

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

**July 8, 2024**

**MINUTES**

President Shannon 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 Barnes indicated the presence of **Board Members:** Nicole Shannon, Ashley Kuykendoll, Ben Cwayna and Toni Glasscoe. **Members Absent:** Denise DuFort, Jarrod Smith, Jon Shiflett. **Central Office Administrators:** Bill Barnes, Steve Gabriel, Julie Waterbury, Wendy Seida, Bill Albrecht, Kelly Jones, Mark Deschaine and John Ellsworth. **Others in Attendance:** Matt Oppenheim, Coban Holmes, Delaney Miller, Kali Stevens, Melissa Mazzola, Sally Jo Nelton, John Piper and Kim Manning

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 8, 2024 Agenda Items, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the July 8, 2024 Consent Agenda Items, as presented.**

Included on the Consent Agenda were the June 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes and the Teacher Hiring of Tessa Arbour, Darbi Carter and Delaney Miller

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

- A. Capitol Connections** – Dr. Glasscoe commented her focus remains on the K-12 budget.
- B. Eaton RESA** – There was no report in Mrs. DuFort's absence.
- C. Grand Ledge Education Foundation** – Ms. Shannon advised the Foundation Board has not met so there is nothing new to report.
- D. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee** – Ms. Kuykendoll advised the committee has not met so there is nothing to report.
- E. Governance Committee** – Ms. Shannon advised the committee has not met so there is nothing to report.

- F. Bond** – President Shannon noted there was not a Board Bond Advisory Committee meeting tonight due to absences but to ensure the payment of invoices in a timely fashion, Bond Supervisor John Piper will provide an overview of the invoices as would have been discussed with the Committee.

Bond Supervisor John Piper began by providing the board with an update on the current bond projects including the new Wacousta build status, Neff Early Childhood Center, Grand Ledge High School, Willow Ridge, Hayes and the Transportation building.

Mr. Piper then reviewed the invoices, in detail, for the Sinking Fund, Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond, Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond and Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond that the board will consider later in the agenda.

**G. Superintendent –**

- a. Facilities Management Plan Review

Dr. Barnes presented the board with the newly established Facilities Management Plan, reviewed the document and explained how the document will be used going forward. He thanked everyone who was involved in creating the document noting the document will be helpful in understanding what needs to be done, budget planning, and will help guide us as we go forward with priority being based on alignment with our Strategic Plan and necessary funding sources.

A detailed discussion among the members covered having an accurate inventory, consistency in conveying the information, continuing the conversation about what happens if we don't get as much funding as we were anticipating and with grant dollars and one-time money going away, the need to maintain historical documentation of the document instead of just writing over the current document, making the document interactive to allow sorting, having at least annual updates on the plan presented to the board, and creating a means to track resale value of equipment so the district, and community, can see funds coming back in as well as how fees are used to maintain the program or program needs.

In closing, Dr. Barnes again thanked those involved in the creation of the Facilities Management Plan and thanked the board for their feedback.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2024-2025 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION**

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the 2024-2025 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution, as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**B. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

Motion by Mr. Cwayna, seconded by Dr. Glasscoe for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve a 1.7% increase on the top of the scale for two Central Office Leadership team members who were on the top step of the Central Office scale for the 2023-2024 school year, and approve a 2.5% increase on the top of the scale for three Adventure Club Caregivers who were on the top step of the Adventure Club Caregiver scale for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. SINKING FUND INVOICES**

Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, 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 \$23,431.68, as presented.

President Shannon noted this represents work at Delta Center, Neff and the Health Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

**D. PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 2 BOND INVOICES**

Motion by Dr. Glasscoe, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 2 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$672,915.89, as presented.

President Shannon noted this represents work at Wacousta.

The motion carried unanimously.

**E. PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 3 BOND INVOICES**

Motion by Mr. CWayna, seconded by Ms. Kuykendoll for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 3 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$1,045,922.89, as presented.

President Shannon noted this represents work at the High School.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**F. PROPOSAL 1, SERIES 4 BOND INVOICES**

**Motion by Ms. Kuykendoll, seconded by Mr. Cwayna for the Grand Ledge Public Schools Board of Education to approve the payment of Proposal 1, Series 4 Bond Invoices in the amount of \$585.00, as presented.**

President Shannon noted this represents the final payment for the traffic study.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF & BOARD**

Superintendent Barnes noted that for the August 12, 2024 board meeting the board will meet starting at 6:00 to conduct official business and then will convene a special meeting for the Board to receive the required training on the new Superintendent's Evaluation and Rating tool. In closing, he welcomed Dr. Albrecht to the table.

President Shannon asked members to notify Dr. Barnes if they are unable to attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to ensure arrangements can be made to ensure all members receive the required training prior to evaluating Dr. Barnes.

Dr. Glasscoe and Mr. Cwayna both expressed the great work put into the Facilities Management Plan.

President Shannon acknowledged the budget confusion following the State's released budget and thanked Dr. Barnes, Mrs. Waterbury and the team noting the district will find a way through this. She thanked everyone who was involved in the creation of the Facilities Management Plan.

Ms. Kuykendoll asked about another bond tour for the board member and Dr. Barnes advised he is working to find a date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

  
Ashley Kuykendoll, Secretary

  
Nicole Shannon, President