

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – June 12, 2023

MINUTES

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Mark Deschaine, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Cindy Zerbe, David Logel, Jan Seeger, Sally Jo Nelton, Ashleigh Lore, Melissa Mazzola, LeAnn Kirmann, Kim Laforet, Joel Clark, Andrea Clark, Allyson McCann, Gordon VanWieren and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

David Logel addressed the board to express his concerns on the Liaison Officer Contract Amendment.

Joel Clark addressed the board regarding ABA Therapy and adding a BCBA position in the district.

Andrea Clark addressed the board sharing her family is working with Representative Dievendorf's office on legislation to address barriers to ABA therapy and requested the district to hire a BCBA.

Leanne Kirmann addressed the board seeking information on who is on the health advisory committee, if there are any cases in the district where a child has been treated without parent consent and is so how many, and how to access policies (school policies) for the new clinic.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 98B Data Presentation

Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, Dr. Steve Gabriel presented the board with a detailed overview of the district's end of year K-8 Math and ELA Goal Report and the High School Math and ELA Goal Report respectively noting this is the end of year report. He reminded everyone the mid-year report was presented during the February 13, 2023 meeting.

B. Superintendent Evaluation Update – Community Relations

Superintendent Barnes provided his update with focus on Staff Relations, Section C of the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric. He provided the established goal and the current initiatives established under reach of the goals including Staff Feedback, Staff Communication, Personnel Matters, Delegation of Duties, Recruitment, Labor Relations (Bargaining), and Visibility in the District.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort seconded by Mrs. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the May 22, 2023 Meeting Minutes, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF LIAISON OFFICER CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Motion by Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Liaison Officer Contract Amendment, as presented, and authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the Contract Amendment on behalf of the district.

Following a detailed discussion among the members, this item was Tabled to the June 26, 2023 meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 FOOD SERVICE MEAL PRICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2023-2024 Food Service Meal Prices, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF WEIGHT ROOM EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Weight Room Equipment Purchase from Rogers Athletic Company in the amount of \$140,030, using Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Funds, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF BID AWARDS – WACOUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve bid awards to Proline Concrete in the amount of \$732,860 and \$394,140 for Concrete Foundations and Flatwork, respectively, Custom Steel in the amount of \$438,000 for Structural Steel, Schiffer Masonry in the amount of \$1,071,000 for Masonry, Lansing Glass in the amounts of \$325,000 and \$487,929 for Metal Panels and Glass & Glazing, respectively, Division 7 Construction in the amounts of \$195,344 and \$233,712 for Roofing Shingles and Roofing Membrane, respectively, LJ Trumble in the amount of \$1,045,000 for General Trades, Grand River Interiors in the amount of \$2,360,000 for Wood Framing and Trusses, WM Reichenbach in the amount of \$842,904 for Drywall, Insulation and Ceilings, Visual Entities in the amount of \$32,603 for Signage, B & J Painting in the amount of \$150,000 for Painting, Integrity Interiors in the amount of \$87,820 for Hard Tile, GLFC, Inc. in the amount of \$316,205 for Carpet, Base & Flooring, Rayhaven in the amount of \$83,784 for Lockers, Interkal in the amount of \$43,200 for Telescoping Bleachers, Architectural Systems Group in the amount of \$359,870 for Casework, Stafford Smith in the amount of \$237,711 for Food Service Equipment, TL Contracting in the amount of \$115,000 and \$1,467,783 for Fencing and Earth Work and Utilities, Hunter Prell in the amount of \$1,090,000 for Fire Protection, Vander Hyde Mechanical in the amount of \$915,843 for Plumbing, Professional Thermal in the amount of \$2,544,860 for HVAC, Ewing Electric in the amount of \$2,015,500 for Electrical, LD Clark in the amount of \$217,365 for Site Concrete, American Asphalt in the amount of \$198,715 for Asphalt Paving, Horrack Nursery in the amount of \$149,000 for Landscape, Driesenga Associates in the amount of \$50,000 for Material Testing and Functional Consulting in the amount of \$9,490 for Commissioning with a Construction Contingency in the amount

