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

Regular Meeting – December 14, 2015

**MINUTES**

President Winstanley called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Sara Clark Pierson, Brody Boucher, Jay Bennett and Jon Shiflett ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Andy George, Steve Gabriel, Nancy Rasinske, Norma Schutzki and Mark Deschaine ***Others in Attendance***: Kelly Smith, Erica Deters, Julie Alexander, Tracy Smith, Andrea Dionise, Jenny Kish, Jill Mangrum, Mark Jones, Francie Skarritt, Teri Mulder, Colleen Price, Elizabeth Price, Susan Sowle, Dave Klingbiel, Lisa Klingbiel, Steven Klingbiel, MaryAnn Schmedlen, Joni Henretty, Candace Karrer, Kevin Mason, Tonya Rice, Katie Grass, Erin Snyder, Dana Schueller, John Ellsworth, Lindsey Grostefon, Deborah McMartin-Finkel, Joy Marshall, Melissa Mazzola, Robin Pegg, Jennifer Bouck, Stacey Dohm, Annette Kelly, Fred Hutchinson, Greg Almy and Kim Manning.

**FLOOR MOTION**

**Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. Boucher to appoint Jon Shiflett acting Secretary of the Board of Education for the December 14, 2015 Board of Education Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the December 14, 2015 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the December 14, 2015 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Winstanley read the following statement regarding Superintendent Dr. Brian Metcalf's Annual Evaluation conducted by the Board of Education on November 23, 2015.

*“At our November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting, the Grand Ledge Board of Education completed its annual performance evaluation of Superintendent, Dr. Brian Metcalf. This process involved a lengthy review of Dr. Metcalf’s performance against standards set by the State of Michigan, and goals identified in the District’s Strategic Plan paying special attention to priority areas previously identified by the Board and the Superintendent. Dr. Metcalf was specifically evaluated in the areas of Teaching and Learning, Operations, and Human and Community Relations, and overall Student Achievement.*

*Dr. Metcalf is an established educational leader not only in our community, but also in the region and across the state. Dr. Metcalf is also invested with our business community, and is a strong visible presence throughout the Grand Ledge Community. Finally, Dr. Metcalf involves staff, students, parents and other community members in establishing district goals, policies and programs, and uses their input to help develop our strategic plan and goals for the future.*

*After a thorough review of Dr. Metcalf’s performance, leadership excellence, and district successes, he is hereby commended for his untiring commitment to the improvement of the district. The Board of Education, unanimously evaluated Dr. Metcalf as “**Highly Effective**” in his annual performance this year.”*

- a. **Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Bennett reported on legislation impacting public schools noting a bill on the fast track that will impact district’s ability to provide their constituents with information on ballot proposals.
  - b. **Eaton RESA Report** – Mrs. Clark Pierson noted she is pleased to be working with the new Eaton RESA Superintendent and is looking forward to continuing to move forward.
  - c. **Board Governance Committee Report** – Mr. Bennett advised the Governance Committee met last week and continues to work with the Superintendent to establish goals for this year.
  - d. **Grand Ledge Education Foundation** – No report at this time.
  - e. **Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Committee** – No report at this time.
- D. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Metcalf introduced Robin Pegg from the Eaton RESA who provided an overview of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) that the district has to meet the academic and behavioral health needs of all students. Lilly, a student attending Willow Ridge was present to demonstrate to the Board of Education the support systems she has been given with regard to her education since coming to Grand Ledge Public Schools. Prior to coming to the district, Lilly was in a segregated classroom with limited to no access to general education curriculum. While she had a communication system, it was not used universally. Lilly began attending Grand Ledge

Public Schools at the start of her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year. She was placed in a general education classroom and provided additional supports in reading and math to support her skills development. She was also provided assistive technology to support communication and curriculum access. Lilly demonstrated how she uses her “Novachat” to communicate and expressed her gratitude to her teachers, aide and everyone at Grand Ledge Public Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

GLEA member John Ellsworth addressed the board on behalf of the teacher crisis team addressing a handout with regard to the union’s interpretation of teacher salaries comparisons across local districts. He wished everyone a happy holiday and expressed that he looks forward to continuing the dialogue while continue to move forward for the good of the district.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices**

**Motion by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$46,107.31, as presented. The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL380.4203.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Annual Summer Tax Resolution**

**Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, as presented.**

Superintendent Metcalf advised this is the annual summer tax resolution that instructs Delta Township and the City of Grand Ledge to collect taxes on behalf of the district during the summer tax collection.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

President Winstanley	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Boucher	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Resolution Authorizing Refunding of the 2007 School Building & Site Bonds**

**Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Boucher for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution authorizing the refunding of the 2007 School Building and Site Bonds, as presented.**

Superintendent Metcalf and Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske advised this is not a cost saving for the district, but a cost saving for the taxpayers. With this refunding, taxpayer will recognize an approximate \$2.8M savings over the course of the remaining obligation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>
President Winstanley	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Boucher	<u>YES</u>

**The motion carried unanimously.**

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

There was no public comment.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF**

President Winstanley thanked everyone for attending and expressed the board appreciation to Lilly and her family for attending to share her wonderful story.

**CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Bennett 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:**

Mr. Boucher	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>YES</u>
President Winstanley	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Bennett	<u>YES</u>

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

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

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Jon Shiflett, Acting Secretary

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Beverly Winstanley, President