

## GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Special Meeting – November 1, 2021

### MINUTES

Vice President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Marcus Davenport indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Jarrod Smith, Nicole Shannon, Jon Shiflett, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. **Central Office Administrators**: Marcus Davenport **Others in Attendance** Jody Ward, Jason Devenbaugh, Jeff McNeilly, Pam Grable, Melissa Mazzola, Dawne Velianoff, Amber Sinke, Tim Totten, Kim Laforet and Kim Manning

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McKennon read the rules for addressing the board.

Jeff McNeilly addressed the board regarding flags in the buildings, keeping politics out of schools, and unmasking the kids.

Amber Redman addressed the board providing her perspective on Dr. Davenport's performance.

Jody Ward addressed the board regarding flags in the buildings, noting she does not agree with EDI and asking about books in the building libraries.

Jason Devenbaugh addressed the board regarding flags in the buildings and providing his perspective on Dr. Davenport's performance.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board providing her perspective on Dr. Davenport's leadership, flags in the building and holding the board accountable.

Tim Totten addressed the board regarding his perceived push for the EDI position, denial of parent choice, vaccination of children 5-11 years old.

Kim Laforet addressed the board noting she was hopeful Dr. Davenport would bring about change, flags in classrooms, the mask mandate, specific books in classrooms and library.

#### AMEND GOVERNANCE POLICY 206 TO ADOPT A PROCEDURE TO BETTER ALLOW FOR THE ORDERLY PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

**Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Procedural Clarification to Governance Policy 206 to better allow for the Orderly Presentation of Public Comment, as presented.**

Vice President Smith noted the procedural clarification to allow for the orderly presentation of comments with the use of a written form for persons wishing to address the Board to provide their name and jurisdiction and noting the President will use the form to invite a person to come forward to make their comment at the appropriate time and read the specific language.

**The motion carried 5 -0**

**CLOSED SESSION – Superintendent’s Annual Review**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent’s Annual Performance Evaluation, as Per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.**

Mrs. DuFort clarified his is an option provided to Superintendents and Dr. Davenport requested a Closed Session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ms. Shannon	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>Yes</u>		

**The motion carried unanimously at 5:29 p.m.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:37p.m.

**STATEMENT OF EVALUATION**

Vice President Smith reported the Board of Education conducted Dr. Davenport’s Superintendent Annual Review using the MASB Superintendent Evaluation model noting that all members of the Board of Education had received instruction on its use. He went on to report the following scores from focus areas contained in the evaluation:

- A. Governance & Board Relations: 3.33
- B. Community Relations: 3.58
- C. Staff Relations: 3.57
- D. Business & Finance: 3.2
- E. Instructional Leadership: 3

For an adjusted weighted Professional Practice score of 82%.

He further noted scores for:

- A. Student Growth: 3
- B. Progress Toward District-Wide Goals: 3

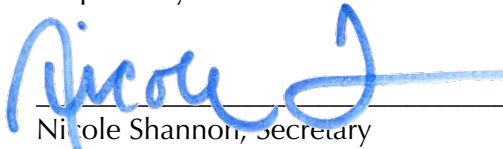
For a total adjusted weighted score of 78% and an evaluation rating of Effective.

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. McKennon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to accept that the evaluation took place and the resulting score and evaluation are accurate. The motion carried unanimously.**

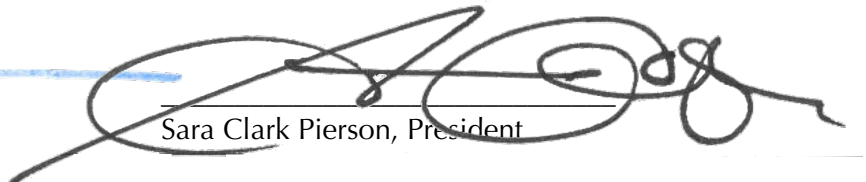
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:

  
Sara Clark Pierson, President