

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting – February 25, 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:** Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Kim Mulvenna, Sara Clark Pierson, Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. **Central Office Administrators:** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Chris Iamarino, Craig Kahler, Melissa Mazzola and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 25, 2019 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 25, 2019 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the Meeting Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Organizational Meeting and Work Session and February 11, 2019 Work Session and Closed Session.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

REPORTS

**A. CAPITOL CONNECTIONS REPORT**

Mr. Smith advised House Bill 4221 and SB 122 have been introduced and are currently in before the Education Committee. These bills address teacher and administrator evaluations being tied to student growth.

President McKennon asked the Superintendent if he had heard anything regarding Governor Whitmer forgiving the five days due to weather.

Superintendent Metcalf advised several bills have been proposed by several different legislators, but nothing has been introduced. He believes they are waiting to see how the rest of the winter goes. It may be mid to late March before any decisions are made.

Mrs. DuFort noted that House Bill 4162 has also been introduced and is currently before the Education Committee. This bill would remove the requirement that the MME include an assessment that can be used in evaluating the student's workforce readiness which is currently met by administration of the ACT Work Keys assessment.

**B. EATON RESA REPORT**

President McKennon read the report from Eaton RESA Board Representative Jay Bennett advising Superintendent Cindy Anderson was found to be Highly Effective in her latest performance review. Her contract has been extended through June 30, 2021. Local districts will receive the 2019-2020 ERESA budget proposal to review by May 1st, 2019. ERESA has entered a new 3-year service agreement for Public Relations and Communications with Ingham ISD.

**C. GRAND LEDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mrs. DuFort advised the Foundation has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to go over financials following the resignation of Jim Winstanley who was serving as the treasurer of the Foundation.

**D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Metcalf reported GL's Archery hosted a 3D Archery Nationals Qualifier event with more than 300 students from across Michigan attending. Wacousta took home a 1st place trophy, GLHS took home a 2nd place trophy & Hayes took home a 3rd place trophy. All of these teams qualified for Nationals! Delta Center teacher Erika Rothwell was the Chick-fil-A teacher of the month. Part of this honor included having a the "Chick-fil-A" cow visited her classroom! The kids loved it!!! Delta Center Music Teacher, Denise Wilkinson, was awarded the Michigan Music Education Association's Award of Merit for exemplary service to music education at the Michigan Music Conference. Hayes teacher Sarah Felsing has received nearly \$2,000 through the Touchstone Energy Classroom Technology Grant for compound microscopes from HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative. And finally, some of our high school students recently participated in the National History Day Competition and have advanced to States. National History Day is a competition that allows students to explore various history topics under a specific theme. This year's theme is Tragedy and Triumph. Six students made up four teams who worked for months on projects covering the Women's March of Versailles, Alexander the Great, the Salem Witch Trials and the Criminalization of Women and the Treaty of Versailles.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

District Employee and GLEA Representative Melissa Mazzola noted she had missed attending the January school board meetings and wanted to thank the board for all they do on behalf of the district and its students. On behalf of GLEA she provided the board with information of a current grievance, the state of negotiations in the eyes of GLEA and questioned if it is the district's intention to follow the county-wide calendar for 2019-2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RATIFYING & AFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF SALE OF BONDS OFFER  
Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution Ratifying and Affirming Acceptance of the Sale of Bonds Offer, as presented.**

Craig Kahler from Hilltop Securities provided the board with a detailed overview of the recent sale of the phase 1 bonds and part of phase 2 bonds that took place last week noting the district A1 rating from Moody's yielded a great response from the market place. He advised with the approval of the board on the resolution before them, the sales transaction will close on March 20, 2019.

District Legal Counselor Christopher Iamarino from Thrun Law Firm provided the board with a detailed overview of the Resolution Ratifying and Affirming Acceptance of the Sale of Bonds Offer currently on the floor for the board.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. APPROVAL OF VEHICLE PURCHASE  
Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Purchase of a Box Truck from Todd Wenzel Chevrolet using general fund dollars, not to exceed \$56,076, as presented.**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Johnson advised the board this purchase will allow the district to replace the current 2007 Box Truck that is creating a safety hazard for our staff. The box truck is used almost daily to transport items throughout the district.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

GLPS Employee and GLEA Representative Melissa Mazzola also advised there is legislation that could impact the days and clock hours that schools must follow.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Mrs. Mulvenna congratulated everyone on the successful bond sale and thanked Mr. Kahler and Mr. Iamarino for their explanations of the process and the resolution.

Mr. Shiflett echoed Mrs. Mulvenna and expressed the Moody rating is a direct reflection of the fiscal responsibility of this district.

Ms. Clark Pierson noted she is very excited about the outcome of the sale of the bonds and appreciate seeing the comparison of other like districts.

Mr. Smith also noted that Grand Ledge Public Schools is not a current borrowing in the State School Bond Program. This is a big deal. There are many district's that are maxing out what they can borrow in that program and are still having a difficult time meeting their obligations. It speaks volumes to the fiscal integrity of this district and while he "can't take credit for this", it is still a good place to be.

Mrs. Mulvenna thanked Mr. Smith for pointing out the Grand Ledge Public Schools is not borrowing from the State School Bond Program noting she doesn't believe that people understand how conservative this district has been with the budget process. She advised the board has made tough decisions to get use to this place and she appreciates how well the district manages its resources.

Mrs. DuFort echoed what everyone has said. She thanks Dr. Metcalf and Mrs. Rasinske for making this sale happen noting she is excited about where this is going to take the district. In closing she also wanted to make sure the board members know that MASB is hosting their Day at the Capitol event on April 17 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. This event provides the opportunity for legislative involvement and can help you understand some of the issues. Attendees are encouraged to use the afternoon to meet with their local legislators in their offices.

President McKennon noted Elementary and Middle School conferences are taking place this week. He gave Kudos to Mr. Ellsworth noting he has heard great things about his "high-five Fridays". He commended Dr. Metcalf and Mrs. Rasinske on a great job selling the bonds. In closing he challenged his fellow board members and administrative staff to participate as a guest reader in our elementary buildings as part of March is Reading Month.

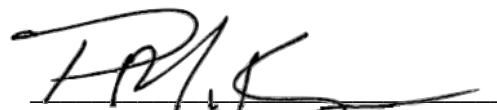
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Ben Conway, Secretary

  
Patrick McKennon, President