

Grand Ledge Public Schools



Board of Education

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

SAWDON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

BOARD ROOM

6:00 PM

Grand Ledge Public Schools

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

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

Date: Monday, September 26, 2022
Place: Sawdon Administration Building
Board Room
220 Lamson Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Purpose: General Business
Phone: (517) 925-5400

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



William A. Barnes, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

cc: Buildings
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Date of Posting: September 23, 2022

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Grand Ledge Public Schools
Board of Education
MEETING AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022 - 6:00 pm

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.....Jon Shiflett, President
- II. Roll Call.....Dr. Bill Barnes, Superintendent
- III. Approval of Agenda Items
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
 - A. September 12, 2022 Work Session and Closed Session Minutes
- V. Reports
 - A. 2021-2022 Audit Report – Presented by: Steven Piesko, CPA, Maner Costerisan
 - B. Capitol Connections
 - C. Eaton RESA
 - D. Grand Ledge Education Foundation
 - E. Governance Committee
 - F. Bond Update
 - G. Superintendent
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Naming of New Facilities
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Acceptance of 2021-2022 Audit
 - B. 1st Reading of NEOLA Board Policies – 0000 Bylaws
- VII. Comments from Staff and Board
- VIII. Future Topics
 - Board Bond Advisory - Monday, October 10, 2022 – 5:00 pm – Sawdon Room 107
 - Work Session – Monday, October 10, 2022 – 6:00 pm – Board Room
- IX. Closed Session – Attorney / Client Privilege - Per Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976 – Metcalf Arbitration
- X. Reconvene in Open Session
- XI. 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

Superintendent Bill Barnes



APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the September 26, 2022 Agenda Items, as presented.



APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. September 12, 2022 Work Session and Closed Session* Minutes

***Closed Session Minutes will be at your place for review prior to the meeting and collected at the end of the meeting.**

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education approve the September 26, 2022 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – September 12, 2022

MINUTES

President Shiflett 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 Present:** Jon Shiflett, Nicole Shannon, Jarrod Smith, Sara Clark Pierson, Denise DuFort, Ben Cwayna and Toni Glasscoe. **Board Members Absent:** None. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Steve, Gabriel, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Ashley Kuykendoll, Cindy Zerbe, Nell Pizzo, Howard Pizzo, Melissa Mazzola, Ashley Oneil, Marlene Promer, Greg Stevens, Greg Almy, Tim Totten and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Smith provided an overview for making public comment to the board.

Stacy Erwin Oakes addressed the board to clarify she is asking the board to write a letter of support for legislation to be introduced that would prohibit the collection of biometric information and expressing concerns regarding her recent Freedom of Information Requests.

Dawne Velianoff addressed the board questioning where we are with policies and expressing her concerns regarding the software system being used for history and social studies noting specific languages and terminology used.

Tim Totten addressed the board asking them to look at payment options for district events outside the Go Fan app.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Preliminary State Testing Results

Superintendent Barnes shared There has been information this week about MSTEP scores being released, so I wanted to share ours with you. A special thanks goes to our instructional data specialist Barb Rooker for her quick turnaround to get his report to us. He noted while there is always room to grow, the reality is that GLPS is clearly one of the top school districts in mid-Michigan when it comes to student achievement. We will have some more in-depth presentations but shared a few highlights noting all cohorts made significant growth in math and ELA, with the exception of the 4th to 5th grade cohort in math. Our new instructional tool adoption of Reveal this year should help to fix that. Everyday Math, our old program, was not built to differentiate well; Reveal is much more geared toward meeting students where they are and moving them forward. With a few exceptions, most grade levels showed significant growth from last year to this year. Our average proficiency was higher than the state, ERESA, Ingham ISD, Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Holt, Lansing, and Waverly averages in all grades and all subjects. We were higher than East Lansing and DeWitt in some grades and subjects. Only Okemos in our area scored better than

us in all subjects. We have some of our grade levels/subjects back to or above pre-pandemic levels, which is outstanding. However, math seems to have taken the worst hit. Again, Reveal should address this issue. When it comes to the third-grade reading law, on average across the state, 5.8% of third graders scored below the threshold that triggers retention or an exception. At GLPS, only 2.6% scored in that range. In closing he noted there is additional work to do to drill down into our various groups of students to make sure all students are growing and achieving and that we are supporting them in doing so. We will also do some similar analysis of our SAT scores at the high school. But, given where we have been the last couple of years, this is cause for celebration.

Ms. Clark Pierson, Mrs. DuFort, Ms. Shannon and Dr. Glasscoe each expressed their appreciation for the work that has been done by all those involved, the staff, students, families and administrators, to ensure we are keeping the focus on student learning.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Shiflett noted that community member Kim Laforet reached out to the Superintendent's office and asked that her remarks noted in the minutes reflect that she was referencing a window in the coaches' room, not a door. This update has been made and the board will be approving the minutes with that change already being made and presented.

Motion by Ms. Clark Pierson, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Ms. Clark Pierson noted while she wasn't at the August 22nd meeting, she did read the minutes and observed that the pool issue about the diving boards, which was resolved, that a candidate running to serve on the school board spread a rumor that the Mid Michigan Aquatics (MMA) Club pulled out completely and will not allow their swimmers here in Grand Ledge because of safety questions. She shared that she personally contacted Steve Ships who is the MMA coach and he expressed he is extremely disappointed this rumor is out and he was completely unaware of any issue with the diving board. Mr. Ships further clarified the only reason MMA is not at Grand Ledge is due to the number of kids between DeWitt and Grand Ledge did not allow them to run both programs but they are very much hoping to get back into Grand Ledge. Not asking for the minutes to be amended because that is what happened at that meeting but she wants it noted that this is a completely unfounded rumor.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF TEACHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the leave of absence for Lacy Schneider for the 2022-2023 school year, as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRINGS

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the teacher hiring of Becky Manore, Jay Skeen, Gregory Stevens, Tori Sweet, Neha Chellury, Julie Shotwell, Sarah Young and Jennifer Pinckney, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – GLPS & EATON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Maintenance Agreement between Grand Ledge Public Schools and the Eaton County Drain Commission, as presented, an authorize Superintendent Bill Barnes to execute the Agreement on behalf of the district.

