

## GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – May 8, 2023

### MINUTES

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Bill Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Ashley Kuykendoll, Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort, Jon Shiflett, Nicole Shannon, Toni Glasscoe and Jarrod Smith **Board Members Absent:** None **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Andrea Clark, Paxton Clark, Joel Clark, Sheree Ritchie and Kim Manning

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Secretary Shannon provided an overview for making public comment to the board.

Andrea Clark addressed the board regarding the school not offering behavioral therapy and encouraging the district to look at options and funding.

Paxton Clark addressed the board asking for his brother to be able to have ABA therapy.

Joel Clark addressed the board regarding IDEA, noting if ABA is included in an IEP it is required to be provided by the district and encouraging the district to look into funding for staff training and development of an ABA program.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### **A. Superintendent Evaluation Update – Community Relations**

Superintendent Barnes provided his update with focus on Community Relations, Section B of the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric. Governance and Board Relations, Section A of the Evaluation Rubric. He provided the established goal and the current initiatives established under reach of the goals including Parent Feedback, Communication with the Community, Community Feedback, Media Relations, District Image and Approachability.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion by Mr. Shiflett seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

##### **B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OR DISAPPROVE EATON RESA 2023-24 CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolution in Support of the Eaton RESA 2023-24 Career and Technical Education Budget, as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>	Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shifflett	<u>YES</u>
President Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>		

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OR DISAPPROVE EATON RESA 2023-24 GENERAL EDUCATION BUDGET**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution in Support of the Eaton RESA 2023-24 General Education Budget, as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Shifflett	<u>YES</u>
President Smith	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>		

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF DELTA CENTER LIFE SAFETY INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Delta Center Life Safety Invoices in the amount of \$53,296.50, as presented.**

President Smith noted all of the upcoming invoices were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee and have been approved to be brought forward. This set of invoices represents components of the sprinkler system installation at Delta Center.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$82,168.57, as presented.**

President Smith noted this represents invoices for allowable expenses at the High School Fine Arts renovation.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$99,575.26, as presented.**

President Smith noted this represents work related to the Pole Barn.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$387,937.68, as presented.**

President noted this represents bond work at Delta Center.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$123,580.14, as presented.**

President Smith noted this represents work at the Beagle pool.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**I. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$495,954.13, as presented.**

President Smith noted this is for work on the Fine Arts addition.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Mr. Ellsworth shared information on the recent Grand Ledge Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner.

Dr. Gabriel commended Dr. Barnes noting he talks the talk and walks the walk and does moer than any other Superintendent he has worked with.

Dr. Barnes recognized the work of the entire Central Office Leadership Team as well as building principals, teachers, and support staff. He noted this is teacher appreciation week giving special recognition to our teachers. He addressed the Clark Family noting it is the job of the parents and families to advocate for their students and he appreciated hearing from them and their suggestions. He commended Paxton for advocating for his little brother.

Ms. Kuykendoll recognized the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week and the nurses for Nurse day. She commended the teams who planned the proms over the past weekend including Senior, June and the sensory friendly Prom 4 U. She commended Paxton noting his family and teachers should be very proud of him. She commended Dr. Barnes for the work he is doing and encouraged him to get his cabinet involved as he is only one person.

Mr. Cwayna remarked he notices and he thinks everyone notices that Dr. Barnes is doing above and beyond what the board would expect. He commended Paxton.

Mrs. DuFort noted Dr. Barnes is doing an amazing job for the district and engaging in the community. She gave a shout out to the district teachers and noted Grand Ledge is doing so many positive and exciting things.

Ms. Shannon gave kudos to Paxton. She thanked our teachers and our PTO, PTA and PTIA's for all they have done for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and commented we are heading in to the great of a school year. She reminded everyone to sign up for the Education Foundation's fundraising Josh Spalsbury Memorial 5K Run.

Dr. Glasscoe commended the Foundation for their die hard support of Grand Ledge Public Schools, Mr. Ellsworth for his nomination of Dr. Barnes as Educator of the Year and congratulated Dr. Barnes, commended Paxton sharing that LCC has a very large autism-friendly environment and is pushing out resources and collaboration, shared she had a great time attending Prom 4 U and reminded everyone that LCC has their convocation tomorrow night and on Wednesday they have the ERESA recognition for their CTE scholarships.

President Smith reiterated all the comments from his colleagues and shared the board hears all the comments even if there aren't immediate answers and a few jokes cracked along the way.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, President