

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes - Regular Meeting
June 1, 2015

The Board of Education met on Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. at White Pines Intermediate 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, Cramer, Holt, Treutler, Baker and Siemion. Absent: none

Also present: Konarska, Grimes, VanderWall, and approximately 75 audience members including new superintendent Andy Ingall and his wife Beth, who were introduced and welcomed.

The agenda was approved as presented.

6691. Trustee Stack moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the May 18, 2015 Board Meeting
- Payment of Bills
 - Accounts Payable \$1,203,437.19
 - Payroll \$4,435,945.99
 - Building & Site Bond Expenditures \$367,272.52

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

The board recognized students and coaches from the White Pines, Lakeshore and GHHS Science Olympiad teams for their recent success at the regional, state and national competitions.

The board recognized Lakeshore Middle School student Lily Mears for finishing tied for 22nd in the nation at the Scripps Spelling Bee.

Superintendent Konarska shared that Mary A. White Elementary Principal Valerie Livingston parachuted out of a plane this morning as her staff and students looked on. Valerie was fulfilling an incentive challenge for students surpassing their fundraising goal.

Board members were each given a copy of a CD entitled "Ray's Silly Bus Songs" created by bus driver Ray Clover and his passengers.

Konarska reported that final budget details are still unknown as Lansing continues their budget process. We remain optimistic that final budget numbers will show a slight increase in funding from previous years.

There were no comments from the audience.

Principal Mike Shelton provided an informational report on school improvement efforts at White Pines. He illustrated how his staff has integrated instructional coaching and technology coaches into their everyday culture.

As required by Michigan statute, a budget hearing was held for the proposed 2015-16 budget. Ms. Danicek presented a balanced budget that maintains comprehensive K-12 programs and class sizes, and requires no staff lay-offs. The 2015-16 proposed budget will be presented for adoption at the June 15, 2015 board meeting. There were no questions asked from the audience.

Ms. Danicek also sought approval of a resolution establishing the tax levies of 18 mills for non-principal residence and 4.17 debt retirement mills. The millage will be levied 100 percent in the summer as previously adopted by the board.

6692. Trustee Treutler moved that the board adopt a resolution for the 2015 tax levies as presented.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Stack, Yes; O'Neal, Yes; Cramer, Yes; Holt, Yes; Baker, Yes; Treutler, Yes; Siemion, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Assistant Superintendent Scott Grimes sought approval of a three-year successor agreement for Local 517M service employees covering the 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 school years. Highlights of the agreement include:

- Wage freeze (0%) for the 2014-15 school year

- A change to a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or high deductible health plan from the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) beginning with the 2015-16 school year
- A 1% increase in compensation for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years
- A \$25 increase in longevity payments at 13 and 18 years of service
- Some language was cleaned up throughout the contract in order to help match our current practices

6693. Trustee O'Neal moved that the board approve a three year agreement, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, with Local 517M service employees. Trustee Cramer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Stack, Yes; O'Neal, Yes; Cramer, Yes; Holt, Yes; Baker, Yes; Treutler, Yes; Siemion, Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Employees from 517 were given kudos for their cooperation and collaboration throughout the bargaining process. Scott Grimes and his team were lauded for their leadership in working toward a successor agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Baker, Secretary
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