is doing amazing. In closing she noted she is looking forward to receiving bus schedules for next year that include shorter ride times for the students.

Ms. Shannon commented "amazing".

Dr. Glasscoe commented “thank you”.

President Smith noted that is plenty for tonight.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Cwayna 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(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
President Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>

The motion carried unanimously at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Employee Contracts with the Building and Grounds Maintenance Association, Custodial Association and the Grand Ledge Food Service, Unit III, MEA/NEA, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary



Jarrod Smith, President