

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes - Regular Meeting
May 4, 2015

The Board of Education met on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Ferry Elementary 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 60 audience members.

6676. Trustee Stack moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:

- Minutes of Special Board Meetings held on March 30, April 16, April 18, and April 20, 2015 and Board Retreat Minutes of April 24, 2015.
- Payment of Bills
 - Accounts Payable \$1,357,480.35
 - Payroll \$2,750,465.05
 - Building & Site Bond Expenditures \$567,309.87

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Grand Haven High School senior Varun Biddanda was introduced by Orchestra teacher Melissa Meyers, and recognized for numerous accomplishments. They include: Norbert Mueller Concerto Competition Winner; soloed with the Holland Symphony; Concertmaster of Grand Haven High School Orchestras; Assistant Concertmaster of Holland Area Youth Orchestra; All State orchestra member at the Michigan Music Conference; and Division 1 rating at District Solo and Ensemble. Varun also earned a perfect score of 100 on his solo at State Solo and Ensemble where he was named Outstanding Soloist and received a spot in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Symphony Orchestra.

Superintendent Konarska announced that White Pines Intermediate School, Lakeshore Middle School and Grand Haven High School all had teams compete at the state Science Olympiad competition this past weekend. Teams from Lakeshore and GHHS placed second overall and will advance to the national Science O competition later this month. Kudos were given to all three teams for their outstanding success.

Konarska also reminded the audience of the state-wide election on Tuesday, May 5. He stated there are two very important ballot items that directly impact Grand Haven Area Public Schools. They include the Annual Non-Principal Residence Renewal of 18-mills and Proposal I, which is an initiative that will raise funds to improve Michigan's roads and bridges, and schools.

There were no comments from the audience.

Building Principal Steve Avram provided an informational report on school improvement efforts at Ferry Elementary and Voyager Schools. He showcased many initiatives including Literacy Specials, a staff book study, Turning High Poverty into High Performing Schools, and an extended day learning opportunity offered to upper elementary students.

Lisa Danicek, Director of Business and Data Services, sought approval of a resolution scheduling the 2015 budget hearing.

6677. Trustee O'Neal moved that the board adopt the resolution which calls for a public hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the White Pines Intermediate School.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Superintendent Konarska sought approval of board policy updates.

6678. Trustee Treutler moved that the board support a second reading and adoption of the following board policies:

- 1420 School Administrator Evaluation
- 2370.01 On-Line Blended Learning Program
- 2414 Reproductive Health and Family Planning

2417	Comprehensive School Health Education
2430	District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
3220	Professional Staff Evaluation
5220	Attendance
5730	Equal Access for Nondistrict-Sponsored, Student Clubs and Activities
5830	Student Fund-Raising
7510	Use of School Facilities
7540.02	District Web Page
7540.03	Student Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04	Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
8325	Receipt Legal Documents
8330	Student Records
8500	Food Services
8510	Wellness
8540	Vending Machines
9211	District Support Organizations
9800	High School Diplomas to World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era Veterans

Trustee Cramer seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

At 7:20 p.m. the board took a short recess at which time Konarska and Grimes left the meeting. The meeting was called back to order at 7:27 p.m.

President Siemion thanked the hundreds of staff, parents and community members who volunteered with the superintendent search through their participation on the site visit team, focus groups, and stakeholder groups. Other board members expressed their appreciation of the process, and the value of hearing from constituents through emails, phone calls, site visit summaries and Interview Reaction Forms.

During a second audience participation opportunity Mary Jane Evink encouraged the board to consider Scott Grimes as their choice for superintendent for stability for the district. Kevin Blanding urged the board to overlook biases and internal versus external factors, and to choose the best person suited to run the district.

Using the Activote electronic system, board members were asked to cast their vote for their top candidate for superintendent. The results were projected on a screen visible to board and audience members, and showed Andy Ingall receiving 100% of the votes. Individual board members were polled and all verbally stated their vote for Mr. Ingall.

6679: Trustee Treutler moved that the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education approve the selection of Andrew Ingall as superintendent of GHAPS commencing on July 1, 2015, subject to the successful negotiation and approval of an employment contract.

Trustee O'Neal 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

The board took a short recess at 7:50 p.m. to place a call to Mr. Ingall to offer him the position. Siemion reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and announced that Mr. Ingall has verbally accepted the position of GHAPS superintendent. The board received a standing ovation.

President Siemion adjourned the board meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Baker, Secretary
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