

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Board of Education*

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – October 9, 2023

MINUTES

President Smith called the meeting to order at 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**: Brenton Bell, Kim Laforet, Sally Jo Nelton, Melissa Mazzola, Ashley Lore and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION UPDATE – Student Growth / Goal Progress

Superintendent Barnes provided his update with focus on Instructional Leadership, Section G of the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric. He provided the established goal and the current initiatives established under each of the goals including Student Growth and Progress Toward District Wide Goals.

B. 1ST READING OF NEOLA BOARD POLICIES 5720, 5830, 6420 AND 7000'S - PROPERTY

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to WAIVE the first reading of NEOLA Board Policies 6720, 5830, 6420 and all of the 7000's. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cwayna led the group in reviewing the proposed changes suggested by the Governance Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mrs. DuFort for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the September 25, 2023 Meeting Minute, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF GLPS NON-DISCRIMINATION LANGUAGE

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Ms. Shannon for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Non-Discrimination Language Grand Ledge Public Schools Distance as follows: *Grand Ledge Public Schools District shall provide equal*

opportunity and shall not discriminate in matters of employment or enrollment on the basis of age, religion, race, traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles, color, national origin, gender/sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, height, weight or marital status in its programs, services or activities. The motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, 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 \$52,877.14, as presented.

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

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents invoices for asbestos removal at Delta Center, new sidewalk at Neff, fencing around Holbrook retention pond and putting a gate in on the West end of Beagle fencing, new doors and windows in the press box as well as the Neff and band lot resurfacing.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS INVOICES

Motion by Mr. Shiflett, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Capital Funds Invoices in the amount of \$69,140.75, as presented.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

E. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF DELTA CENTER LIFE SAFETY INVOICES

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Delta Center Life Safety Invoices in the amount of \$53,723.14, as presented.

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

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

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, 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 \$2,009,485.72, as presented.

Mrs. DuFort noted this represents installation of security cameras and bond work at Delta Center and Wacousta.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 2, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$201,285.30, as presented.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD

Dr. Barnes highlighted the Band Exhibition that took place last week noting it was, as always, outstanding. He recognized the hard work of Mr. Szczerowski, all the parent volunteers and the entire music team. In closing he noted we are seven weeks into the school year and wants to remind everyone of what an amazing staff we have with over 700 employees noting it truly takes everyone to get this off the ground each year. He remarked this is a great place to work and he appreciates the efforts of the staff.

Ms. Kuykendoll sent kudos to the high school for their recent career fair noting the incredible turn out and the many compliments received from agencies represented at the event. She commending the marching band and noted fall sports are in full swing. She gave a huge shout out to Jen Daly for her work with Community Recreation programs commenting it is incredible to see the many kids who participate in the programs.

Dr. Glasscoe shared she had the opportunity to talk with a parent who is looking at returning to school under Michigan Reconnect. She noted the parent shared they have a student who attends Grand Ledge and she expressed her appreciation for the parent sharing that her student probably checks every box for every service we provide in the district including but not limited to special education and being a student of color. The parent was very positive about the growth she has seen in the district over the time. Dr. Glasscoe went on to express her appreciation for the conversations with people. The parent shared Grand Ledge is the best school district for her children, regardless of the struggles, they have been able to address with staff and administrators who have been responsive. The parent remarked her student has gotten the best education they could have gotten. Dr. Glasscoe sent kudos to teachers and administrators commenting we are very blessed to have employees who work hard when they are on the clock, but they are working hard to support our students and community even when they are off the clock.

Dr. Barnes expressed his appreciation that board members are seeing what we are seeing on the day-to-day. He noted we know we are not perfect and we still have work to do but we have great employees.

President Smith commented on our projected student enrollment being positive and the district has reattained our pre-pandemic enrollment numbers.

Dr. Barnes noted our student count was very positive however the numbers are still just a projection and a better update will be provided with our next budget amendment but confirmed we are pretty close, if not over our pre-pandemic enrollment.

CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations

Motion by Ms. Shannon, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations Strategies, as per Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously at 7:10 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Nicole Shannon, Secretary

Attest:



Jarrod Smith, President