

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – May 9, 2022

MINUTES

Vice President Shannon 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 Marcus Davenport indicated the presence of **Board Members Present:** Nicole Shannon, Jarrod Smith, Sara Clark Pierson, Denise DuFort, Ben Cwayna and Toni Glasscoe. President Shiflett joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m. **Central Office Administrators:** Marcus Davenport, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Julie Waterbury, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Ashley Kuykendoll, Alison Walczak, Greg Almy, Tim Totten, Kim Laforet, Mark Laforet, Sally Jo Nelton, Andrea Smith, Nell Pizzo, Howard Pizzo, Julie Tadgerson, Dawne Velianoff, Melissa Mazzola and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Kim Laforet addressed the board regarding following the science, student who want to be the opposite sex of what their body says, issues that must be left up to the parents and not the school, stating is a parent abuses their child there are resources to help the child, questioning why children are in school and stating it is to learn to read, communicate and think critically.

Michelle Kost addressed the board stating school are tasked with teaching students so that when they graduate they can be contributing members of society who can think critically. She stated schools are spending too much time teaching social skills and stating core academic skills are what schools should be teaching and other skills should be left to the parent. She stated schools must stop dealing with social issues, hold children accountable for their actions and get back to what students are being sent to school for, to learn how to read and write.

Jody Ward addressed the board regarding flags in the classroom and noting a new Supreme Court ruled that only the American Flag and State Flag should be flown and if you fly other flags, stating that teaching CRT or sex ed is training kids to become pedophiles. She noted parents should be able to opt their student out of sex education courses and questioning if parents are given that opportunity so their child isn't corrupted.

Stacey Erwin Oaks addressed the board regarding his child being used in promotional material claiming no child should be videoed or photographed or have their identifying information used without written consent. She provided emails from Principal Kushman to be shared with the members. She stated privacy right are important and parents must protect their children. She encouraged the board to focus on the basic and get back to education.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board asking why there was no discussion on the agenda regarding board policy, flags in the classroom, noted the EDI committee has not met in two years, there has been no report, thanking Dr. Glasscoe and Mr. Cwayna and congratulating Dr. Albrecht, Holbrook Principal for receiving his Ph.D.

Kerry Smith addressed the board to share a story from a friend regarding comments her 5th grade daughter heard from 5th grade boys and noting that the school is still following assigned seating at lunch, which was implemented under COVID rules, so her daughter is not able to move her lunch seat.

Tim Totten addressed the board questioning the Video Surveillance Agreement on the agenda with regard to audio recording and asking if live audio will be made available to the Sheriff's Office.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2022-2023 Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer Julie Waterbury provided a detailed 2022-2023 budget update to the board noting at this time, under the current details, the projected fund balance is 9.38%.

A detailed discussion among the members noted the district is still using the Section 11t funds, current 2022-2023 kindergarten enrollment noting the current 2021-2022 kindergarten class in 309, current 2022-2023 schools of choice enrollment, noting the State Legislature has not approved the state aid budget so there is still uncertainty regarding the per pupil foundation allowance for the 2022-2023 school year, this projection still references a potential loss of 100 FTE, continued rising costs, early retirement incentives are in the current teacher contract, questioning if the district is looking at revenue generating, identifying parameters that include cuts, letting this plan take its course, keeping the labor unions informed of the budget realities, not rushing to a worst case scenario, budget updates will continue at each meeting, with the revenue consensus conference better details may be available prior to the next meeting.

B. Video Surveillance Agreement

Superintendent Davenport noted this agreement, drafted by district legal counsel, would provide another layer to improve district safety and security by providing access to our security cameras to the Eaton County Sheriff's Office. In the event of an emergency, the Sheriff's office would be able to look at our security cameras that could provide them important information about what is going on within a building. It can improve the response of our emergency responders.

A detailed discussion among the members noted this is being looked at in all districts within the Eaton RESA, this provides access to our existing video surveillance system, noting our system does not record audio – it is video only, this have been reviewed and crafted with district legal counsel, the district would not be required to incur any additional cost for this implementation of the agreement, if video is required to be retained it will be done at the district level as we have always done in cooperation with any lawful investigation, this would give them access in the event of an emergency that could save valuable time and provide valuable information.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF FOOD SERVICE INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of a Food Service Invoice in the amount of \$37,692.26, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

C. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$40,323.83, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted these are invoices related to trade work under the Fine Arts Construction.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4302.

D. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cwayna or the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of a Sinking Fund Invoice in the amount of \$8,857.00, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this was for ventilation at Beagle.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4302.

E. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$73,512.00, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents fees for services from our Architectural Firm.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$9,182.20, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this is for planning work for Wacousta and Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4302.

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

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. DuFort or the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$295,763.14, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents finishing up the pool sharing the district has received its Certificate of Occupancy.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4302.

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

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$983,123.19, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents construction of the fine arts and track.

The motion carried unanimously with Member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4302.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Mrs. DuFort shared she has the opportunity to attend the legislative update at the Capitol last week noting it provided her with very good information on legislation, budget, mental health and support services, initiatives that are coming up that the board may need to look at and noting she has more information if anyone is interested.

Ms. Shannon reminded everyone the Grand Ledge Education Foundation's 18th Annual Josh Spalsbury Memorial 5K Comet Chase is scheduled for June 18th and encouraging everyone to join this great event noting there are opportunities for all ages and sharing she had a conversation with a parent about sending her student to Grand Ledge through Schools of Choice questioning the district's support of the LGBTQIA+ community and noting the Grand Ledge community is very welcoming.

Dr. Glasscoe gave a shout out to Crystal Quintanilla-Howard on the Prom for You noting she had a great time at this sensory friendly prom. She commented the LINKS program at Grand Ledge is amazing and the parent involvement was outstanding.

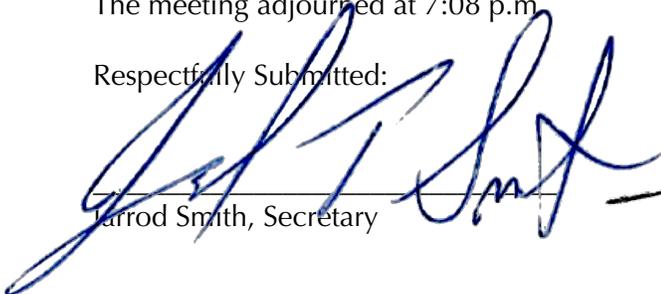
Dr. Davenport thanked Mrs. Waterbury for all of her efforts asking everyone to understand how difficult this is. These are people's lives, not just numbers. Thankful to have her on a part of our team and looking at things from a conservative financial end. He noted he wants to keep the positive momentum we have. Very confident when it is all said and done, we will do what is best for our district. Thank our Mrs. Velianoff for acknowledging Dr. Albrecht on his accomplishment.

ADJOURNMENT

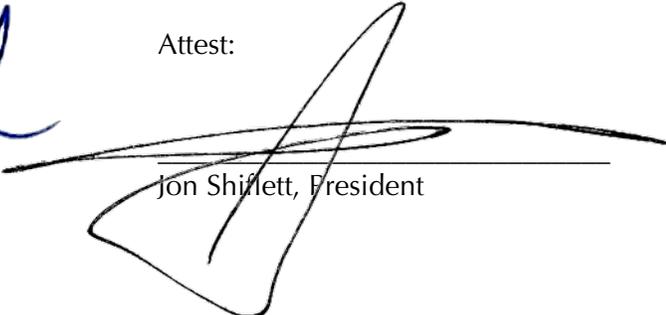
The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, Secretary



Jon Shiflett, President