

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Work Session - January 8, 2018

MINUTES

President Shiflett called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. He waived the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

District employee Brett McCartney spoke with regard to implementing a balanced calendar encouraging more discussion and being proactive instead of reactive.

District employee Courtney Lutz spoke with regard to implementing a balanced calendar encouraging the implementation of programs over the summer instead of opening all the buildings during the hottest months of the year. She also encouraged more discussion to ensure all the pros and cons are considered.

ACTION ITEM

A. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – AMANDA LOOS – COUNSELOR – DELTA CENTER

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Employee Leave of Absence for Amanda Loos, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE HIRINGS

Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Employee Hirings, as presented.

This includes the hiring of Myranda Adamic as a 4th grade teacher at Willow Ridge and the one-year hiring of Bethany Skinner as a Counselor at Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLAN – TEACHING & LEARNING

A. A-B-C REPORTS (1ST TRIMESTER 2017-2018)

Grand Ledge High School Principal Jill Mangrum and Hayes Middle School Principal Julie Taylor each presented their Attendance, Behavior and Course Completion (A-B-C) Reports for the first trimester of the 2017-2018 school year to the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Superintendent Metcalf took a moment to remind everyone that January is School Board Recognition month. He provided a short overview of what the responsibilities of a Board of Education are. He thanked the members of the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education for sacrificing their time and talents, tirelessly, to ensure the success of our students, and the Grand Ledge Public School District. He presented the members with a small token of appreciation.

Ms. Wacyk advised she would be stepping down from the board effective January 31, 2018. She noted she has served on the board on and off since 2001. She commented the district has gone through a lot of changes, but is offering more programming. It has weathered some really tough times, and while not all of the decisions of the board have been applauded in the community, she is very proud of the work we have done. She thanked everyone for teaching her and helping her understand things she didn't understand. In closing, she encouraged everyone to keep working on behalf of the students, staff and community to continue to move Grand Ledge Public Schools forward.

President Shiflett thanked Ms. Wacyk for her time and service noting she was a big help to him.

Mrs. Mulvena thanked Ms. Wacyk for her service.

Mrs. Clark Pierson remembered the first meeting she was in with Ms. Wacyk noting people were there claiming the only thing we cared about was football. Football vs. Academics. Your response, as the mother of three valedictorians was that we learn so much from football. We learn to work together, sportsmanship and it brings the community together. So your question was, why would you not support that?

Mrs. Winstanley thanked Ms. Wacyk noting she has such a calm demeanor but that she was grateful that she also knew how to push her to be the best. She remarked how knowledgeable she is and that just made her push herself harder.

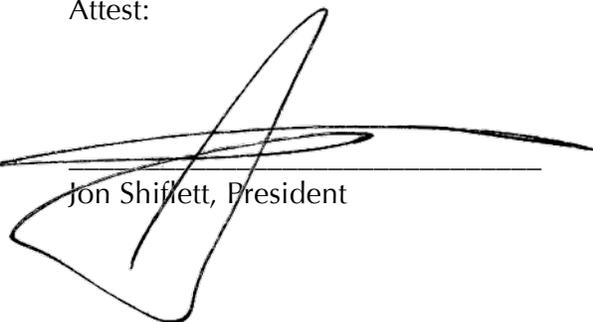
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Patrick McKennon, Secretary


Jon Shiflett, President