

Grand Ledge Public Schools



Board of Education



AUGUST 5, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING

SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD ROOM
8:30 A.M.

Grand Ledge Public Schools

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Please take notice that the Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on:

Date: Friday, August 5, 2022

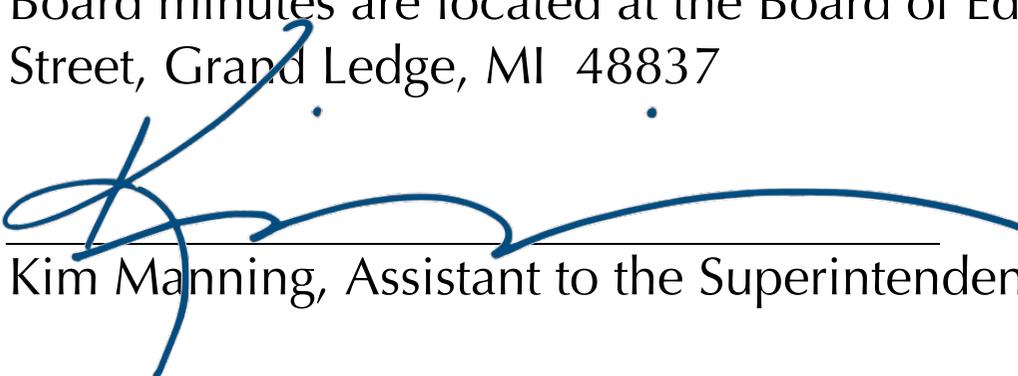
Place: Sawdon Administration Building
Board Room Room
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Purpose: Resignation Request of Superintendent Davenport

Phone: (517) 925-5400

Board minutes are located at the Board of Education office, 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837



Kim Manning, Assistant to the Superintendent

cc: Buildings
Board Members
Lansing State Journal
Grand Ledge Independent
Melissa Mazzola, Co-President, GLEA
Greg Almy, Co-President, GLEA
Cindy Zerbe, President, MEA/NEA Unit I, Secretarial /Clerical
TBD, President, MEA/NEA Unit III, Food Service
Vicky Wenzlick, President, MEA/NEA Unit IV, TA/HC/Bus Assistants & Adv. Club
Danis Peck, President, IUOE Local 547, A, B, C, E & H AFL-CIO, Bus Drivers
Sarra Ruiz, President, Custodial Association

Date of Posting: July 29, 2022

NOTE: Individuals may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting. Any person with a disability needing accommodations to attend a Board of Education meeting should contact Kim Manning at 925-5401 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting he/she plans to attend

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MEETING AGENDA
Friday, August 5, 2022
8:30 a.m.

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Jon Shiflett, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Assistant Superintendent
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Superintendent Dr. Marcus Davenport Resignation
- V. Appointment of Acting Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools
- VI. Comments from Staff and Board
- VII. Future Topics
 - Work Session Meeting - Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Sawdon Board Room
- VIII. Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jon Shiflett

"I pledge allegiance
to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."



ROLL CALL

Assistant Superintendent Bill Barnes



PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons may address the board for up to three (3) minutes in the Public Comment segment of the meeting by providing your name and jurisdiction (City, Township / County) on one of the Public Comment forms provided at the sign in table and turning it in to the Superintendent's Assistant.

The meeting chair will use the Public Comment forms submitted to invite persons to come forward to make their public comment at the appropriate time.

Board Meetings are constructed to conduct necessary business of the board, while allowing time for the public to express concerns and opinions.

Out of respect for board members, students and staff, you will be interrupted if you:

- Personally attack a board member or district employee on issues unrelated to their job performance.
- Mention a student's name when discussing behavior or other incidents.
- Engage in discussion with other members of the audience.

You will be reminded when you are approaching the end of your three-minute limit so you can conclude with your strongest points.

The board will not respond to questions or comments during public comment but the Superintendent will do his best to answer questions at the end of the meeting. If immediate answers are not available, arrangements will be made to provide you with the information requested.



SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARCUS DAVENPORT RESIGNATION

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve waiving the 90-day notification and accept the resignation of Dr. Marcus Davenport as Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools.



Marcus G. Davenport, Ph.D. / Superintendent of Schools

Monday, July 25, 2022

Dear Grand Ledge Board of Education, Grand Ledge Staff, Grand Ledge Parents, Students and Community,

I greatly appreciate the previous year we have shared to push our district forward. The relationships that have been created and the pure interactions with members of our greater school community have supplied memories that will last a lifetime. Unfortunately, I have been faced with an unforeseen health challenge that will require my absence for an extended period. At this crucial time in our development for a strong 2022-2023 school year, my health challenges will impact my ability to perform my duties at the highest level. I have only operated with an extreme sense of urgency and a relentless pace to accomplish district goals. As I originally planned and made apparent in my first summer as superintendent, summers must be a period of growth and strategic actions to create the improvements necessary to face the known and unknown challenges of an upcoming year. At this point, my medical challenges will require the undivided attention of my family and I to achieve a full recovery. Therefore, it is in the best interest for my immediate health and the immediate progression of our district that I resign effective Friday, August 5, 2022.

My dedication has been evident in my commitment to the position and the community I have served. I faithfully and consistently made the 180-minute total drive time and the 202-mile daily round trip commute since I became superintendent. I have been fortunate to provide Grand Ledge Public Schools with my absolute best despite some unforeseen health-related obstacles and the balance of having two children under the age of 10. During our year together, we worked tirelessly to provide the academic continuity of daily instruction throughout the evolving challenges of the pandemic, enhanced safety measures, worked with diverse community stakeholders for long-range strategic planning and consistently showcased the positive accomplishments of our students, staff and greater school community.

I have an extreme level of gratitude to the students, parents, staff and greater community of Grand Ledge Public Schools. I have priceless memories of spending countless hours in each building, interacting with our students, having an open-door policy for staff, consistent dialogue with parents and community members and attending major district events. Thank you all for the experiences, the challenges, lessons learned and the support I have received from the Comet Family. Grand Ledge Public Schools is a strong community, and the future will remain bright for our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Dr. Marcus G. Davenport, Superintendent



APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF GLPS

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education appoint
_____ Acting Superintendent of Grand Ledge Public Schools.



COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



FUTURE TOPICS

- Work Session Meeting - Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Sawdon Board Room



ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____