

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2023

The Board of Education met on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Ferry / Voyager 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, Streng, Boyd and Baker Absent:

Also present: Scott Grimes, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Cecil Hammond, Shelly Hammond, Erica Kelly, Dan Martin, Angela Caulley and 38 audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

17-517 Trustee Eickholt moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- Payment of Bills for February

Accounts Payable-Exhibit I	\$ 1,064,658.96
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$ 3,398,001.51
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 128,693.61
Ref Pay February, 2023	\$ 7,953.20
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 124,176.44
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$ 9,981.93

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

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Grimes:

- A special thank you to Shelly Hammond and the Ferry/Voyager staff for hosting our board meeting. A great presentation was given by Voyager students on their classroom hydroponics system.
- Winter Sports have finished and Spring sports are beginning today.
- Band, Orchestra and Choir Festivals are happening @ GHHS.
- Spring Break is around the corner, just a few weeks away.
- Legislature Update
 - House passed Senate Bill 12 which repeals the retention mandate consideration for 3rd Grade students but will probably not take effect until 23-24 SY.
 - The Senate also passed expansion of sinking funds for buses and other vehicles.
 - Proposal to eliminate all prohibited subjects of bargaining under PERA.
- Continuing to provide facts on the bond proposal to our staff, families and community.
- Congratulations to Chris Baker, Seth Holt and Marc Eickholt for MASB Distinction awards.

Public Comment: Eight (8) community members spoke:

Julie Norkoli - Consider a book rating system for our libraries. Suggested a system called Booklooks.org.

Jeff King - Consider a book rating system for our libraries. Read an excerpt from a Restore Ottawa article on books in school libraries.

Roberta Nauta - Consider a book rating system. Listed books that had been removed from GHAPS libraries. Read excerpts from the book "Milk and Honey". Spoke also on the denial of the book "Irreversible Damage".

Vanessa Wilhelm - Denial of "Irreversible Damage" and article in the GH Tribune regarding embezzlement.

Kate Hoffmeyer - Denial of "Irreversible Damage" and read from GHAPS material reconsideration guide.

Roger Williams - Denial of "Irreversible Damage".

Susan Robertson - Misinformation online from public comments concerning wetlands easement in conjunction with Rosy Mound Senior Living.

Lisa Rodkey - Update on reading initiatives and what is happening in GHAPS building libraries.

Instructional Services

17-518 Trustee Boyd moved to approve the purchase of Air Tutors for a one year agreement, not to exceed \$63,360.00

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

Shelly Hammond and Erica Kelly showcased the following:

- School-specific practices to accelerate student learning using collaborative teams in a Professional Learning Community.
- Ferry Voyager has community partnerships with our Homegrown program to develop design thinking skills and to gain an awareness and connection to the community.
- Voyager School staff and students shared some unique opportunities for learning including the work from their grant-supported hydroponics garden
- Chris Streng is the building partner for Ferry / Voyager and spoke about his lifelong connection to this school. He experiences and sees the love, commitment and caring from the staff at Ferry / Voyager to their students and families.

Business Services

All boosters and PTO have turned in their required documentation at this time.

17-519 Trustee Streng moved to approve the recommended, negotiated one-year Summer Tax Collection Agreements with Robinson Township, Port Sheldon Township, and Norton Shores.

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

17-520 Trustee Streng moved to approve the purchase of Critical Incident Mapping completed by CRG. This will not exceed \$39,880.05 and will come from section 97d dollars received from the State of Michigan.

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

17-521 Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the purchase of 450 staff chairs for the remainder of the District at a price of \$278,266.50. This will be a fiscal year 2022-23 purchase out of the 2020 Bond fund

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

- 17-522** Trustee Streng moved to approve and authorize the below staff the use of district credit cards for the remainder of 22-23 SY and 23-24 SY.

Positions authorized to use district credit cards:

Superintendent
 Superintendent Administrative Assistant
 Assistant Superintendent
 Executive Director Instructional Services
 Executive Director of Business Services
 Technology Director
 Director of Operations
 Director of Special Education
 Principal
 Athletic Director
 Director of Safety & Security
 Assistant Director

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

Human Services

Jason Reinecke provided a school safety update including building safety assessments scheduled in the next three weeks. An update was given regarding changes to district provided activity transportation and reduction of participation fees for the 23-24 school year. An overview of what Ferry / Voyager would receive if the May 2023 Bond proposal is approved.

Superintendent

- 17-523** Trustee Boyd moved to approve the JUUL Class Action Lawsuit settlement as presented in the resolution.

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

Board President

- 17-524** Trustee Streng moved to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with its attorney(s) regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation (Wheeler Estate Litigation Matter).

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

The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:01pm

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Board consulted with attorney(s)

The Board reconvened into Open session at 9:20pm

There being no further agenda items, President Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.

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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