

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Work Session – April 9, 2018

MINUTES

President Jon Shiflett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by President Shiflett indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort, Beverly Winstanley, Patrick McKennon, Sara Clark Pierson and Jon Shiflett. **Central Office Administrators:** Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. **Others in Attendance:** Lori Bucholz, Kelly Smith, Jim Gee, Dawn Kennaugh, Melissa Mazzola, Greg Almy, Kim Morrison, Maria Dionise, Mary Carlson and Jenny Waybright.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

District Employee Mary Carlson addressed the board to express her concerns with regard to student safety in portable classrooms and made recommendations to maybe build a fence to provide a psychological barrier, move the portable to the back of the building and pass a bond proposal to eliminate portable classrooms all together.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$130,502.28, as presented.

It was noted the invoices covered several lighting projects at the High School and the Softball field and noted the invoices were reviewed and approved to be brought forward by the Board Bond Advisory Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION ITEMS

A. ELEMENTARY A-B-C REPORTS

District Elementary Principals Kelly Smith, Dawn Kennaugh, Lori Bucholz, Chris Groves and Jim Gee presented the board with the results of their Attendance, Behavior and Course Completion for their respective buildings for the first and second trimesters of the 2017-2018 school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

District Employee and GLEA President Greg Almy again expressed concerns regarding moving to a balanced calendar noting that an intervention hour would be supported - if it was voluntary. He further noted this year's professional development had huge relevance when it included grade level meetings.

District Employee Melissa Mazzola again spoke to moving to a Balanced Calendar asking what the plan was to get students to attend intercessions. She also noted positive things currently taking place within the district including: intervention classes within ELA using Language Live!, HS math intervention for students who struggle with curriculum and to support pre-algebra skills and "walk abouts" for high and low achieving students. She encouraged the district to continue to work on our interventions and ensuring our summer programs are solid before we change our complete calendar.

District Employee Mary Carlson expressed her consensus for the comments and suggestions presented regarding a balanced calendar and interventions. She also cautioned the board to be careful in their interpretations of the NWEA scores and to ensure they understand how / what they mean

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Mrs. DuFort thanked the elementary principals for their presentation noting her appreciation to them for digging into the data and finding out what works and where we need to do more. She noted she would like to see the district offer more professional development looking and what is working and sharing that across the district. She expressed concerns with regard to the 2nd Trimester DIBELS and the large discrepancy among our 3rd grade students

ADJOURNMENT

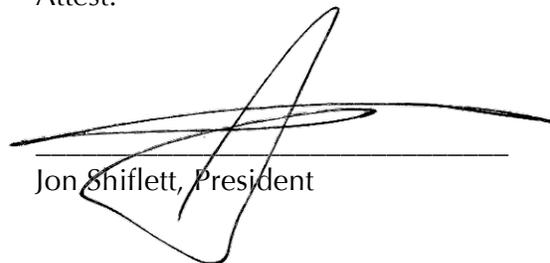
The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Patrick McKennon, Secretary



Jon Shiflett, President