
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – September 25, 2017

MINUTES

President Mulvenna 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***: Kim Mulvenna, Linda Wacyk, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Beverly Winstanley and Patrick McKennon ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Mark Mulvenna, Jay Bennett, Maria Dionise, Teresa Miller, Cindy Zerbe, Michael Patrick, Theresa Koenigsnecht, Marcia Pogoncheff, Melissa Mazzola 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 September 25, 2017 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Wacyk for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 25, 2017 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the August 28, 2017 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and the September 11, 2017 Work Session and Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

A. Capitol Connections Report – Mr. Shiflett advised the legislature continues to work on the new “Failing Schools Package” and what it might look like, the Senate heard testimony on Senator Patrick Colbeck running for Governor, who supports a school voucher program that would allow a student to come to Grand Ledge for Math then travel to Okemos for Chemistry. A detailed discussion among the members noted this is another attack on public schools and they do not believe there is a money manager who would want to take on such a system of funding.

- B. Eaton RESA Report** – Eaton RESA Representative Jay Bennett reported the Packard playground will open in October, the RESA administrators are in process of setting up professional development around labor and employment laws and the Board is in the process of reviewing the newly developed MASB Board Standards and he encouraged this board to do the same.
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mr. Bennett advised teacher grant applications will be accepted for about two more weeks, grant awards will be announced at the GLEF Night of Stars on October 25 taking place at Grand Ledge High School where they will also receive reports from several of last year’s recipients.
- D. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – Mr. McKennon advised he was not able to attend the last meeting but was happy to advise the monetary goal was reached to install the Splash Pad.
- E. Superintendent’s Report** - Superintendent Metcalf noted we are in week six of school, the first round of teacher observations are almost complete, in addition elementary and secondary administrators will meet six times this year where they will observe classrooms together and discuss their observations to bring consistency to the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Trustee Clark Pierson commented she is happy to know this building is back in Grand Ledge hands and thinks it was a great direction for the district to go and wonderful for the students.

Vice President Wacyk commented on how nice the building looks.

President Mulvenna noted it is a remarkably different building from when it was purchased and it looks great.

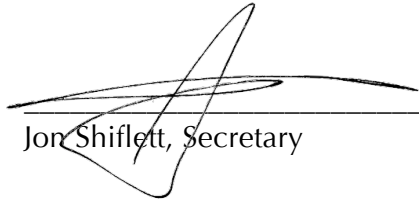
Superintendent Metcalf noted this meeting provided a great opportunity to tour this new facility. He advised program Assistant Director Maria Dionise was here with us and would be joining us on the tour to help answer any questions. He reported this new facility currently has 83 students enrolled. He reminded everyone the district was fortunate in that we outbid a Charter School that wanted to move into this building. So instead of losing students we are providing another opportunity to bring students to us and to start providing a solid foundation noting there is value in a good education. He also responded to a question advising the total cost to purchase the building and bring it up to code was about \$2M.

ADJOURNMENT & TOUR

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. and Superintendent Metcalf provided the board and audience members with a tour of the Delta Mills Early Childhood Center.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary



Kim Mulvenna, President