

**GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
*Board of Education***

**April 8, 2024**

**MINUTES**

Vice President DuFort 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 Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members**: Denise DuFort, Ashley Kuykendoll, Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Ben Cwayna and Toni Glasscoe. **Members Absent**: Nicole Shannon. **Central Office Administrators**: Steve Gabriel, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance**: Brenton Bell, Susen Hazen, Sarah Simons, Laura Clark, Dale Clark, Ashleigh Lore, Erin Snyder, Tim Totten, Leesha Lee, Julie Douglas, Erica Terranova, Kate Wight, Kyleen Janetzke, Colin Janetzke, Paige Janetzke, Sawyer Janetzke, Kathy Crandall, Sue Janetzke, Jim Gee, Nancy Kujawa, Becky Porter, Colleen Price, Melody Patterson, John Piper, Allyson McCann and Kim Manning

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**DISCUSSION & PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Willow Ridge Elementary School**

Principal Jim Gee shared about all the good things taking place at Willow Ridge in conjunction with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Chris Terranova sharing information about the Wonder Project where three students, Cole Terranova, Kaiden Clark and Paige Janetzke shared their presentations with the board. Willow Ridge Counselor Sarah Simons shared information about her implementation of the RAMP program. In closing, Mr. Gee shared student academic progress.

**B. Superintendent's Performance Update – Governance & Board Relations**

Superintendent Barnes provided the board with an update on Governance & Board Relations as it relates to his yearly evaluation. He provided an overview of current initiatives established regarding Policy Involvement, Goal Development, Information, Materials and Backgrounds, Board Questions and Board Development.

Mr. Cwayna had to leave the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. MARCH 11, 2024 MEETING MINUTES & CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. BOARD POLICIES – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to waive the first reading of Board Policies 0142.5, 2430, 5111 and 5840. The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. GLPS TESTING PLAN**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Testing Plan for Grand Ledge Public Schools noting no school on April 10, 2024 for 7th and 9th grade students and 12th grade students participating in asynchronous learning, using district provided devices, at-home from 12:30 to 2:42 p.m. with teachers available using virtual tools such as Google Classroom, Google Meet and Zoom to make themselves available and no school on April 11, 2024 for 10th grade students and 12th grade students participating in asynchronous learning, using district provided devices, at home from 12:30 - 2:42 p.m. with teachers available using virtual tools such as Google Classroom, Google Meet and Zoom to make themselves available, as presented.**

Ms. Kuykendoll asked for a friendly amendment to remove “at home” from the motion. The amendment was accepted by Dr. Glasscoe and Mr. Smith.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. WACOUSTA FURNITURE PURCHASE**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve furniture purchases from Dew-El in the amount of \$407,537.06, NBS in the amount of \$172,775.83, School Specialty in the amount of \$32,967.23, Lakeshore Learning in the amount of \$19,993.90, Great Lakes (VS) in the amount of \$17,012, Wenger in the amount of \$11,561.02 and Interstate Office Interiors in the amount of \$1,866.97 for a total purchase price of \$663,714.01 for Wacousta Elementary School, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted this was reviewed in the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board’s consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$278,465.91, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted the invoices were reviewed in the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board’s consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,529,051.98, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted the invoices were reviewed in the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$15,077.27, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted the invoices were reviewed in the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 4 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of a Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoice in the amount of \$7,020, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted the invoices were reviewed in the Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting and approved to be brought forward for the board's consideration.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Steve Gabriel thanked our Willow Ridge students and staff who presented with a special shout out to Sarah Simon and the work she is doing in the counseling office and implementing the RAMP program expressing his hope that more schools will implement this in the future.

Superintendent Barnes noted he is proud of the work they are doing at Willow Ridge, thanked the board for the opportunity to share evaluation updates throughout the year instead of all at once and for continuing to "pay the bills", which is a good thing because it means construction is happening.

Dr. Glasscoe shared LCC has hired the new Director of K-12 Operations who will be working closely with local districts, including Grand Ledge Public Schools. She expressed she is proud of tonight and commented all the students did an excellent job.

Mr. Shiflett noted he is excited to follow the RAMP process and finds it very interesting.

Mr. Smith echoed thanks to Willow Ridge noting he is proud of the students who came to share their presentations with them. He expressed having Dr. Barnes present evaluation updates throughout the year has been very beneficial.

Ms. Kuykendoll echoed what her colleagues had already shared.

Vice President DuFort express she was impressed with the Willow Ridge presentation and especially that of the students. She shared that she attended Beagle Teacher, Mr. Jones, for his eclipse party noting that 60-80 students stayed after school to participate commending Mr. Jones for going above and beyond to provide this extra learning opportunity to something that happens so infrequently. In closing she expressed she is truly #proudtobecomet.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies, as Per Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>      </u>
Vice President DuFort	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>

**The motion carried unanimously at 7:47 p.m.**

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Ashley Kuykendoll, Secretary

  
Nicole Shannon, President