

GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
***Board of Education***

Work Session – October 14, 2019

MINUTES

President McKennon called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. He led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call by Superintendent Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett, Kim Mulvenna, Ben Cwayna, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon. ***Central Office Administrators in Attendance***: Brian Metcalf, Steve Gabriel, Bill Barnes, Nancy Rasinske, Sara Holding, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. ***Others in Attendance***: Greg Almy, Melissa Mazzola and Kim Manning

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

GLEA President, district employee and community member Greg Almy expressed his thanks to Mrs. Mulvenna, Mr. Cwayna and Dr. Metcalf for supporting the Select Choir's can drive over the weekend.

ACTION ITEM

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

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve payment of a Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$199,423.52, as presented.**

President McKennon advised this represents three invoices from Myers Plumbing in the amounts of \$13,874, \$19,058.52 and \$19,032 for repairs to the Hayes chiller and the Willow Ridge faucet replacement, respectively, an invoice from JC Walker in the amount of \$14,770 for 4 Gaga Ball Pits (Beagle for during construction) and two invoices from Superior Electric in the amounts of \$70,699 and \$61,990 for backup generators at Hayes and the Operations Building, respectively. He advised the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed all invoices and approved them being brought forward for full board approval.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT PROPOSAL 1 BOND OF INVOICES**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mr. Shiflett for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Payment of Proposal 1 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$125,943.82, as presented.**

President McKennon advised this includes invoices from GMB Architects in the amounts of \$104,421.45 and \$1,673.49 for professional services and expenses related to the M-43 corridor, invoices from JRA in the amount of \$1,890 and \$1820 for the Beagle Café design, KEBS in the amount of \$14,800 for Beagle surveying and Wade Trim in the amount of \$1,338.88 for professional services regarding the M-43 corridor. He again advised the Board Bond Advisory Committee reviewed these invoices and approved them to be brought forward for full board approval.

*Trustee Smith abstained from the vote in accordance with MCL380.4203.*

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. APPROVAL OF BID AWARDS**

**a. High School Parking Lot Expansion**

**Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Bid Award to Hoffman Brother, Inc. for the High School Parking Lot Expansion Sinking Fund Project in the amount of \$270,188, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**b. AST Fueling System**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Bid Award to Leak Petroleum Equipment for the AST Fueling System Sinking Fund Project in the amount of \$224,782.81, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**A. Board Governance Policies – Governance Process 200, 201, 202, 203 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

President McKennon advised the Board Governance Committee continues to review board policies. A detailed discussion among the members showed consensus for GP 200, 202 and 203. GP 201 will be included on the Agenda for the Governance Retreat scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

District employee Melissa Mazzola expressed concerns regarding the heating and cooling system at the High School. She asked if updating this system was included in the bond proposal.

Dr. Metcalf advised there is talk of replacing the entire system and moving away from a pneumatic system to a digital system.

Community member Beverly Casper expressed concerns about doors being left unlocked at the high school and the district not requiring visitors to be “buzzed in” like they are at the elementary and middle school levels. She suggested the implementation of metal detectors.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF AND BOARD**

Mrs. DuFort expressed the band exhibition was amazing. She commended the organization of the event considering how many hundreds of kids from all over the area come to participate. Not to mention the number of people it brings to our community to watch the event. In closing she noted it is a great event that has taken place in our district for 13 years.

Mrs. Mulvenna advised she is concerned about Mrs. Casper’s comments.

Dr. Gabriel, as a former Principal at Grand Ledge High School advised what should be happening is that only certain doors at the high school are left unlocked for entering the building. Those doors are at the main entrance as this is visible from the main office and Comet Pride Police Officer Chris Chester has his office right at the main entrance. He noted he will follow up to ensure the building is being secured. He further advised restructuring of the high school main entrance is part of the bond proposal. It will include establishing a vestibule wherein people would enter the building and need to be “buzzed in” from there. He further recommended Mrs. Casper reach out to Officer Chester to get more information about the safety measure for our students.

Mr. Ellsworth further confirmed the process Mr. Gabriel shared noting he was a teacher at the high school and all exterior doors with the exception of the one door at the main entrance were secured once the school day started.

Dr. Metcalf advised every strategy, every solution comes with its own set of problems. He assured the district works very hard to ensure the safety of our students and staff at each of our buildings. He thanked Mrs. Casper for bringing her concerns forward.

**CLOSED SESSION – Negotiations**

**Motion by Mrs. DuFort 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(c) of the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 197.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Cwayna	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Smith	<u>Yes</u>
Mrs. DuFort	<u>Yes</u>	Mr. Shiflett	<u>Yes</u>
President McKennon	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Mulvenna	<u>Yes</u>

**The motion carried unanimously at 6:31p.m.**

**RECONVEN IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Ben Cwayna, Secretary

  
Patrick McKennon, President