
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Meeting – July 15, 2019

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Sara Clark Pierson, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. ***Central Office Administrators***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding and Mark Deschaine. ***Others in Attendance***: Jennifer Bouck, Melissa Mazzola, Taylor Sawka, Jill Mangrum, Ellen Baribeau, Jessica Leopold, Eric Leopold and Kim Manning

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 15, 2019, 2018 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 15, 2019 Consent Agenda Item, as presented.

Included on the Consent Agenda were the meeting minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting, the Superintendent's Evaluation, and the teacher hiring of Rebecca Frank, Ellen Baribeau, Madison Sosolik, Jessica Leopold and Carey Sleight.

The motion carried unanimously.

New teacher hires introduced themselves to the members and thanked them for the opportunity to join the Comet family.

REPORTS

- A. Capitol Connections Report** - Mr. Smith advised the legislature has been quiet since last month's report as they are still in recess. Mr. Shiflett encouraged everyone to use this opportunity to contact their legislators and tell them to fund our schools.
- B. Eaton RESA Report** – No report. First Meeting this Wednesday.
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report** – No report.

D. Governance Report – Mr. McKennon noted the committee has finalized the superintendent’s evaluation tool and it has been shared with all the members.

E. Bond Update – Superintendent Metcalf advised he and Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rasinske met with GMB last week to talk about a contract. The district is working with legal counsel to develop contacts with both GMB and Clark Construction. He noted the Bond Steering Committee will meet again this week to continue work in the designing phase for Beagle and Holbrook. The committee will look for staff input from the respective buildings with the goal to wrap things up in September to hand over to Clark Construction to go out for bid. August 1, 2020 is still the target date to complete Holbrook and Beagle with the exception of the pool at Beagle.

Mrs. DuFort asked is the size of the library and cafeteria at Holbrook was comparable to our other elementary buildings to which Superintendent Metcalf advised it is on par with the other schools. He noted the committee is looking at student population growth in this design phase as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Payment of Sinking Fund Invoices

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$79,986.76, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President McKennon advised this approval reflects invoices for GMB Architects for data collection and schematics in the amount of \$1,932.91, DeWitt Fence for fencing removal and installation at Neff in the amount of \$13,037.50, two invoices from ET Mackenzie for the demolition and restoration of the St. Joe property in the amount of \$33,662.14 and \$1,169.21, and three invoices from Myers Plumbing & Heating for the removal and installation of a new water heater and water softener at Beagle and work on the boiler at the Grand Ledge High School in the amount of \$15,896. He noted all the invoices were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee and approved to be brought forward for the full board’s approval.

B. Approval of the Payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$19,790.35, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

President McKennon advised this represents four invoices. Two from Wade Trim in the amounts of \$3,475.73 and \$14,529.62 for work involving the M-43 access road and two from JRA Food Service Consultants in the amount of \$1,225 and \$560 for work involving the Beagle Middle School kitchen and serving area. Again, all invoices were reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee and approved to be brought forward for the full board’s approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval to Purchase iPads, cases and charging carts / trays

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the purchase of iPads, cases and charging carts / trays using bond funds not to exceed \$308,440, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director for Technology Mark Deschaine advised our existing iPad 2s are no longer compatible with several assessment applications and other apps. This purchase will provide replacement iPads for these obsolete iPad 2s throughout the district but primarily in Kindergarten classrooms.

B. Special Services Update

Executive Director for Special Services Sara Holding provided the board with an overview of special services data relating to the 2018-2019 school year as captured on the Part B Strand Report noting the district met 31 of the 32 targets set by the state of Michigan – an increase of 10% from last year.

Mrs. Holding answered questions from the members regarding teaching assistants in the classroom and other forms of support for students, reporting discipline of special education students to the state making sure we are reporting accurately to the description of the behavior and ensuring that each of students who are removed from the classroom setting still receive the services they need.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Superintendent Metcalf welcomed Dr. Barnes to his first Board Meeting as a member of the Administrative Team.

Mrs. DuFort welcomed all the new staff members noting she has a personal connection to one of the candidates as she worked as a sub for many, many years with the district.

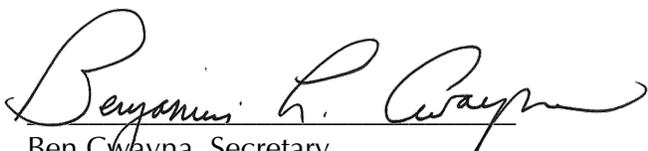
President McKennon also welcomed Dr. Barnes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:


Ben Cwayna, Secretary


Patrick McKennon, President