



Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Draft Board Finance & Operations Committee Minutes May 13, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.

Attendees: Nichol Stack, Marc Eickholt, Seth Holt (arrived at 5:10)

Absent: none

Also present: Kristin Perkowski, Michael MacDonald, Sara VanderZee, Cecil Hammond

Audience: 2

Public Comment: none

Business Services:

A hearing resolution will be on the agenda at the upcoming Board meeting to schedule a separate time for a GHAPS budget hearing, which is typically thirty minutes prior to the June Board meeting.

A resolution will be on the agenda at the upcoming Board meeting to approve the 2025-26 OAISD budget, per the Michigan School Code. The OAISD budget highlights for FY2026 include a projected deficit of over \$900,000 and funds for Building Controls capital project, Filter First capital project, and a Central Office/Conference Center/Early Childhood Center capital project.

The Chartwells contract renewal includes a 3.1% increase in cost, staying in line with the Consumer Price Index.

The West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics food vending contract renewal includes an increase of 3% in bill rate.

Cecil Hammond requested support to purchase new Chromebooks for all 5th grade students for the 2025-26 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$105,520.50 with remaining bond funds. Bond funds are not available to also replace 9th grade student Chromebooks as has been done in recent years. The committee supported this request being brought to the full Board for approval.

Board President Update:

After the April Board meeting, President Stack, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent sought legal advice from the District's attorney surrounding the idea of recording Board meetings through video to share with the public. Stack shared the takeaways from that conversation, and the committee requested more information from administration to assist with discussion at the next committee

meeting. For now, the committee agreed to continue posting administration recommendations, any slide presentations, and for Nate Hunt to post pre- and post- meeting graphics of the agenda/administration recommendation outcomes. The Board President and Superintendent will also look into doing a post meeting video recap.

Superintendent Update:

Superintendent Perkowski reminded Board members of the 6:00pm Special Board Workshop to introduce Board Book Premier, and recommended that Board members bring their laptop.

Brad Cusumano has been selected as the new Lakeshore Middle School principal and the District has received great feedback on the decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm