

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Virtual Special Meeting – March 3, 2021

MINUTES

President Clark Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Ben Cwayna led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by President Clark Pierson indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Sara Clark Pierson from Eagle Township, Clinton County, Jarrod Smith remotely from City of Lansing, Ingham County, Nicole Shannon Oneida township, Eaton County, Jon Shiflett remotely from City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Denise DuFort remotely from City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Patrick McKennon remotely from Oneida Township and Ben Cwayna remotely from City of Grand Ledge, Eaton County. **Central Office Administrators**: John Ellsworth moderated the meeting. **Others in Attendance** Bridget Cheney, Kathy Schoenfelder, Karen Hall, Karen Batterham, Lucinda Shier, Margo Susnjar, Melissa Mazzola, Doug Waldrop, Erica Ledesma, Kim Abed, Megan Spedoske, and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Shannon provided an overview of the rules for presenting public comment to the Board.

Community member and district parent Margo Susnjar thanked the board for the transparency that has gone into the search process and allowing the community to provide input and noted these is still a long way to go in terms of social and racial justice.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

A. Ray & Associates

Bridget Cheney, Karen Hall and Kathy Schoenfelder from Ray & Associates led the board in a discussion reviewing the 33 Characteristics, Survey Results, Grand Ledge Public Schools Seeks, the Draft Flyer and Online Application.

B. Approval of Superintendent Search Flyer and Online Application

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Superintendent Search Flyer and Online Application as developed by this board.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Mr. McKennon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>	President Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried 7-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Shannon provided an overview of the rules for presenting public comment to the Board.

Community Member and district parent Margo Susnjar again thanked the board for the conversation tonight and allowing the community to be included in the conversation. She noted she would like to see more information posted on the EDI page of the website that gives the community the opportunity to follow the issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McKennon thanked Ms. Susnjar for her suggestion and noted he will discuss it at the next EDI committee meeting.

Mrs. DuFort commented she thought the process went really well noting she was impressed with the flyer. She expressed appreciation for everyone's involvement in working on these pieces.

President Clark Pierson agreed it was a good process tonight. She noted she understands there is still a fair number of people unhappy with the board, or frustrated by the pandemic and she is hoping we start a new path for everyone in the community very soon.

ADJOURNMENT

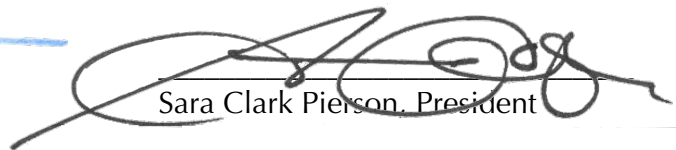
The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary



Sara Clark Pierson, President