

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes - Regular Meeting
December 7, 2015

The Board of Education met on Monday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Central High School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President John Siemion. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Stack, O'Neal, Holt (arrived at 7:18 pm), Baker, and Siemion. Absent: Cramer, Treutler

Also present: Ingall, Grimes, VanderWall and approximately 15 audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

6747. Trustee O'Neal moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the November 16, 2015 special board meeting and closed session minutes
- Payment of Bills
 - Accounts Payable \$1,256,523.45
 - Payroll \$2,947,337.50
 - Building & Site Bond II Expenditures \$607,597.11

Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

Central High School Principal Paul Kunde welcomed the board and guests and highlighted Central's new after school Chess Club.

PTA members shared plans for the donation of new playground equipment for Peach Plains. The board acknowledged their gift, valued at \$31,000, and thanked the PTA for their support.

New Transportation Director Becki Shackles was introduced and welcomed to the GHAPS family.

The Holiday Collage Concert will take place on Friday, December 11 @ 7:00 PM at GHHS.

Over 40 Classroom Learning Labs are currently scheduled, and feedback has been tremendous in terms of the level of dialogue and shared learning.

An Executive Council meeting was held at Lakeshore on December 1, and was very well received by our community partners who were in attendance.

The SCORE Program, in its eighth year, is a 1-1 mentor program that supports struggling readers. We are grateful for the tremendous financial support the program receives from Linda Shores, Michael Snodgrass, and the Kiwanis.

The district will be receiving \$80,000 in added state/federal grant funds, which is an 8.5 percent increase. The added funds will help support professional development for teachers, students at risk of failing the curriculum, English Learners, migrant students, and immigrant students.

Principal Kunde and staff presented information about their successful mentor program and Cyber School.

Lisa Danicek, Director of Business and Information Services, sought approval to collect 100 percent summer tax levy on the district's school property taxes.

6748. Trustee Stack moved that the Board approve a resolution allowing a 100 percent summer tax levy on the district's school property taxes commencing in 2016.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Stack, yes; O'Neal, yes; Holt, yes; Baker, yes; Siemion, yes. Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Danicek brought forth a proposal to extend audit services through June 30, 2020.

6749. Trustee Holt moved that the Board approve a five-year agreement with Rehmann Robson for audit services as presented.

Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Danicek also sought approval and recognition of school associated organizations.

6750. Trustee O'Neal moved that the Board recognize and approve the following district organizations: Ferry Elementary PTA, Griffin PTA, Peach Plains PTA, Robinson PTA, Rosy Mound PTA, White Pines PTO, Grand Haven High School Choir Boosters, Grand Haven High School Drama Boosters Association, and the Wrestling Club.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

The White Pines Open Door site qualifies to receive an exemption from inspections and on-site visits based on past performance. They have passed inspections the last two years which qualifies them to receive this exemption.

6751. Trustee Holt moved that the Board approve the resolution requesting exemption from PA 116 for the White Pines Intermediate Open Door site as presented.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Stack, yes; O'Neal, yes; Holt, yes; Baker, yes; Siemion, yes. Motion carried 5-0

Ms. Danicek presented an overview of the 2015-16 Budget Amendment #1.

6752. Trustee Stack moved that the Board approve the 2015-16 Budget Amendment #1 resolution as presented.

Trustee O'Neal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Stack, yes; O'Neal, yes; Holt, yes; Baker, yes; Siemion, yes. Motion carried 5-0

The Board supported a first reading of proposed Board Bylaws and Policy revisions.

President Siemion adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Baker, Secretary
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