

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes – Board Retreat
October 7, 2022

The Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education held its annual Fall Retreat on Friday, October 7, 2022 at Grand Haven High School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Board President Carl Treutler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Treutler, Holt, Baker, Stack, Boyd and Streng. Eickholt arrived at 8:10am Absent:

Also present: Scott Grimes, Superintendent, Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services, Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services, Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services, and Dawn Kelley, Exec Admin Assistant, Principal Kate Drake, Principal Tracy Wilson, Teachers Dan Newton and Kim Eikenberry, Principal Amanda Sorrell and Teacher Tamara Waters, Principal Mike Shelton and Instructional Coach Tiffany Zappa, Math Coaches Laurel Pellegrom, Lyndsey Bensel and Sara Cook, Kate Augustyn, Special Education Director, Cassady Krumm, Special Education Supervisor, Ally Harder, Behavior Coach and 3 audience members.

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Grimes:

- Thanks to Tracy Wilson and Dana Rider for hosting our Board retreat.
- We've had an awesome start to the school year. Homecoming week was a great success and Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon.
- Our Fall athletics teams have seen success and we'll enjoy performances during the retreat by our Orchestra and cast from Singing in the Rain
- We have a few items to take care of and then we will begin looking at our strategic focus areas.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

17-491 Trustee Streng moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- Payment of Bills for September

Accounts Payable -	\$ 1,593,976.43
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$ 3,243,153.41
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 86,156.11
Ref Pay September 2022	\$ 10,464.00
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 70,570.41
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$ 15,588.84

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

Public Comment: None

Instructional Services

Mary Jane Evink shared information with the Board regarding a 98c Learning Loss Grant and received feedback on how funds received could be utilized in our district. Streng, Baker, Boyd and Treutler all provided feedback.

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17-492 Trustee Streng moved to apply for the 98c Learning Loss Grant and Trustee Stack seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Business Services

17-493 Trustee Streng moved to approve the purchase of Fitness Center equipment from Life Fitness in the amount of \$44,261.18.

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

17-494 Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the refinishing of the floor and hoop structure work in the Auxiliary Gym at GHHS by Floor Care Concepts in the amount of \$17,247.00 and Bareman and Associates in the amount of \$17,960.00..

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

Presentations were given to the board by representatives from elementary, intermediate and secondary buildings regarding how collaborative teams work together in our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). 40 -50 staff members attended Solution Tree's summer institute gaining valuable knowledge and tools to move forward in our PLC process. Teams meet to look at data and create best practices for student growth.

Math Coaches presented their top priorities for the 22-23 school year. At the elementary level their focus is on shared learning. They are providing group instruction as well as individual work with teachers. At the 5th-8th grade level, they are working on coaching cycles and tier one instruction. The Math Coaches are also working on building data walls for each building which will allow teams to see trends across the district.

The Board enjoyed a performance by our GHHS Orchestra.

Mary Jane Evink presented information on Iready, a benchmark assessment given to students 3x per year.

Kate Augustyn, Cassady Krumm and Ally Harder presented information surrounding Social, Emotional Learning. We know that when the social and emotional needs of our students are met, academic growth will follow. With the hiring of additional Behavior Coaches, it allows for more dedicated time in each building, classroom observations and providing learning opportunities for teachers. Professional Development around trauma supported practices continues for our staff. Information was shared on restorative practices which supports the science of relationships and community. Restorative practices builds relationships and community; involves all stakeholders; reduces harmful behaviors and holds individuals and groups accountable. Ongoing training is being provided.

The Board enjoyed a performance by members of the cast from "Singing in the Rain" which will be performed in mid-November.

Mary Jane Evink presented on Diversity Equity Inclusion Belonging (DEIB). Many committee members returned from last year. Focus areas are elevating the student voice, connecting with the community, celebrating learning and growing from our mistakes.

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Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources gave an update on staffing needs along with an enrollment update. He also gave a safety update on floor door locks and the status of resource buckets for each building. Jason shared about celebrating staff with a Grand Star of the Month and a monthly Leadership spotlight. He has also created an internal leadership growth program which was open to any staff member, there were over 30 staff that signed up for the first meeting.

The Board was joined by GMB and OAK staff members. A presentation was given on our future facility needs. Board members had the opportunity to share and ask questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nichol Stack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nichol" and last name "Stack" clearly distinguishable.

Nichol Stack, Secretary
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