Mr. Smith noted this item was discussed with the Board Bond Advisory committee and reflects other agreements the district has entered into with regard to drains and retention ponds. He further shared this will provide for the Michigan Avenue connection to Delta Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$250,736.82, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents payments for the Fine Arts at the High School that are eligible to be paid through this fund thereby freeing up money under the Bond Proposals.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

F. APPROVE OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Ms. Clark Pierson for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$17,400.00, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents invoices for general maintenance to sidewalks and heat exchanges at district facilities.

The motion carried unanimously.

G. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$449,575.41, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents ongoing work at Beagle and beginning work at Delta Center. He shared that the Proposal 1, Series 1 Bond has been completed.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

H. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF PROPOSAL 2, SERIES 1 BOND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. DuFort, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$186,729.18 as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents work at the pools at both the High School and Beagle and other athletic improvements.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

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

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$714,484.57, as presented.

Mr. Smith noted this represents work at the Fine Arts portion of the High School.

The motion carried unanimously with member Sara Clark Pierson abstaining from the vote in accordance with MCL 380.4203.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Superintendent Barns thanked families, the board, administrative team and all of our staff for a great start to the school year; a positive start to the school year. Kids seem happy and there is lots to celebrate right now. He noted as was brought up in public comment about Social Studies, he reminded everyone that along with new math curriculum that was adopted in the Spring, we adopted a new Social Studies curriculum at 5th and 6th grade called My World Interactive and that hosted a parent night to share this with parents or anyone who wanted to learn about it. He noted the program currently being used at the elementary level is outdated so the district is looking at doing some pilots starting in October of this same program K-4 as the 5th & 6th grade really like the curriculum because it is interactive and really engaging.

Mrs. DuFort shared her experience at this year's open houses and noting it was exciting to be in the building and you could feel the excitement of the students and families.

Mr. Smith expressed his concerns with regard to the Go Fan app and sharing there is a \$1 service fee for each ticket bought and encouraging the district looking at other payment options for district events.

Ms. Shannon expressed her confidence the district would look into the concerns regarding the Go Fan app. She thanked everyone for a great start noting she knows we have had some challenging times but thanks to the hard work by everyone, staff, faculty and our families, there is total enthusiasm.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Smith for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving Confidential Attorney / Client Privilege Communication, as per Section 8(1)(e) and Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976; Estate of Malachi Williams versus Grand Ledge Public Schools, File No. 99670, Metcalf Arbitration and Devenbaugh versus Grand Ledge Public Schools, Civil Rights Case #625144, respectively.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

President Shiflett	<u>YES</u>	Mrs. DuFort	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Shannon	<u>YES</u>	Mr. Cwayna	<u>YES</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>YES</u>	Dr. Glasscoe	<u>YES</u>
Ms. Clark Pierson	<u>YES</u>		

The motion carried unanimously at 6:39 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jarrod Smith, Secretary

Jon Shiflett, President



REPORTS

- A. [2021-2022 Audit](#) - Presented by Maner Costerisan (*tap on 2021-2022 Audit to view*)
- B. Capitol Connections Report
- C. Eaton RESA Report
- D. Grand Ledge Education Foundation Report
- E. Governance Committee Report
- F. Bond Update
- G. Superintendent's Report



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.



OLD BUSINESS

A. Naming New Facilities

The Board members tasked with this matter will provide an update on their progress and steps going forward.



NEW BUSINESS A

A. Acceptance of 2021-2022 Audit



PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education Accept the 2021-2022 Audit, as presented.



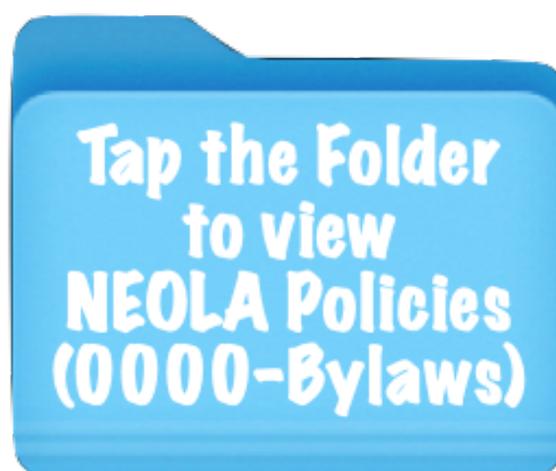
NEW BUSINESS B

B. NEOLA Board Policies: 0000 Bylaws - 1st Reading

For Reference:

Red Boxed Items are comments brought to the Board Governance Committee for review and/or consideration by the Central Office Leadership Team after their review.

Blue Items are the decision and language of the Board Governance Committee following their review.





COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD



FUTURE TOPICS

- Board Bond Advisory - Monday, October 10, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Sawdon Room 107
- Work Session Meeting - Monday, October 10, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Sawdon Board Room



CLOSED SESSION

Attorney / Client Privilege - Per Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purpose of receiving Confidential Attorney / Client Privilege Communication, as Per Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976, Metcalf Arbitration.

ROLL CALL VOTE



RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Time: _____



ADJOURNMENT

Time: _____