

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – July 10, 2023

MINUTES

Vice President Glasscoe called the meeting to order at p.m. She led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Toni Glasscoe, Nicole Shannon, Denise DuFort, Ben Cwayna and Ashley Kuykendoll. **Board Members Absent:** Jarrod Smith and Jon Shiflett. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Tim Totten, Melissa Mazzola, Kim Laforet, Dawne Velianoff, John Piper, Samuel DiMaggio and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 10, 2023 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 10, 2023 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the June 26, 2023 Work Session and Closed Session Meeting Minutes and an Administrative Contract Renewal.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Capitol Connections Report

Dr. Glasscoe provided an update regarding the budget passed by the Michigan Legislature.

B. Eaton RESA Report

Mrs. DuFort provided an update of the June 14, 2023 meeting of the Eaton RESA Board.

C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report

Ms. Shannon noted the GLEF Board is scheduled to meet this Wednesday for a race wrap up.

D. Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Report

Ms. Kuykendoll noted the committee has not met.

E. Governance Committee Report

Ms. Shannon noted the committee has not met but are working to schedule a meeting soon.

F. Bond Update

Bond Supervisor John Piper provided an update with regard to construction on the high school parking lot, Delta Center and noted construction has started out at Wacousta.

Ms. Kuykendoll asked when the next board bond tours will be set up. Dr. Barnes noted we will begin scheduling them before the start of the school year.

G. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Barnes provided information on his plan for tracking on-going questions, an updates on summer school commending Dr. Gabriel and Mrs. Brentar for their work to ensure its success, the health center noting a change in the soft opening to January 2024 and a full opening in the Spring, and training for the board from the Central Office Leadership Team (COLT), that will provide the board, as well as the community, with information on each of the departments and aligning the building presentations to match up with the art-work display advising he will have a schedule set in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Shannon read the rules for addressing the board.

Samuel DiMaggio addressed the board regarding his removal as a sub for the district and asking for language to be retracted and an apology.

Kim Laforet addressed the board expressing her appreciation for being on the Health Center committee while sharing her concerns as it relates to birth control.

Tim Totten addressed the board expressing his appreciation for the Eaton RESA Report, commenting he understands this is not an Eaton RESA meeting but asked about their upcoming millage proposal and vouching for Mr. DiMaggio.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board looking for security updates for all of our buildings, advising her daughter would not be attending the district in the upcoming school year, commenting the district is moving in a great direction, questioning what part of Governance is looking at growth of development, asking if the health center is for disadvantaged and for information related to the MEA and association with the mission and vision and piloting programs, and policies as it relates to the LGBTQ new legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

**A. 2023-2024 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll, for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023-2024 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution, as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Glasscoe YES
Ms. Shannon YES
Mrs. DuFort YES

Mr. Cwayna YES
Ms. Kuykendoll YES

The motion carried unanimously.

B. PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$15,162.75, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted all of the upcoming invoices were reviewed at the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting. These invoices represent work at the High School Fine Arts.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$50,199.95, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted these invoices represent work on the pole barn as well as heating and air conditioning at Sawdon.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$552,118.37, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted this is for work at Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, 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 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$69,104.19, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted this is for work at Beagle.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$103,079.10, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted this is for work at the High School Fine Arts.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. AUTHORIZATION OF MERC AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to sign a standard Consent Election Agreement in the pending Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) Bus Driver Election, MERC Case No. 23-F-1148-RC.

Superintendent Barnes advised this will allow the process for the bus drivers to continue with their union election with the Teamsters.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Superintendent Barnes addressed the concerns expressed by Mrs. Laforet regarding birth control and the health clinic advising the question was raised by a parent and that schools have rules and laws with regard to this issue noted the district is committed to finding out how everything will work to ensure we are doing right by all that will be served. Addressing safety updates from Ms. Velianoff he advised we have provided the board with an update on how we are using our school safety dollars and noting an April presentation to the board is on the board page. He advised he is not clear on her questions with regard to the MEA but if she would email him he would like to get more information so he can follow-up. With regard to Mr. Totten's question, he advised we will share more information on the upcoming election as we find out.

Mrs. DuFort advised Mr. Totten is welcome to email her and provided him with her email address. She commented she is happy the summer school program is going well, hopes staff is getting some down time to refresh and expressing her appreciation for the administrative team that is here getting things ready for next year.

Dr. Glasscoe noted she would like to visit the summer programs commenting it is nice to see young people engaged in learning even over the summer.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll 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. Shannon YES
Mrs. DuFort YES
Mr. Cwayna YES

Ms. Kuykendoll YES
Dr. Glasscoe YES

The motion carried unanimously at 6:48 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT #10

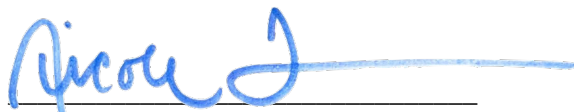
Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Grand Ledge Education Association Letter of Agreement #10, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary


Jarrod Smith, President