

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Organizational Meeting – January 10, 2022

MINUTES

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBER RESIGNATION

President Clark Pierson read the letter of resignation submitted to the board on member Patrick McKennon.

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to accept the resignation of Member Patrick McKennon, effective January 9, 2022, as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Marcus Davenport indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort, Jon Shiflett, Nicole Shannon, Jarrod Smith and Sara Clark Pierson **Central Office Administrators:** Marcus Davenport, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Julie Waterbury, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Jason Devenbaugh, Tim Totten, Pam Grable, Howard Pizzo, Nell Pizzo, Tara Kopietz, Ashley Oneil, Kim Laforet, Alison Walczak, Sarah Fuller, Julie Tadgerson, Shari Kissane, Jon Wise, Melissa Mazzola, Mary Moore, Marlene Promer, Jeff McNeilly, Trevor Bouwens, Lara Hubbard, Sally Jo Nelson and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tara Kopietz addressed the board regarding current quarantine guidelines, vaccination effectiveness and masking.

Kim Laforet addressed the board regarding her desire to be appointed to the school board.

Jason Devenbaugh addressed the board regarding his desire to be appointed to the school board.

Allison Walczak addressed the board in support of Kim Laforet but noting she would support Jason Devenbaugh as well.

Sarah Fuller addressed the board in support of Kim Laforet.

Kirsten Andressen addressed the board regarding the mask mandate.

Jeff McNeilly addressed the board regarding masks, resilience of childrens' immune systems, and expressing his support of Kim Laforet and Jason Devenbaugh.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Secretary Nicole Shannon conducted the Election of President.

A. President

Ms. Clark Pierson nominated Jon Shiflett for the 2022 President of the Board of Education.

There were no other nominations.

The Nomination carried 5-1.

President Elect Shiflett conducted the election for Vice President and Secretary.

B. Vice President

Mr. Smith nominated Ms. Shannon for the 2022 Vice President of the Board of Education.

There were no other nominations.

The Nomination carried 5-1.

C. Secretary

Ms. Shannon nominated Mr. Smith for the 2022 Secretary of the Board of Education.

There were no other nominations.

The Nomination carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

President-Elect Shiflett appointed Sara Clark Pierson to serve as Parliamentarian for 2022 but following discussion among the members, all other appointments will be made at the January 24, 2022 meeting following the appointment of a new member.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the January 10, 2022 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Included under the Consent Agenda was setting the Board Compensation Rate, noting it remains the same as was set in 2014 with no increase, the reaffirmation and adoption of the Legal Reference Note; approval of the depositories/signatures for school funds; naming the Grand Ledge Independent as the official newspaper for publication purposes and authorizing the Superintendent (or his designee) to be the designated person to post official business notices; the delegation of the district's election duties to the

Superintendent (or his designee); retaining The Thrun Law Firm as the district's legal counsel, Maner Costerisan & Ellis, PC as the district's financial auditors and the Michigan Association of School Boards as the district's consultant for non-certified bargaining groups; and, reaffirming that all seven (7) members of the board of education will sign all ratified collective bargaining agreements.

The motion carried unanimously.

SETTING OF 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

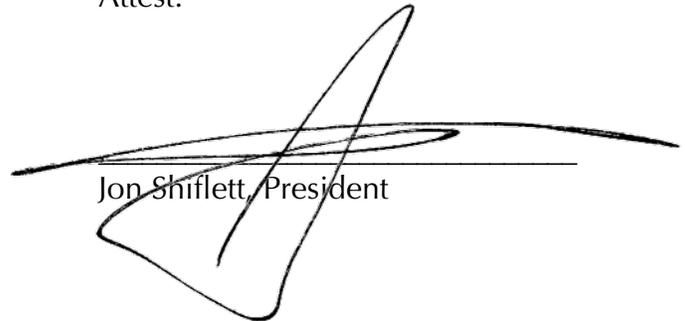
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jarrod Smith, Secretary

Attest:


Jon Shiflett, President