
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – September 12, 2016

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members:*** Linda Wacyk, Jon Shiflett, Jay Bennett, Sara Clark Pierson, Kim Mulvenna, Brody Boucher and Beverly Winstanley. ***Central Office Administrators:*** Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Mike Johnson, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Sutherland, Mark Deschaine ***Others in Attendance:*** Greg Almy, Melissa Mazzolla and Kim Manning.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Grand Ledge Teacher and GLEA President Greg Almy addressed the board regarding teacher longevity and the Master Agreement.

Board Parliamentarian Sara Clark Pierson noted a point of order advising the board will not discuss the matter as it is a negotiations issue.

Community Member Pat McKennon addressed the board noting the Dream Depot 2.0 is scheduled for build September 28 through October 2 and they are in need of over 2,000 volunteers. There are three shifts per day and several volunteer areas.

Member Boucher advised he might have several recruits that can come help them out.

It was further noted childcare is being provided, on site, and the volunteer shifts cover:

•8:00 am –noon •12-30 – 5:00 pm •5:30 – 9:00 pm

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$124,683.08, as presented.

Superintendent Metcalf provided an overview of the expenses.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL380.4203

B. APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Bennett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2016-2017 Educational Services Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools, the Eaton County 56th Circuit Court and the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRINGS

Motion by Mrs. Mulvenna, seconded by Mrs. Winstanley for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the teacher hirings, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Steve Gabriel took a moment to recognize the loss of two community members, Paul Miller – a GLPS teacher who retired approximately 5 years ago and Danny Perez, a long-time volunteer at the High School and with Grand Ledge Area Youth Football. He noted both very good men and provided great service to GLPS.

Member Clark Pierson expressed she appreciated the update from Mr. Almy but noted the board has always respected the negotiations process. She commented she is certain the contract contains dispute resolution and she encouraged the discussion to continue at the negotiation table. In closing she remarked she did not want anyone to speak to this matter but just wanted it noted it is not appropriate, at this time, to bring this matter to the board level.

Mrs. Clark Pierson went on to speak about her disappointment with the Eaton RESA and their Strategic Plan. She noted the discussion during the planning process was engaging and it was agreed to have a real focus on Math and Literacy, not behavior, on an academic level in grades 1, 2, 3. Then, when the brochure came out, it was noted as reading literacy for all grades. This is not a strategic plan; it is just saying everyone will be better. She concluded noting her sister, Nancy Coleman, attended Journey's PD and she remarked it was the best PD she had ever had.

Member Mulvenna noted with regard to Mrs. Clark Pierson's comments this seemed to be the struggle throughout the strategic planning process as it was mentioned before. She also noted it was not the superintendent, it was the staff.

Member Bennett noted what GLPS did was gather the feedback and in a second meeting with staff, who will ultimately be responsible for striving to meet the goal, establish goals and bring the strategic plan to live. He concluded stating sounds like in this case, when the staff started to work on the calendar for implementation, they left the focus part out.

President Wacyk thanked Mr. Gabriel for the update on the community loss noting she knew Paul Miller.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jay Bennett, Secretary

Linda Wacyk, President