

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes - Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015

The Board of Education met on Monday, August 18, 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, Holt, Treutler, Baker, and Siemion. Absent: Cramer

Also present: Ingall, Grimes, VanderWall, and 10 audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

6721. Trustee Holt moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the July 13, 2015 Board Meeting
- Payment of Bills
 - Accounts Payable \$1,614,467.77
 - Payroll \$2,406,294.85
 - Building & Site Bond II Expenditures \$863,504.86

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Superintendent Andy Ingall welcomed Patti Warmington from Cherry Health, who presented a plaque congratulating GHAPS for our comprehensive plus tobacco-free school policy. Ms. Warmington also provided information on tips for policy enforcement.

Ingall shared that the district received official word that Lakeshore Middle School has been removed from "Focus School" status.

Legislatively, the district will be watching closely as new language is being introduced regarding funding for roads, teacher evaluations, and third grade reading. Ingall also reported that the district has received 8 additional GSRP slots bringing our total to 160, 16 slots fewer than last year.

District staff is closely watching elementary enrollment numbers and may add staff to address multi-age classrooms.

Bond projects are going well and are still slated to be finished by the start of school. Staff orientation meetings will be held away from GHHS to allow construction crews to complete their work by September 8.

There were no comments from the audience.

Instructional Services Director Mary Jane Evink thanked the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for grant funding received for various district initiatives, most recently Raising Rigor with Books. Director of Grants and Nonprofit Services, Beth Larsen, was present to receive our thanks and to speak about the relationship the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation has with the school district. She shared new procedures for grant applications.

Grand Haven High School Principal Tracy Wilson, along with health education teacher Jodi Heard, presented a second reading of a proposed reproductive health curriculum to be added to the health class for high school credit. The Michigan Model unit contains all requirements as outlined in Public Act 226 including emphasis on abstinence. During public comment, a former student expressed her feelings on the importance of offering this curriculum to students.

6722. Trustee Baker moved that the board approve and adopt the proposed reproductive health curriculum for Grand Haven High School as presented.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Doug Start, Director of Technology, brought forth a bid for the purchase of desk top computers.

6723. Trustee O'Neal moved that the board accept the bid from Netech Corp. for 500 Dell Optiplex 3020 SFF, 500 Serial Port and Internal Speaker Adds, and 500 Dell 2214H Displays in the amount of \$265,800, to be paid with bond money.

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Superintendent Ingall sought approval to accept a three-year agreement with Interior Concepts for furniture replacement.

6724. Trustee Treutler moved to support a 3-year agreement with Interior Concepts of Spring Lake, Michigan for bond funded district-wide furniture replacement.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

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

6725. Trustee Baker moved that the board accept the resignations from staff with thanks for their many years of service to our students and district as follows:

Deb Stanley – Special Education Teacher, GHHS – 18 years with the district

Angela Sweet-Christian – English Teacher, GHHS – 13.5 years with the district

Tim Tiefenbach – 5th Grade Teacher, WPIS – 6 years with the district

Iliana Vasquez-Ochoa – World Language (Spanish) Teacher, GHHS – 5 years with the district

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

6726 Trustee Stack moved that the board offer employment contracts to the following eight candidates, with placement on the salary schedule as indicated:

Kamilla Allers – 3rd Grade Teacher at Ferry – AB + 18 Step 1

Allison Backowski – School Psychologist – MA Step 1

Jennifer Dooms – Resource Room Teacher at GHHS – AB Step 1

Sara Gortsema – 3rd Grade Teacher at Peach Plains – MA Step 2

Tiffany Severner – Guided Academics Teacher at White Pines – MA Step 2

Jennifer Taylor – 1st / 2nd Grade Teacher at Rosy Mound – MA Step 2

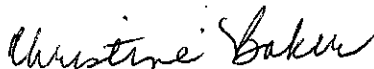
Samuel Thaler – PE Teacher (.6 FTE) at Peach Plains – AB Step 1

Jordin Weber – 5th Grade Teacher at White Pines – AB+18 Step 1

Trustee Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Baker, Secretary
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