
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – February 27, 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, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Bev Winstanley and Denise DuFort ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Melissa Mazzola, Shawn Stevens and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 27, 2017 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the February 27, 2017 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the January 9, 2017 Organizational and Work Session Meetings and the meeting minutes of the February 13, 2017 Work Session and Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. **Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Shiflett reported the House Income Tax Proposal was unsuccessful last week, noting it was unusual to see the Speaker of the House pushing that hard. He advised the Senate Education Committee meets tomorrow and will take up reorganization plans and accreditation plans that will include taking testimony from Senator Patrick Colbeck, Five Star Life and GLEP (Great Lakes Education Project), remarking none are particularly friendly to public education. He will include information in his next report.

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- b. **Eaton RESA Report** – Mrs. Clark Pierson noted the RESA is doing well. The Board will be conducting the Superintendent’s Annual Review in March, as required by law noting she, personally, will be giving Superintendent Anderson high marks in light of the work she has done since taking the reigns of the RESA in December 2015 commenting there has been a remarkable change from two years ago. In closing she remarked she looks forward to the RESA starting to make greater contributions to our students here in Grand Ledge.
 - c. **Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mrs. DuFort advised she has not heard anything from the GLEF Board noting she has made a couple of contacts herself.
 - d. **Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – There was no report.
 - e. **Governance Committee Report** – President Mulvenna, advised she, Mrs. Wacyk and Mrs. Winstanley serve on this committee and have been working on the Superintendent’s Review, using the School ADvance program and following our Strategic Plan. They have developed goals and the next step is to work on establishing strategies to mark meeting those goals.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Metcalf took a moment to congratulate GLHS Senior Nicholas Mystak on winning the silver medal in the regional SkillsUSA TIG Welding Competition noting he will now go on represent GLHS and Eaton RESA at the State Competition in Grand Rapids in April. He also congratulated comet wrestlers Andrew Hughes, Cole Janes, Alex Kingsley, Jack Snauko, Karson Kost and Nic Lloyd on qualifying for the MHSAA Division I Individual State tournament that takes place March 2nd through the 4th at the Palace of Auburn Hills. He further noted our Varsity Competitive Cheer team won the CAAC Red Division Championship, the second in two years and in closing, he noted that once again, our gymnasts have clinched the CAAC title - - their 10th straight title!!

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Food Service Management Contract Renewal with Chartwells
Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the contract renewal with Chartwells for Food Service Management, as presented.

Food Service Director Darrin Gyurich advised the food service department is having a great year and looking at ending the year with a positive. In closing he advised he is working on purchasing equipment for the new Early Childhood Center and running food service at that building.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of 2016-2017 Budget Amendment Resolution

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 Budget Amendment Resolution, as presented.

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske presented the board with an overview of the budget amendment reviewing the required transparency disclosure, the changes in revenue that have impacted the budget positively, changes in expenditures while still noting a projected ending fund balance of 9.1%. In closing she advised there may still be changes to the ending fund balance in light of several unknown factors including a possible income tax shift, the legislative budget and final student count.

A Roll Call Vote:

Mulvenna	<u>Yes</u>	DuFort	<u>Yes</u>
Clark Pierson	<u>Yes</u>	Winstanley	<u>Yes</u>
Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Shiflett asked to amend his report to caution everyone that the tax shift will gain support and another tax plan will be released at some point. While not as monumentally collaborative as the current tax shift, expect to see something. He noted in an age of term limits, long-term planning isn't on the agenda. Everyone wants to be the one who voted for a tax cut and it is the next Legislature's problem to figure out the funding while giving the tax cut.

A detailed discussion among the members included the disaster of the Brownbeck Model, that businesses come to states that have an educated population and are less concerned about an income tax, the property taxes paid in Michigan are low in comparison to other states because of the income tax, the irresponsibility of taking \$600M out of the General Fund to pay for roads over the next four years, property tax credits, accelerated sales tax, personal property tax reductions, reduced reimbursement for Medicaid and money given to private developers of big projects in Detroit. All in all, consensus of the board was there are a lot of concerns right now and everyone should be paying attention to what is happening in our Government.

President Mulvenna thanked Nancy for her budget presented.

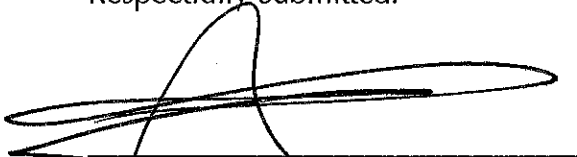
Superintendent Metcalf expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Rasinske and all the business office staff noting they are working double-duty with the new software system conversion.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jon Shiflett, Secretary

Kim Mulvenna, President