

## GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – September 11, 2023

### MINUTES

President Smith 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 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, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine, Martez Warren and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Sam DiMaggio, Tim Totten, Sally Jo Nelton, Melissa Mazzola and Kim Manning

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Sam DiMaggio addressed the board regarding the new track and public use.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### **A. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION UPDATE - Instructional Leadership**

Superintendent Barnes provided his update with focus on Instructional Leadership, Section E of the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric. He provided the established goal and the current initiatives established under each of the goals including Performance Evaluation System, Building Level Leadership, Staff Development, School Improvement, Curriculum, Instruction, Student Feedback, Student Attendance, and Support for Students.

##### **B. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF NEOLA BOARD POLICIES 5335, 5342 AND 6000'S - FINANCES**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to WAIVE the first reading of NEOLA Board Policies 5335, 5342 and all of the 6000's. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Shannon led the group in reviewing the proposed changes suggested by the Governance Committee.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### **A. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28, 2023 MEETING**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the August 28, 2023 Meeting Minute, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

##### **B. APPROVAL OF GLPS DISTANCE LEARNING HANDBOOK**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Grand Ledge Public Schools Distance Learning Handbook, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. APPROVAL OF COMET ACADEMY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (UPDATED)**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Comet Academy Cooperative Agreement, as presented. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Shiflett had left the room.**

**D. APPROVAL OF COMET ACADEMY HANDBOOK**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Comet Academy Handbook, as presented. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Shiflett had left the room.**

**E. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Educational Services Agreement, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. APPROVAL OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214 (BUS DRIVERS) EMPLOYEE CONTRACT**

**Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Teamsters Local 214 (Bus Drivers) Employee Contract, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**G. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$342,872.35, as presented.**

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

President Smith noted all the payments have been reviewed by the Board Bond Advisory Committee.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**H. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, 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 \$159,053.80, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents work related to the Pole Barn, parking lot lights and play area improvements.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**I. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF DELTA CENTER LIFE SAFETY INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Delta Center Life Safety Invoices in the amount of \$131,472.55, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted these invoices represent work for the fire suppression system at Delta Center.

- J. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**  
**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,246,063.83, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents bond work at Delta Center and Wacousta.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- K. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 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 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$7,183.34, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents bond work at the High School.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- L. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 1 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 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,076.36, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents work at Beagle.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- M. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**  
**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$184,585.07, as presented.**

Mrs. DuFort noted this is for bond work on the Fine Arts addition.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Director of Communications John Ellsworth took a moment to remember and honor those impacted by the events of September 11, 2001 noting this was a pivotal moment in history. He further provided information regarding Eaton RESA's November Special Election millage and advised further information is shared on the Eaton RESA's web page.

Superintendent Barnes noted the importance of the special education millage as it would offset costs currently being paid through the general fund. He went on to address public comment noting the district was very purposeful in establishing the hours the track is open ensuring the community has the opportunity to use it, while keeping it a safe and secure environment for students as it is an

instructional space and maintaining the integrity of the space. In closing he noted school has started and thanked all of our more than 700 staff members for ensuring the year got off on the right foot.

Ms. Kuykendoll also recognized today as a day of remembrance and encouraging everyone to be mindful while we honor the day, shared September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and she gave a shout outs to the Central Office Leadership Team (COLT) for the handling of the Wacousta power outage on the second day of school noting she was happy to see so many of the COLT members out there helping and ensuring our kids were engaged and safe while they waited to be picked up, to the transportation department for the bus routes this year, and to family packet forms she received that included the teaching asking about current family situations (a loss, change in family dynamic, etc.) that could impact the student's environment.

Mrs. DuFort noted she has heard so many positive stories from students and families on how smoothly things have gone with the start of the school year noting the situation at Wacousta is a perfect example of how your step up.

Mr. Shiflett noted he only heard one complaint about the buses and that was because he didn't get his daughter to the bus on time.

Ms. Shannon noted she was driving around the district after a meeting and shared the district is in full swing as she saw students on the track, at the baseball fields and that swimming has also started up. She thanked Mr. Ellsworth for the reminder on the importance of remember the day and encouraged everyone to visit the memorial museum.

Dr. Glasscoe shared information on an upcoming event at LCC noting the high school will be notified of it and she will share it with Dr. Barnes as soon as it is available. She thanked Dr. Barnes for the way he is approaching his evaluation with his presentations expressing this is very helpful and will make it a lot easier when it comes time to do the actual evaluation. In closing she noted her grandson has had great support with some initial changes to his busing and it has been an amazing experience for him.

President Smith echoed the comments of his colleagues and thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, President