
GRAND LEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole / Work Session – November 14, 2016

MINUTES

Vice 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 Brian Metcalf indicated the presence of ***Board Members***: 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 and Mark Deschaine ***Others in Attendance***: Melissa Mazzola, Denise DuFort, Patrick McKennon and Kim Manning.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF SINKING FUND INVOICES

Motion by Mrs. Winstanley, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Sinking Fund Invoices in the amount of \$94,418.68, as amended.

Vice President Shiflett advised the Board Bond Advisory Committee met just prior to this meeting and approved bringing the invoices forward.

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

B. APPROVAL OF TEACHER HIRINGS

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Mulvenna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the Teacher Hirings, as amended.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Mike Johnson provided background information on Rebecca Jackson, E2020/Virtual Education at Grand Ledge High School and Lori Smith, Special Education at Beagle noting they are both highly qualified to fill the respective positions and were highly recommended.

The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA ITEMS

GLEA Representative and district employee Melissa Mazzola asked for clarification with regard to what the sinking fund invoices covered.

Dr. Metcalf advised that 99% of the invoices covered the retaining wall at the high school. There were small invoices to cover some district concrete work and work at Delta Mills, but the bulk of the expense was for the retaining wall.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF

Board Member Mulvenna asked for clarification with regard to recently passed legislation that provides for expanded use of sinking fund monies, asking if we can use our monies for the expanded items after March 2017. Superintendent Metcalf and Board Secretary Bennett advised the district will not be able to use sinking fund dollars for the expanded items until the next time we renew our millage noting that when it goes for a vote it can only be for 10 years and maxes out at 3 Mills.

Board Member Boucher congratulated the new board members, Denise DuFort and Patrick McKennon noting he believes they will find their service on the board both rewarding and challenging. He encouraged them to take advantage of classes for new board members offered by MASB to help them get their footing in this new endeavor.

Board Secretary Bennett also congratulated Denise and Patrick and advised the November election brought 1,500 new board members across the State and he too encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities presented by MASB.

Vice President Shiflett welcome both the new members and noting he looks forward to serving with both of them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Jay Bennett, Secretary

Jon Shiflett, Vice President