

AGENDA OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
for the
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ferry Elementary School
1050 Pennoyer Street
Grand Haven MI 49417

May 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.

I. OPENING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Approval of Agenda

E. CONSENT GROUPING

1. Approval of 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.

2. Approval of the Payment of Bills

F. Announcements

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education invites members of the audience to share questions or comments during this portion of the meeting. Comments may be related to an agenda item or to other areas of interest. The Board also encourages comment during discussion on particular agenda items or before the meeting is adjourned. The Board does not take action on comments or questions made during the public comment. The comments will be referred to the Superintendent for response, research, and/or recommendation. The Board asks that all speakers identify themselves, use the microphone and limit remarks to five minutes. We welcome your input.

II. INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A. Ferry School Improvement Update

III. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

A. Resolution Scheduling Budget Hearing

IV. HUMAN SERVICES

V. SUPERINTENDENT

A. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

The Board will break for a short recess

VI. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

A. Audience Participation

B. Selection of New Superintendent

VII. ADJOURNMENT

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 4, 2015

Agenda Topic: Ferry School Improvement Update

Presented by: Mary Jane Evink, Curriculum Director
Steve Avram, Principal - Ferry Elementary

Summary of Issue:

Ferry Elementary and Voyager Schools have approached school improvement differently this year. During the summer, the staff met several times to develop an intervention block, called Literacy Specials. Students who need extra support get it without missing core instruction. Students who do not need extra help receive enrichment. Staff started the year with a book study, Turning High Poverty into High Performing Schools, and identified ways to improve that would be most impactful to achievement. As a result of staff input, they are working to build a mission that reflects their commitment to student success. They are offering times to collaborate with each other, including the opportunity to participate in learning labs. They have specialized committees to address the significant mobility and behavior systems. An extended day learning opportunity is offered to upper elementary students. The principal and select staff are being trained in Cognitive Coaching and Adaptive Schools. These efforts will be showcased.

Administrative Recommendation:

The board is asked to hear an informational report on school improvement efforts at Ferry Elementary.

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Agenda Topic: Resolution Scheduling 2015 Budget Hearing

Presented by: Lisa Danicek, Director of Business and Data Services

Summary of Issue:

As required by Michigan statute, a budget hearing for the proposed 2015-16 budget must be held to receive any comments and/or discussion of the proposed budget.

Administrative Recommendation:

The Board is asked to adopt a 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.

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AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 4, 2015

Agenda Topic: Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy Updates

Presented by: Keith Konarska, Superintendent

Summary of Issue:

Board committees and cabinet members have had an opportunity to review and revise new draft policy updates from NEOLA. A first reading took place on March 16, 2015. The board is now asked to support a second reading and adoption of the following 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

Administrative Recommendation:

The Board is asked to support a second reading and adoption of board policy updates as presented.

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AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD MEETING

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Agenda Topic: Selection of Superintendent

Presented by: John Siemion, Board President

Summary of Issue:

Superintendent Konarska announced his retirement as superintendent of Grand Haven Area Public Schools, effective June 30, 2015. The school board approved opening a traditional search, which included accepting resumes and applications from both internal and external candidates. The board invited five candidates to be interviewed from a pool of 24, and then narrowed the field to three finalists: Craig Carmoney, superintendent of Meridian Public Schools; Scott Grimes, Grand Haven Area Public Schools assistant superintendent; and Andrew Ingall, superintendent of the Chelsea School District. Sight visits were conducted on each of the finalists and stakeholder meetings were held in district. The board of education conducted second interviews of the finalists on May 2.

Recommendation:

The board is asked to support the following motion:

I move that the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education approve the selection of _____ as Superintendent of Schools commencing on July 1, 2015, subject to the successful negotiation and approval of an employment contract.