

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes - Regular Meeting  
September 14, 2015

The Board of Education met on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Service Center.

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: Ingall, Grimes, VanderWall, and four audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

6727. Trustee Stack moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Board Meeting
- Payment of Bills
  - Accounts Payable \$954,468.15
  - Payroll \$2,180,033.65
  - 2014 Building & Site Bond III Expenditures \$3,207,841.19

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

Superintendent Andrew Ingall shared that district enrollment currently stands at 6288, approximately 40 students less than budgeted. Numbers continue to fluctuate as drops and adds are recorded.

The district has added 42 new staff members since June, including 18 teachers, three long-term substitutes, four secretaries, eight operations staff, seven auxiliary staff, and two administrators.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new arts and athletic areas at the high school will be held on Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 4:45 p.m. The community is invited and will have an opportunity to take a self-guided tour of the new areas.

The district has accepted a donation for sideline shelters from a parent in the district who works for ICON Shelter Systems. Two permanent shelters will be installed on the high school soccer field benefiting both the soccer and lacrosse programs.

Andy reports that educators are in support of House Bill 4822 (third grade reading proficiency) provided legislators agree to four changes. They include a phase in plan, elimination of Headlee concerns, increasing English Language Learner exemption to students with less than three years, and lowering the compulsory attendance age to 5. He also stated that compromise language to the Open Carry law may be coming down the pike.

There were no comments from the audience.

Instructional Services Director Mary Jane Evink provided an informational report regarding this year's Constitution Day, which is on September 17. She shared a summary of how teachers will infuse grade level appropriate lessons about the Constitution and the many rights and privileges it ensures for citizens.

Assistant Superintendent Scott Grimes sought acceptance of a staff resignation, and support to offer employment contracts to candidates for staffing positions throughout the district.

6728. Trustee O'Neal moved that the board accept the resignation of Sarah Lawton, elementary art teacher, with thanks for her seven years of service to our students and district.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

6729 Trustee Cramer moved that the board offer employment contracts to the following five candidates, with placement on the salary schedule as indicated:

Holly Barnett – Special Education Teacher at Lakeshore Middle School – AB Step 2

Lindsey Battjes – Third Grade Teacher at Mary A. White – AB Step 1

Kellene Hillard – Art Teacher at Robinson, Ferry, Peach Plains & Central High School – AB Step 1

Ashley Tooker – Third Grade Teacher at Robinson – AB Step 2

Joanna Yu – Spanish Teacher at White Pines Intermediate and GHHS – AB Step 2  
Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christine Baker, Secretary  
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