
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – September 28, 2015

MINUTES

President Winstanley 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***: Beverly Winstanley, Kim Mulvenna, Linda Wacyk, Brody Boucher and Jon Shiflett ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Andy George, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske and Mark Deschaine ***Others in Attendance***: Linda Horne, Doug Horne, Angie Pridgeon, Tracey Smith, Dan O'Shea, Ray Marrill, Jessica Fuentes, Kevin Mason, Francie Skarritt, Melissa Mazzola, Jennifer Pippin, James Pippin, Jeanine Cull, Joni Henretty, Carrie Wheeler, Mark Jones, John Ellsworth, Gail Schafer, Rob Schafer, Kellee Auge, Nathan DeWitt, and Kim Manning

PRESENTATIONS

A. Knights of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus presented Special Education teachers, Tracey Smith and Angie Pridgeon with a check representing their profits from their tootsie roll sales. These funds are used to support activities with the district's special education students. After receiving the check, Ms. Pridgeon and Ms. Smith presented the Knights with a collage of all the events their past donations have supported.

B. Special Presentation

Board President Winstanley, along with all the members of the Board of Education presented Superintendent Metcalf with his advanced certification endorsement for completion of the Courage Journey™ through the Michigan Association of School Administrators. This voluntary program engages public school superintendents in classes, forums and online interactions to improve leadership skills and apply those skills to improve staff and student outcomes in their district. This was a three-year commitment that addresses seven research-based points of learning critical to becoming a highly effective superintendent: Leadership, Management, Relationships and communication, Data-informed Planning and Decision-Making, Organizational Development, Politics and Teaching and Learning. The board thanked Dr. Metcalf for his commitment to personal and professional growth and his continued commitment to bringing excellence to Grand Ledge Public Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Ms. Wacyk for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 28, 2015 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 28, 2015 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the August 24, 2015 Regular Meeting, the August 24, 2015 Closed Session, the September 14, 2015 Work Session and the September 14, 2015 Closed Session. Also included was the hiring of shared partnership teachers, Debra Savino (Spanish), Melissa Schmitz (Music), Holly Sleight-Engler (Special Ed / Social Studies) and Melvin White (Physical Education / Computers).

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

- A. Capitol Connections Report** - There was no report in Mr. Bennett's absence, but Mr. Shiflett and Ms. Wacyk reported on the alternative certification legislation that would allow retired teachers to come back to teach as a substitute. It is believed this is partly related to their 3rd grade reading retention legislation that focuses on the strategies required and additionally addresses the critical shortage of qualified substitute teachers.
- B. Eaton RESA Report** – There was no report in Ms. Clark Pierson's absence.
- C. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation** – Mrs. Mulvenna advised the Grand Adventure Race was, once again, a success.
- D. Governance Committee Report** – Ms. Wacyk advised the committee has finalized Dr. Metcalf's goals for the evaluation cycle.
- E. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Metcalf reported on the invitation our varsity football team, including coaching staff received from MSU Football Coach Mark Dantonio to be his guest at an upcoming football game. He also advised that he continues to monitor student numbers. In closing he reminded that the Band Exhibition is this Wednesday and the schedule of performers can be found on our website.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Shiflett congratulated Brian on his advanced endorsement noting this continues to show his dedication and character.

Mr. Boucher echoed Mr. Shiflett. He also remarked that he spent the weekend in his hometown of Canton, Michigan and they are preparing to make tough decisions, just like Grand Ledge. He noted Michigan Public Schools are all in the same boat when it comes to funding. He encouraged teachers and community members to write to their legislators and encourage them to investigate and understand the ramifications of Proposal A and what it means to funding Michigan's public education system. State funding is our funding and it is not negotiable.

Ms. Wacyk thanked the Knights of Columbus for their continued support and to the teachers who presented them with the collage showing what those funds are used for.

Mrs. Mulvenna congratulated Brian on his advanced endorsement and thanked him for his continue commitment to himself, his profession and the district. She reiterated Mr. Boucher's comments about the state of public education funding and encouraged contacting state legislators.

President Winstanley thanked the Knights of Columbus, congratulated Dr. Metcalf noting this was a voluntary program he embarked on and succeeded in another example of his commitment to excellence. She thanked everyone for coming expressing how nice it is to see everyone in the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Linda Wacyk, Secretary

Beverly Winstanley, President