

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting
December 11, 2023

The Board of Education met on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Peach Plains Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Christine Baker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Absent:

Also present: Scott Grimes, Jason Reinecke, Mary Jane Evink, Michael MacDonald, Jason Lawson, Jenn Kenny, Mariah Mulcahy, Danielle Bolthuis and Susan Bays, GHSF Executive Director, and Dawn Kelley and 12 audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

17-590 Trustee Streng moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the November 13, 2023 Board Retreat Meeting
- Payment of Bills for November

Accounts Payable-Exhibit I	\$1,914,423.92
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$3,731,285.49
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 21,749.00
Ref Pay November, 2023	\$ 24,846.85
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 116,656.37
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$ 26,152.67

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

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Grimes:

- Welcome to Peach Plains - a special welcome back to Principal Jason Lawson as he recently returned to GHAPS after being away for a couple of years and thank you for hosting this month's meeting.
- Congratulations to Rita McLary and the students for their incredible performance of Mary Poppins.
- Congratulations to Juli Dick, Melissa Meyers and Iain Novoselich for the outstanding performances this holiday season, especially the Holiday Spectacular where band, choir and orchestra all came together for one performance. There are still a few opportunities next week for additional performing arts performances by our lower grades.
- Welcome to Sue Bays, Executive Director of the Grand Haven Schools Foundation (GHSF). The mission of GHSF is to support the quality education of students through funding various grant initiatives. Last Friday, GHSF had a surprise grant celebration rewarding staff with over \$52,000 in grants. They have a number of grant initiatives including Teacher Mini Grants, Field Trip Grants awards which is a program for Title I schools, New teacher Classroom Library where every new K-6 teacher is given \$500 to build their classroom library and District Impact grants that help support larger initiatives throughout the district. A special thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for their support of the New Teacher Classroom Library grant by donating a book that was distributed to new teachers. GHSF also provides full tuition preschool scholarships and currently supports 34 preschool students. Last year, GHSF gave over \$99,000 in grant awards and they are hoping to exceed that amount this year. Donor support is how they can do what they do each year. Visit ghsf.org for more information.

Public Comment:

Kate Hoffmeyer - spoke regarding curriculum changes, specifically Algebra. She questioned why curriculum votes by the board of education are typically unanimous and why board members are not asking more questions related to curriculum changes. In regards to the Iready manipulatives, her understanding is that it is an AI run, 30 minute requirement for english and math. Her children turn on the manipulative and just let it run. Kate states that according to an email from a teacher, many students are doing that as well and she wonders why we are paying for an AI tutor when kids are just letting it run and not engaging with it.

Instructional Services

Mary Jane Evink introduced Peach Plains Principal Jason Lawson. Jason and his team, which included Instructional Coach Jen Kenney, 1st grade Teacher Danielle Bolthouse and Kindergarten Teacher Mariah Mulcahy, provided an update on Peach Plain's efforts to improve learning and school ready behavior. They shared how they use data and shared learning to progress toward the building-wide math goal, how the math resources from our Solution Tree Consultant are being utilized, and how creating school families and Responsive Classrooms provide clarity and connection for a productive learning environment.

Business Services

17-591 Trustee Holt made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Budget Amendment #1 as presented.

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

17-592 Trustee Eickholt made a motion to approve the Summer 2024 Tax Levy Resolution.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Eickholt - Yes; Treutler - Yes; Boyd - Yes; Holt - Yes; Streng - Yes; Stack - Yes; and Baker - Yes **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

17-593 Trustee Streng made a motion to approve the i'move GH agreement for athletic trainer services and physical therapy clinic space. This is a four year agreement with a 3% increase each year. This agreement ensures High School and Middle School athletes are covered.

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

Superintendent

17-594 Trustee Streng made a motion to adopt the proposed board policies revisions as presented.

- New Policy - po1540 Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
- Revised Policy - po2370.01 On-line/Blended Learning Program
- Revised Policy - po7217 Weapons
- Revised Policy - po8305 Information Security
- Revised Policy - po8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals

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

- 17-595** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve revised policy - po7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety with proposed update and amended with the following language added: ***“Instruction in the Use of AI/NLP: As skills in effective use of AI/NLP become valued for educational and employment opportunities, it is expected that the district may include instruction in its use as part of the district instructional programming.”***

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

- 17-596** Trustee Stack made a motion to accept the retirement of Superintendent Scott Grimes effective June 30, 2024.

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

Board President

- 17-597** Trustee Stack moved to go into closed session, at the request of Mr. Grimes, per Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation

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

The Board moved into Closed Session at 7:59 PM

Board discussed the evaluation of Superintendent Grimes.

The Board reconvened into Open session at 9:48 PM

There being no further agenda items, President Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Stack, Secretary
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