\$1,239,456 and General Conditions in the amount of \$634,635 for a Total Bid Award of \$20,075,429, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF DELTA CENTER LIFE SAFETY INVOICES
Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Delta Center Life Safety Invoices in the amount of \$25,701.30, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett advised the all of the upcoming payment approvals were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee prior to be brought forward for Board Action, including the purchase of the weight room equipment and the bid award for Wacousta. He noted these invoices represent work for the Delta Center Fire Suppression.

The motion carried unanimously.

- G. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES
Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Mrs. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$112,247.48, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted this represents invoices for allowable expenses at the High School Fine Arts renovation.

The motion carried unanimously.

- H. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES
Motion by Mrs. DuFort, 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 \$111,187.74, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted this represents work related to the Pole Barn.

The motion carried unanimously.

- I. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES
Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$445,232.57, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted this represents bond work at Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

- J. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES
Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$30,439.22, as presented.**

Mr. Shiflett noted this represents work at the Beagle pool and track equipment.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$311,772.97, as presented.

Mr. Shiflett noted this is for work on the Fine Arts addition.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

President Smith clarified his comments regarding responding to public comment.

Director of Communications John Ellsworth noted we experienced some technical issues with the recording of tonight's meeting so the view may appear different but ensured the live stream was going out and the video will be posted on the website. He further shared information regarding a \$5,000 donation to the Beagle library through the National Defense Industrial Association noting WILX ran a story covering the donation.

Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Steve Gabriel commended everyone for the Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony held at the Breslin Center last Friday expressing it was nice to be back at the Breslin Center.

Human Resources Director Kelly Jones noted it was almost one year ago today that the board accepted her hiring commenting the year has flown by. She expressed her appreciation to Dr. Barnes for taking her under his wing following her hiring in the midst of our former Superintendent's departure and expressing she could not ask for a better person to step into the role of Superintendent noting he is an exceptional leader.

Superintendent Barnes commented the Commencement Ceremony was great and congratulated our student graduates and all of our staff who assisted in getting our students there. He reminded everyone this is the last week of school. He shared that the Health Care Advisory Team, working through a grant and the Eaton RESA includes parents who expressed interest in being a part of the planning process and input is being sought from students as well. He noted Grand Ledge Public Schools is not providing health care, sharing we are looking to secure a partner/provider that will provide health care services that is housed within the walls of Grand Ledge Public Schools.

Ms. Kuykendoll noted Commencement was spectacular and congratulated all the graduates, their family and friends. She noted in conversations regarding school safety it was not an attack against or on anyone and the board is just doing its due diligence and reassuring the board takes school safety seriously.

Mrs. DuFort commented graduation is always a highlight of the year noting she loves to hear the student speakers. She commended the Lacrosse team on a great showing.

Ms. Shannon reminded everyone there is still time to sign up for the final Grand Ledge Education Foundation Josh Spalsbury Memorial 5K Comet Chase this Saturday noting the Foundation will continue on in its fundraising endeavor this is just the last one in Memorial of Josh Spalsbury.

Dr. Glasscoe commented on the graduation ceremony noting she can envision her grandson walking the stage in a couple years. She went on to share she got the chance to see the Dream Depot today during her visit to Wacousta Elementary School. She thanked the Wacousta staff and noted the students were delightful.

President Smith commented graduation is always exciting.

CLOSED SESSION – MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing Material Exempt from Disclosure, as Per Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976 – Written Legal Opinion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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>	Ms. Kuykendoll	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Shiflett	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously at 8:36 p.m.

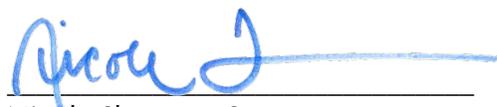
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, President