

**GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 10, 2024**

The Board of Education met on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Grand Haven High School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Chris Streng. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Also present: Scott Grimes, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Dawn Kelley, Tracy Wilson and approximately 28 audience members.

**17-644**   Trustee Holt moved that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

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

**17-645**   Trustee Eickholt moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular board meeting
- Payment of Bills for May

Accounts Payable-	\$1,930,827.51
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$5,796,089.14
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$   37,983.50
Ref Pay May, 2024	\$   27,922.70
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$   184,776.44
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$   22,403.55

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

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Grimes:

- We had two great graduation ceremonies a couple weeks ago. Congratulations to both of our high schools for organizing these outstanding events. The weather was beautiful for both and the students were amazing. Congratulations to all of our graduates.
- Our spring sports season has been very successful of late as our teams and individuals have turned in outstanding performances.
  - Our boys club volleyball team finished as state runner ups for the 2nd year in a row.
  - Boys track and field earned a 6th place finish this past weekend in the division 1 state meet. Seth Norder was the state champion in the 1600 meter run. (His 3rd state title).
  - Girls soccer won both the district and regional championships.
  - Boys baseball were district champions.
  - Girls tennis qualified for the state tournament for the first time in many years.

- We are still waiting to hear more from the state regarding a school aide budget. We are hoping it comes soon. Without this information, it is very difficult to develop our budget, but be aware we are being conservative in our planning.
- We sent out information regarding the sinking fund on Wednesday, June 5th. It included information on our website.
- We have a number of special guests here this evening from the High School Science Olympiad team. This incredible program has won 31 Regional championships, 19 state championships and 3 national championships in their 38 years of competition. Scott introduced Science Olympiad Head Coach Mike Reed.

Mike Reed introduced the thirteen (13) of the nineteen (19) students who competed this year. Many of these students have participated in Science Olympiad since 6th grade. Their dedication, passion and endless hours are admirable. Mike shared his extreme appreciation for the team of coaches that share their expertise, time and passion for Science Olympiad, our long-standing successes would not be possible without our coaches. Student Kari Taylor recognized Coach Mike Reed and all his hard work.

#### Public Comment:

Sarah Matwiejczyk - Spoke about her running for Ottawa County Prosecutor in the August 6, 2024 election.

Tracy Wilson - Thanked the board for being at GHHS and recognized and thanked him for his 35 years of service and dedication to Grand Haven Area Public Schools. Spoke about Scott Grimes, thanking him

Mac Davis - Spoke about a recent book he published, "They Came Through the Schools" and encouraged the board, administrators and staff to be proactive in the fight against public education.

#### Instructional Services

Mary Jane Evink shared with the board the results of benchmark assessments measuring grade-level achievements. These scores will be posted on the website.

- 17-646** Trustee Stack moved to approve the purchase of German II Deutsch So Aktuell textbooks from Carnegie Learning in the amount of \$3,407.68.

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

- 17-647** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the purchase of digital resources for Spanish I, II and III from Savvas with a six (6) year subscription in the amount of \$73,912.50.

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

- 17-648** Trustee Holt moved to approve the renewal of a six (6) year subscription of Conceptual Physics from Savvas in the amount of \$38,155.00.

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

- 17-649** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the renewal of digital resources for Miller Levine Biology from Savvas

with a six (6) year subscription in the amount of \$35,608.00.

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

- 17-650** Trustee Stack moved to approve the purchase of Myers' Psychology for the AP Course for Psychology - Advanced Placement from Bedford, Freeman and Worth in the amount of \$33,428.64.

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

#### Business Services

- 17-651** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the two year extension with the City of Grand Haven.

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

- 17-652** Trustee Eickholt moved to adopt Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 for the 2024 tax levies.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Treutler-Yes; Eickholt-Yes; Baker-Yes; Holt-Yes; Stack-Yes; and Streng-Yes **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

- 17-653** Trustee Stack moved to approve the 2023-24 Final Budget Amendment.

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

- 17-654** Trustee Baker moved to approve the bank depositories/financial institutions for school district funds the 2024-25 school year.

