

**GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 16, 2023**

The Board of Education met on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 pm at Griffin Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Superintendent Scott Grimes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Treutler, Holt, Eickholt, Stack, Baker, Streng and Boyd    Absent:

Also present: Grimes, Reinecke, MacDonald, Evink, Hammond, Leigh, Carithers, Kelley, Harsay, Endsley and 39 audience members.

Ceremonial Oath of Office was given to Trustee Treutler, Eickholt and Stack by Dawn Kelley.

The election of officers was held as follows:

**17-506** Trustee Holt moved to nominate the slate of officers as follows:

Christine Baker as President  
Carl Treutler as Vice President  
Nichol Stack as Secretary  
Chris Streng as Treasurer

Trustee Eickholt seconded the motion.

Trustee Treutler declined the nomination for Vice President.

Open discussion for new slate of officers as follows:

Christine Baker as President  
Seth Holt as Vice President  
Nichol Stack as Secretary  
Chris Streng as Treasurer

Trustee Holt moved that the nominations be closed and votes cast for the slate of officers.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Trustee Stack moved to reopen the nomination of officers

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Discussion proceeded on who might be interested in the Vice President position.

Trustee Boyd moved to nominate the slate of officers as follows:

Christine Baker as President  
Chris Streng as Vice President  
Nichol Stack as Secretary  
Seth Holt as Treasurer

Trustee Eickholt seconded the motion.

Trustee Stack moved that the nominations be closed and votes cast for the slate of officers.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

President Baker established the Board of Education meeting dates, times, and locations as follows:

Thursday, January 5, 2023                      12:00 p.m.                      Education Service Center, 1415 S Beechtree, GH

## Regular Board Mtg. Minutes – January 16, 2023

(Special Board Mtg)

Monday, January 16, 2023  
(Organizational Mtg)

Monday, January 16, 2023 (Organizational Mtg)	7:00 p.m.	Griffin Elementary School, 1700 S Griffin Street, GH
Monday, February 6, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Central High School, 106 S 6th, GH
Monday, March 13, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Ferry/Voyager School, 1050 Pennoyer, GH
Monday, May 15, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Lake Hills Elementary School, 18181 Dogwood, SL
Monday, June 12, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Education Service Center, 1415 S Beechtree, GH
Monday, July 17, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Education Service Center, 1415 S Beechtree, GH
Monday, August 14, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Education Service Center, 1415 S Beechtree, GH
Monday, September 18, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Mary A. White Elementary School, 1400 Wisconsin, GH
Monday, November 13, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Grand Haven High School, 17001 Ferris, GH
Monday, December 11, 2023	7:00 p.m.	Peach Plains Elementary School, 15849 Comstock, GH
Monday, January 15, 2024 (Organizational Mtg)	7:00 p.m.	Lakeshore Middle School, 900 S Cutler, GH

## Dates for Board Retreat / Work Sessions

April 21, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - location TBD

October 13, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - location TBD

Committee Assignments

Personnel Committee	Stack (chairperson), Treutler, Baker
Business Committee	Streng (chairperson), Eickholt, Baker
Program Committee	Holt (chairperson), Boyd, Baker

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**17-507** Trustee Eickholt moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the December 5, 2022 Board Meeting and January 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting.
- Payment of Bills for December.

Accounts Payable-Exhibit I	\$ 1,594,853.73
Expenditures Previously Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$ 5,140,638.72
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 198,078.73
Ref Pay November, 2022	\$ 14,458.00
Ref Pay December, 2022	\$ 10,548.00
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 180,421.77
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$ 11,529.68

Trustee Streng seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Grimes:

- January is National School Board Recognition month and the Board was thanked for their time and dedication. GHAPS is extremely fortunate to have this Board who has faced challenges and have made difficult decisions.
- A new septic was put in at Robinson Elementary over the holiday break.

- New furniture was set up in Y5 - 2nd grade classrooms in five (5) of our elementary schools over the holiday break. The remaining two (2) buildings will be completed during spring break. Peach Plains students prepared a "thank you" booklet that was shared with the Board.
- GHHS Chamber Orchestra was one of five orchestras in the state of Michigan invited to perform at the Michigan Music Conference at DeVos Performance Hall on Friday, January 20, 2023. Congratulations to Melissa Meyers and Tatyana Walters along with our talented students.

Public Comment: Six (6) parents/staff/community members spoke.

Julie Norkoli - proposed bond proposal

Joann Held - law enforcement appreciation day; transportation for sporting events; research batteries used in cargo vans

John Siemion - thank you to the Board

Sarah McElrath - update on what's happening in GHAPS libraries

Kate Hoffmeyer - request for board packets to be available electronically to the public prior to board meetings and board policy update process

Alison El-Cassabgui - thank you to the Board and staff

#### Instructional Services

Mary Jane gave an update on Martin Luther King activities. Teachers, parents and administrators help plan and give feedback on activities that happened last week and today. Our purpose has always been to learn, serve and be inspired. An update on activities in the buildings along with volunteer opportunities was given. A district wide food drive to support Kids Food Basket collected 2000 items along with 2500 decorated bags. Approximately 10,000 items were collected to support Backpack Blessings, Hand2Hand and our high school pantries. Additionally we connected 149 secondary students to volunteer opportunities in our community today.

Griffin Elementary School Principal, Alex Harsay and Instructional Coach Kara Endsley showcased school improvement efforts with Griffin staff and students. They include an academic focus with collaborative teams, a book study of Becoming A Better Grown Up to grow the culture, a reading event that set a world record, collaboration with White Pines students, and other activities that build culture and connection and supports behavior systems.

#### Business Services

- 17-508** Trustee Streng moved to approve the purchase of additional elementary furniture from Meteor Education at a total cost of \$107,787.88. This will be purchased out of capital outlay.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

- 17-509** Trustee Streng moved to approve the purchase of two 2023 Ford E-Transit High Roof Cargo Vans from Feldman Ford of Detroit at a total cost not to exceed \$127,247.10.

Trustee Eickholt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

- 17-510** Trustee Stack moved to approve the purchase of the Mitsubishi Forklift from Morrison Industrial through the MiDeal Contract at a total cost not to exceed \$36,172.99.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**17-511** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the 2022-23 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

#### Human Services

**17-512** Trustee Holt moved to offer an employment contract to the below-named candidates for the 2022-23 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

New Hires/ Teachers	Position	Building	Level
Jordan Medellin	Teacher – Spanish	GHHS	GHEA BA Step 7
Maria Schoon	Teacher – Music	WPIS / Griffin / Lake Hills	GHEA BA Step 1

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

#### Board President

**17-513** Trustee Holt moved to approve an evaluation rating of Effective for the 2022-2023 school year for Superintendent Scott Grimes.

Trustee Stack seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Baker - Yes; Holt - Yes; Boyd - Yes; Eickholt - Yes; Streng - Yes; Stack - Yes; Treutler - Yes **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

There being no further agenda items, President Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Stack, Secretary  
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