

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – October 28, 2019

MINUTES

President McKennon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Jon Shiflett, Kim Mulvenna, Sara Clark Pierson, Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth ***Others in Attendance***: Sam Kuntzsch, Tyler McCready, William Lawson, Denys DeCastilhos, Dave Logel, John Piper, Tracy Smith, April Welton, David Zerbe, Ronald Pioch, Greg Almy, Melissa Mazzola, Jill Mangrum and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the October 28, 2019, 2018 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the October 28, 2019 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting, the meeting minutes of the October 14, 2019 Work Session and the meeting minutes of the October 21, 2019 Special Meeting – Governance Retreat.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Grand Knight, Bud Lawson and members from the Grand Ledge Knights of Columbus Council #7311 presented Executive Director of Special Services Sara Holding and the Grand Ledge Public Schools district with a check from the proceeds of their tootsie roll sale in the amount of \$1,420.64 to be used for non-budgeted special education needs. Special Education teachers April Welton and Tracy Smith were also in attendance to thank the Knights for their continued support of our schools and our special education students.

REPORTS

- A. GLHS Student Leadership** – Sam Kuntzsch & Tyler McCready provided the board with an update regarding last month’s homecoming activities noting in order to make the homecoming dance more inclusive, they lowered the cost of the tickets which increased attendance to 838 students. They further noted the implementation of the Diversity Club as a means to bring awareness of different cultures and minorities and to provide students with a safer more inclusive, comfortable place. This week PALS is implementing Red Ribbon Week as a form of drug awareness. Ribbons are hidden around the school and if a student finds one, they are awarded a prize. The student body will wear red on Wednesday for highlight drug awareness. They also noted the start of Winter sports is just around the corner. In closing, they reminded everyone to follow them on social media at GL_Council.
- B. Capitol Connections Report** - There was no report.
- C. Eaton RESA Report** – There was no report.
- D. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mrs. DuFort reported the Foundation Board met on October 16th and reviewed the 14 Teacher Grant Application received as part of this year’s application process. Of the 14 applications received, 10 received funding. Orders are being placed to meet the grants and will be presented to the winners during the November 19, Night of Stars event at Grand Ledge High School starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. She invited anyone interested in attending to join the event. In closing she advised a total of \$8,970 was awarded through the 10 grants approved by the Board.
- E. Bond Update** – Superintendent Metcalf advised there were bid openings held this past Friday to begin construction of Beagle and Holbrook. They had hoped to be able to have the bid awards ready for board action tonight, but unfortunately more discussion and review is needed. He noted he is hopeful everything will be ready for next month’s meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Board Governance Policies – Governance Process 200, 201, 202 and 203 Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to Board Governance Policies, Governance Process 200, 201, 202 and 203, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$117,470.50, as presented.**

President McKennon advised this represents an invoice for professional services from GMB in the amount of \$3,692.50 and an invoice from Hoffman Brother for half of the cost for the Grand Ledge High School Parking Lot expansion project in the amount of \$113,778. He noted these invoices were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee prior to the meeting and approved to be brought forward for full board approval.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Bid Awards – Tabled

C. Board Governance Policies – Governance Process 204, 204.1, 204.2, 204.3 – 1st Reading

A discussion among the members noted the changes to the policies are minimal, just clarification. It was agreed these will be brought back for approval at the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comments.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

President McKennon noted he is really enjoying the updates from the students.

Mrs. Mulvenna thanked the Knights of Columbus for their generous gift.

Mr. Shiflett asked if it would be possible for the Knight of Columbus to give a “heads up” as to the tootsie roll sale and their locations so we can spread the word and help increase their sales. Mr. Lawson will make that contact with the Special Services Department and thanked the board for their support.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Ben Cwayna, Secretary


Patrick McKennon, President