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GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
***Board of Education***

Regular Meeting – August 28, 2017

**MINUTES**

Vice President Wacyk 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 Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Linda Wacyk, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Beverly Winstanley, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson and Nancy Rasinske. ***Others in Attendance***: Dave Zerbe, April Welton, Melissa Mazzola, Jay Bennett, Ronald Picos, Andy Brege, Tracey Smith and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the August 28, 2017 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the August 28, 2017 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting and the August 14, 2017 Work Session and Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the teacher hiring of Susan Jackson and Kristen Lisicki.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

- A. Capitol Connections Report** – Mr. Shiflett advised the legislature is still on summer recess and back in their respective districts gathering information on how their constituents want to be represented. When they return next week it is believed the Veto Override on the Sale Tax will be a priority. He noted this is probably the least common way to calculate sales tax and is very misguided.

Mrs. Clark Pierson interjected this legislation is a far cry from the original deal due to trading and negotiations. She noted backing off the original legislation only exacerbates the program this state will face in 2020. In closing she noted that while it sounds like a good deal, the people who are enacting this legislation won't be around

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to clean up the mess they are creating. In closing she advised even the Senate Minority Leader supports the veto.

- B. Eaton RESA Report** – Eaton RESA Representative Jay Bennett announced the new officer for the Eaton RESA and advised the new Eaton Rapids representative is Deb Roberts. He noted the RESA held their welcome back on August 17<sup>th</sup> and this included welcoming back many paraprofessionals who had worked for the RESA but through GLPS. He advised there has been a reduction in funds for the Great Start program, the RESA awarded a bid for a new playground at Packard and announced several new CTE programs the RESA will be offering this year.
- C. Governance Committee Report** – Ms. Wacyk noted at the last meeting the committee spent a great deal of time reviewing new legislation and reporting requirements for the district.
- D. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mrs. DuFort advised the Foundation is moving forward with a Night of Stars Event in place of the Breakfast of Champions. She noted they welcomed April Welton as the newest board member, reviewed bank statements and accepted the resignation of Jim Winstanley from his treasurer position on the board. In closing she noted the GLEF Teacher Grant Applications are available online and the Foundation will accept application through October 6<sup>th</sup>. They will use their next two meetings to finalize the Night of Stars event and review the Grant Applications for awards.
- E. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mr. McKennon advised the big thing on the agenda is the Splash Pad noting there is only one week left to raise the needed funds and they are just under \$4,000 away. He advised their fund balance is at over \$53,000, they are waiting on the installation of the art inspired bike racks being designed as part of another grant the City received. People wishing to make donations to support the Splash Pad can visit the Parks and Recreation page on the City's website at [www.cityofgrantledge.com](http://www.cityofgrantledge.com), or drop off donations at City Hall. In closing he noted the Grand Adventure Race is scheduled for September.
- F. Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Metcalf reviewed the great start for the 2017-2017 School Year, noted the Delta Mills Early Childhood Center is a beautiful and amazing early childhood center that is currently being enjoyed by 84 young comets and on August 21<sup>st</sup> the Grand Opening for the new Grand Ledge Community Stadium was held along with two soccer games and this past Thursday our football team beat Hudsonville in our opening game of the season 41-14. In closing he noted there are still a couple things that need to be buttoned up, most notably have the visitors bleachers inspected as they were moved during the field installation and we want to ensure they are safe.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CHECK PRESENTATION FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Members of the Knights of Columbus presented Special Education teachers, Tracey Smith and April Welton with a check representing their profits from their tootsie roll sales. These funds are used to support activities for the district's special education students.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Bennett reminded everyone the MASB Fall Conference is taking place in Lansing and he encouraged board members to attend and noted the Grand Ledge Education Foundation is still looking for Board Members. Anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation or joining the board can reach out to Foundation President Thom Sowle or find them on Facebook.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF**

Mr. Shiflett advised the district should be touting the SAT skills class and the success our students have because of this class.

Mrs. DuFort noted she enjoyed having the photos of what's going on throughout the district included in her board packet.

Mr. McKennon thanked Delta Center 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Jill Rycus. He noted Ms. Rycus extended an invitation to visit her class and he took her up on that offer today. He advised this class of 28, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of school, is a "well-oiled machine". He also followed them to lunch and again, it was another well-oiled machine. He commended Building Principal Lori Bucholz noting she does a great job at the helm of Delta Center.

Mrs. Winstanley thanked our community and everyone involved in making the Stadium Project a reality noting she toured the facility last week and was very impressed.

Mrs. Clark Pierson remarked she was pleased to see students on the field when she came into the meeting noting "this is what we want". This new field has provided a vast improvement in the number of students / sports / activities that can use the field. She noted the district is pleased to get maximum use out of one of the biggest pieces of land we have that is right in the heart of the district.

Superintendent Metcalf continued with Mrs. Clark Pierson's lead noting it is exciting to see all the kids using the new field. He remarked that on night two, the band was out there practicing, which was something they were not able to do on the old field. In closing he noted the Grand Ledge Community Stadium is all about kids, as it should be.

**CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, 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:**

Mrs. DuFort	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Wacyk	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. Winstanley	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>Yes</u>

The motion carried unanimously at 6:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:46 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**

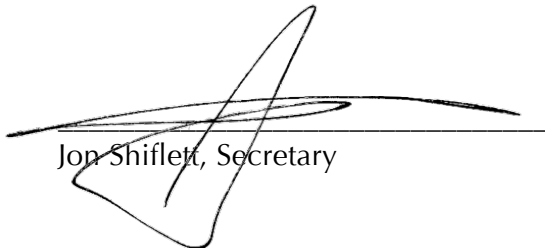
Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Employee Contract with the MEA/NEA Unit IV – Teacher Assistants, Heath Care Assistants, Bus Assistants, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary



Kim Mulvenna, President