***Listed below are the banking institutions at which we currently have accounts:***

PNC Bank (ending July 1, 2024)

General Checking  
General Savings  
Payroll Checking  
Health Insurance Account  
AFLAC Account

MBIA-CLASS:

Debt Fund Investment  
Capital Projects Fund Investment  
General Fund Investment

Huntington National Bank

2020 School Building & Site  
General Fund Investment

West Michigan Community Bank

2020 School Building & Site Checking  
Common Debt Retirement Account  
Capital Projects Fund 42

Lake Michigan Credit Union

General Checking  
 General Savings  
 Payroll Checking  
 Health Insurance Account  
 AFLAC Account

***Listed below are the financial institutions where we bid investments:***

The Huntington National Bank/Huntington Capital Corp.  
 LaSalle Bank, Midwest  
 Comerica/Comerica Securities  
 MBIA-MISC/CLASS Pool  
 Talmer West Bank  
 Community Shores Bank  
 Flagstar Bank  
 Macatawa Bank  
 PFM Asset Management, LLC  
 Meeder Investments  
 PNC Bank  
 Bank One  
 Charter One Bank  
 Citizens Bank  
 Multi-Bank Securities  
 Bank of Utah  
 West Michigan Community Bank  
 Lake Michigan Credit Union

## 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 6-0**

**17-655** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the proposed Food Service pricing for the 2024-25 school year.

**Meal Recommendation 2024-2025**

	Approved 23-24 Price	Recommended 24-25 Price
Type A Elementary	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.25
Type A Secondary	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.75
Student Breakfast	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
Milk	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Adult Lunch	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.50
Adult Breakfast	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00

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

**17-656** Trustee Baker moved to approve the proposed 2024-25 budget as presented.

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

#### Human Services

**17-657** Trustee Stack moved to offer an employment contract to the below-named candidate for the 2024-25 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

<b>New Hires/ Teachers</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Level</b>
Johnathan Baty	Teacher – 3rd Grade	MAW	GHEA MA Step 8
Courtney Coffin	Teacher – 6th Grade	WPIS	GHEA BA Step 1
Ashleigh Fowler	Teacher - ESL	K - 8	GHEA BA +18 Step 3
Anna Merkel	Teacher – 1st Grade	Lake Hills	GHEA BA Step 6
Aria Nowlin	Teacher - IRR	MAW	GHEA BA Step 1

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

**17-658** Trustee Baker moved to approve contract extensions and revisions for listed administrative staff as presented.

Kevin Berko, Principal, Central High School  
 Kevin Blanding, Principal, Rosy Mound Elementary  
 Trent (Douglas) Carithers, Director of Security & Safety  
 Brandon Cusumano, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School  
 Aaron Dean, Assistant Principal, Lakeshore Middle School  
 Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services  
 Keegan Ferris, Assistant Athletic Director  
 Cecil Hammond, Director Technology  
 Shelly Hammond, Principal, Ferry Elementary and Voyager Schools  
 Ally Harder, Assistant Special Education Director  
 Alex Harsay, Principal, Griffin Elementary School  
 Cassady Krumm, Director of Special Education  
 Jason Lawson, Principal, Peach Plains Elementary School  
 Matthew Leigh, Assistant Director of Technology  
 Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services  
 Jason MacKay, Director of Operations and Transportation  
 Jeff Marcus, Principal, Robinson Elementary School  
 Ian Overway, Principal, Lake Hills Elementary School  
 Rachel Poel, Principal, Mary A. White Elementary School  
 Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services  
 Mike Roberson, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School

Gina Schmitt, Assistant Principal, Grand Haven High School  
 Taylor Schriber, Director of Athletics  
 Jennifer Shaughnessy, Assistant Principal, White Pines Intermediate School  
 Mike Shelton, Principal, White Pines Intermediate School  
 Amanda Sorrelle, Principal, Lakeshore Middle School  
 Tracy Wilson, Principal, Grand Haven High School

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

**17-659** Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the increase for all Non-Association employees for the 2024-25 year as presented.

- Step increases where applicable
- 4% increase to all wage scales

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

Superintendent

**17-660** Trustee Stack moved to approve the resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2024-25 school year.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Treutler-Yes; Eickholt-Yes; Baker-Yes; Holt-Yes; Stack-Yes; and Streng-Yes **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

The board members said a final thank you and offered their gratitude to Scott Grimes for his 35 years of service to the district.

There being no further agenda items, President Streng adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Nichol Stack, Secretary  
 GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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