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

Regular Meeting – May 14, 2018

**MINUTES**

President Shiflett 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 Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort, Beverly Winstanley, Kim Mulvenna, Patrick McKennon, Sara Clark Pierson and Jon Shiflett. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Jill Mangrum, Dan Judd, Sandy Judd, Melissa Mazzola, Kevin Mullins, Oliver Zay, Jenoa Zay, Ulrika Zay, Staphanie Morgan, Tom Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Joe Joy, Glenn McRevise, Chandler Schaefer, Drake Schaefer, Christina Schaefer, Nathaniel Nelson, Sarah McNeilly, Michaela Donahue, Varsha Vinod, Janna Vukovich, Lauren Mehram, Hannah deSilva, Nolan Fox, Emily Matthis and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the May 14, 2018 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. McKennon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the May, 2018 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting, the meeting minutes of the May 5, 2018 Special Meeting and the Administrative Contract Renewal for Assistant Superintendent Dr. Steve Gabriel, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Michael Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske, Executive Director of Special Services Sara Sutherland, Executive Director of Technology Mark Deschaine, High School Principal Jill Mangrum, High School Assistant Principals Blake Wegenke and Ken Wright, Middle School Principal Julie Taylor, Middle School Elementary Principal Dave Kushman and Elementary Principals Lori Bucholz, Jim Gee, Chris Groves, Dawn Kennaugh and Kelly Smith.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – GLHS Class of 2018 Top 25 Scholars**

Grand Ledge High School Principal Jill Mangrum presented the Class of 2018 Top 25 Scholars to the Board of Education: Oliver Zay, Michaela Donahue, Glenn McDevitt, Victoria Judd, Gregory Stevens, Hannah deSilva, Nolan Fox, Cole Williams, Joseph Mullins, Tucker Boyer,

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Sarah McNeilly, Olivia Belding, Christopher Norello, Ryan Koschay, Carolyn Morgan, Chandler Drake, Janna Vukovich, Hannah Schaefer, Claudia Baryo, Benjamin Kuntzsch, Nathaniel Nelson, Varsha Vinod, Callahan Riggs, Reyna Estrada and Lauren Mehram.

The board honored the scholars with certificates and wished each of them well in all their future endeavors.

### **DART FOUNDATION CHECK PRESENTATION FOR GRANT AWARD**

Assistant Superintendent Steve Gabriel advised the board the district was fortunate to receive a grant in the amount of \$125,000 for technology improvements in our schools through the Dart Foundation. He introduced Emily Matthews from the Dart Foundation.

Ms. Matthews began by expressing how impressed she was with all the various accomplishments of the students. She went on to introduce herself noting she is the manager of the Dart Foundation and oversees the grant awards. She thanked the school board, educators, parents and kids noting there are multiple pathways to success. She provided background on the Dart Foundation and its founders WA Dart and his wife Clare. They started a family foundation in the 1980s with a focus on STEM education. The grant award being presented to Grand Ledge Public Schools will be used to purchase 516 Chromebooks and four carts for all third to sixth grade classrooms at the four elementary buildings in the district. This award meets the district's strategic needs and the grant's core focus. She then presented President Shiflett with a check for \$125,000.

Mr. Gabriel advised the board this gift has translated into the district being able to purchase five Chromebook carts for each of our elementary buildings. In closing he pointed out that one of the new Chromebooks was on display in front of Mr. Deschaine.

### **REPORTS**

- A. Capitol Connections Report** - Mrs. DuFort advised House Bills 5828 – 5830 (School Safety Commission) has passed House and is moving to the Senate. House Bills 5966-5967 (School Safety Grants) has been referred to the House Committee on Law and Justice. House Bill 4106 (Work-Based Learning) is moving to the full Senate for consideration. House Bills 5942 and 5967 (Establish Graduated Penalties for Threats of Violence Toward Schools). She noted several of these bills are linked together. The Governor has signed House Bills 5530 – 5532 that establishes students who have been convicted of a sexual assault are not allowed to attend the same school or ride the same bus with the victim. House Bill 4422 extends the sunset clause to address the critical shortage of substitute teachers along with an 8-bill package, House Bills 5598-5605 that addresses teacher mandates are currently being debated in the House.
  
- B. Eaton RESA Report** – No report as they won't meet until Wednesday. However, President Shiflett advised the Count-Wide School Board Meeting was held recently and they reviewed the Eaton RESA budgets for 2018-2019 and a presentation on the same noting he continues to be impressed with the turn around of the RESA under its new leadership.

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- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – Mrs. DuFort advised meeting tomorrow evening.
- D. Grand Ledge Parks & Recreation Report** – No Report.
- E. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Metcalf announced GLHS Junior Isabella Gentilozzi was recently named one of five nation-wide finalists in the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Essay Contest! Her essay was one of about 2,000 submitted from across the country. Bella is the first student from Grand Ledge High School to ever receive this national honor. Her essay, John Austin: A Man For All Students, was written as part of her AP Language & Composition class with Mr. Jeffrey Belding. And, tomorrow, WLNS will be at the High School to record their "Tell Me Something Good" segment featuring Bella and this great accomplishment. He congratulated Bella on this accomplishment. He noted another school year is quickly coming to a close. With that, the Grand Ledge High School Class of 2018 will take the stage at the MSU Breslin Center on Friday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m., for their graduation ceremony. He provided information on the new safety guidelines implemented at the Breslin Center. In closing he advised last Friday GMB Architects & Engineers launched a survey for our community, staff and parents to provide input, suggestions, ideas and feedback on potential bond proposals that were garnered through forums held throughout the district. Most notably is restructuring the district to implement K-4 elementary buildings, converting Hayes to a 5-6 building, converting Beagle to a 7-8 junior high and maintaining the 9-12 High School along with the infrastructure needs come along with maintaining buildings. He noted everyone is welcome to participate and encouraged everyone to take a moment to provide feedback. He noted his eMail address is shared in the survey if this is not a format they like they are welcome to eMail him, but the survey is where we are looking to get input from the masses. He noted the survey will close on June 1 and GMB will be in attendance to provide a report on the survey results at the meeting on June 11. He welcomed everyone to attend that meeting to hear the results and gather more information. He also noted that hard copies would be provided for anyone needing it in that format. He also advised they are meeting with several staff groups to provide them with information and get their feedback regarding this possible restructuring.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices**  
**Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$112,064.84, as presented.**

Mrs. Winstanley advised these invoices cover flooring replacement in four classes at the High School, the replacement of the Chiller at Beagle Elementary School, and repairs to the Chiller at the High School.

The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Approval of Resolutions Supporting Eaton RESA’s 2018-2019 CTE & General Ed Budgets  
Motion by Mrs. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public  
Schools Board of Education to approve the Resolutions in Support of the Eaton RESA’s 2018-  
2019 CTE & General Education Budgets, as presented.**

Mrs. Mulvenna thanked the Eaton RESA board and Superintendent Anderson for taking the time to present their budget to the resident districts. She commended the RESA for their active roll in bringing inclusion back to the county.

Mrs. Clark Pierson advised she was unable to attend the budget presentation but she spent a lot of time looking at the budget. Over the past three years, Superintendent Anderson has really brought the RESA back around, noting there was a lot of change without a lot of chaos under Superintendent Anderson’s leadership.

Mrs. DuFort expressed she is very pleased with the RESA’s Career & Technical Education noting they are doing amazing things and opening many doors for students.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mrs. DuFort	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>Yes</u>
President Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Winstanley	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. McKennon	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. Clark Pierson	<u>Yes</u>		

The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Melissa Mazzola addressed the board with respect to the Eaton RESA Budget asking if the district was receiving more or less than it received last year?

Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske and Superintendent Metcalf noted the district is receiving less as a result of the RESA having better control over their accounts. It was noted that at one point, the RESA did not know what monies they had and they weren’t serving their constituent district. Under the new leadership, the excess fund balance was returned to the constituent districts – hence the reason for larger payments in the past. Now that the budget is back in line, and the RESA is providing more services to its constituent district, we wouldn’t expect to continue to receive large payments from them.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Director of Technology Mark Deschaine clarified that through the work of the REMC Association, the cost of the Chromebooks purchased using the Dart Foundation Grant was \$50 per unit less than anticipated, which allowed the district to purchase more devices than anticipated. He expressed his thanks to the Dart Foundation and REMC.

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Assistant Superintendent Steve Gabriel congratulated the Top 25 noting this is his favorite board meeting of the year and pointing out these students were freshman his last year as high school principal. In closing he congratulated all the graduates of the Class of 2018.

Superintendent Metcalf congratulated all the graduates too and gave another shout out to Bella Gentilozzi noting the district will be sharing her accomplishment and her article via district social media noting she did a great job.

Mrs. Mulvenna expressed her extreme thanks to the Dart Foundation.

Mrs. Winstanley expressed her thanks to everyone who played a part in lives of our Class of 2018 students. She noted Grand Ledge has a colony of educators and it is important for remember that many people had their fingers in the results we saw this evening.

President Shiflett noted Mrs. Winstanley makes a good point. So many teachers have touched their lives, but not just educators, teacher assistants, food service, custodians. It is really something when you think about how many people are involved in each student's life. In closing he congratulated every one of the Class of 2018 graduates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

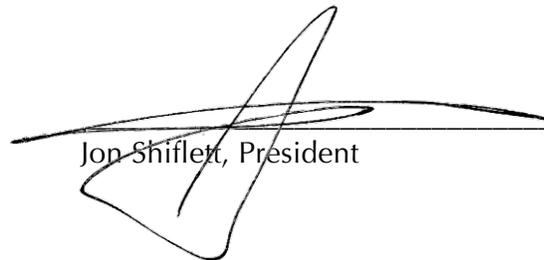
The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:



Patrick McKennon, Secretary



Jon Shiflett, President