

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes - Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2016

The Board of Education met on Monday, October 17, 2016 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, Holt, Treutler, Siemion and Baker. Absent: Cramer

Also present: Ingall, Grimes, VanderWall and approximately 34 audience members.

- 16-083 Trustee Stack moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:
- Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Board Meeting and October 7, 2016 Board Retreat
  - Payment of Bills
    - Accounts Payable \$1,473,733.38
    - Payroll \$4,049,967.16
    - 2014 Building & Site Bond Expenditures \$1,041,971.00

Trustee O'Neal seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Building Principal Steve Avram provided a warm welcome to board members and introduced Ferry/Voyager staff from the audience. Informational reports were shared regarding:

- *Cooking Matters* – a YMCA sponsored after school program where participants learn about nutrition, food labels and budgeting in addition to preparing recipes.
- STEM program
- Student run Falcon Recycling Center

Superintendent Ingall shared the following announcements:

- District personnel were recognized for National Principals Month
- Early elementary assessments have begun - MDE Literacy
- "I Have a Plan Week" is taking place at GHHS on the heels of Manufacturing Week that took place two weeks ago.
- Carl Treutler was acknowledged as one of three Hall of Fame coaches honored at Friday's GHHS football game (with Steve Horodyski and Don Constant).
- Classroom Learning Labs are resuming
- Many groups are working to establish Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to support improved math learning and performance
- Ferry and Voyager staff were affirmed for their work and dedication

Comments from the Audience included:

- Carrie Miel affirmed Ferry School Secretary, Kathi Saurbaugh, and Media Assistant, Karyn Gillan, for their hard work and dedication to students.
- Parent Carolyn Taylor shared an informational flyer on "Show Me the Money Day" sponsored by Neighborhood Housing Services.

Voyager School teacher, Celia Sommerfeldt, provided an informational report on the Voyager School and how the Reggio inspired program meets the core values of GHAPS.

Paul Matz, from Rehmann, presented a report on the 2015-16 audit. The District received a clean audit, and was lauded for sound financial practices.

- 16-084 Trustee Holt moved to accept the audits into the District records as presented.

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

The board thanked Rehmann staff for the great working relationship and service they provide the district. Lisa and her staff, who were present and introduced at the meeting, were also praised for their cooperation with the auditors.

Ingall provided a summary of the new superintendent evaluation tool, researched and developed by the Michigan Association of School Boards. The Board and Superintendent have agreed to the following timeline for the 2016-2017 year:

- December 12, 2016 - Superintendent shares self-evaluation. Superintendent requests a closed session per MCL15.268 Sec. 8 (a).
- December 19, 2016 - Special Meeting of the Board of Education to compile and complete the evaluation of the Superintendent. Superintendent requests a closed session per MCL 15.268 Sec 8 (a).
- January 16, 2017 Board Meeting - Board has action item regarding the Superintendent Evaluation.

President Siemion adjourned the board meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Baker".

Christine Baker, Secretary  
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