

GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting Minutes - Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2024

The Board of Education met on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Education Service Center.

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, Boyd and Treutler Absent:

Also present: Kristin Perkowski, Jason Reinecke, Michael MacDonald, Mary Jane Evink, Nate Hunt, Wendy Glasgow, Kim Eickenberry, and Dawn Kelley and approximately 16 audience members.

17-668 Trustee Eickholt moved that the meeting agenda be approved as presented.

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

17-669 Trustee Baker moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular board meeting
- Payment of Bills for August

Accounts Payable-	\$1,521,768.47
Expenditures Previously	
Approved by Board Treasurer	
Payroll	\$3,025,854.81
2020 Building & Site Bond	\$ 3,805.78
Ref Pay August, 2024	\$ 6,812.25
Edustaff, contracted staff and subs	\$ 10,396.59
PNC credit card (credit on account)	\$ 19,587.17

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

The following announcements were shared by Superintendent Perkowski:

- Recognition of GHAPS Grand Partner of the Month - The Grand Haven Salvation Army
 - We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support by The Grand Haven Salvation Army in meeting the needs of our GHAPS students and families, most recently evidenced by serving more than 100 families at their August 15 Back to School Event and Family Night. We know this is an amazing undertaking by Rebecca Lippard and Majors James and Penny Mungai. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Major James Mungai and Rebecca Lippard. Rebecca shared that they are grateful for our partnership and acknowledged the work they do with our Student Success Coordinator, Sarah Elliott. Part of their work is providing housing, food, utility assistance and hope.
- Continuing Coffee and Connect listening opportunities throughout our community.
- Our external community input sessions will take place next week.
- Our buildings are continuing the Bridges math rollout.

- Shout-out to Transportation Supervisor Sherry Stone and the entire department for a job well done kicking off the school year. I had the opportunity to ride along one morning with one of our drivers.
- Safety and Security focus is on SCAN. Employees are reminded to have Situational awareness, Classroom doors locked, Always wear GHAPS ID badges and Notice and verify all guests in the building.

Public Comment:

Dana Appel, Harbor Transit - shared about the fair and equal public transportation services offered to all riders in Grand Haven, with curb to curb, convenient service, and affordable fares. Their mission is to provide a high quality, safe, and efficient public transportation service delivered by dedicated drivers.

Sarah Elliott, Student Success Coordinator at GHAPS - shared about her appreciation and experience working with this month’s Grand Partner, the Grand Haven Salvation Army. The support that she receives from them is invaluable. Over the last several years, Sarah has seen an increase in families struggling with housing insecurity and the continued limited housing resources in our community. The Grand Haven Salvation Army is working hard to bridge the housing gap for many in our community.

Instructional Services

K-12 Benchmark Goals (24-25) / Informational Only - Mary Jane Evink

Grand Haven Area Public Schools are required to establish benchmark goals for reading and math in grades K-8 and also academic goals for grades 9-12. These goals are to be announced to the Board of Education in September and progress toward the goals must be reported in February and June. Consistent with last year, the goal is to show growth in reading and math for 100% of our students as measured by the iReady assessment. It is also a goal to have 100% of our students on track for graduation in grade 9-12 measured by credits earned.

Constitution Day / Informational Only - Mary Jane Evink, Wendy Glasgow and Kim Eickenberry

Public schools in Michigan are required to learn about the Constitution. This year, Constitution Day is designated on September 17. Teachers will infuse grade level appropriate lessons about the document and the many rights and privileges it ensures for citizens. Kim Eickenberry, Grand Haven High School Social Studies Teacher and Wendy Glasgow, 1st Grade Teacher at Lake Hills shared some details about the learning they facilitate on Constitution Day.

Business Services

17-670 Trustee Boyd moved to approve the updated Food Service pricing for the 2024-25 school year.

Meal Price 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	\$5.15
Adult Breakfast	\$3.00	\$3.00

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

17-671 Trustee Eickholt moved to approve the vended meals contract with WMAAA.

Trustee Boyd seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED 5-2**

Annual Financial Overview / Informational Only - Michael MacDonald

- The District’s overall financial health remains strong, but we must be vigilant. Revenue has grown significantly, but our expenditures have as well. Managing a declining enrollment and aging facilities remains a challenge that could have major financial impacts.
 - Interest earnings grew from approximately \$900k in fiscal year 2023 to \$1.13M in fiscal year 2024. The District maintained an average investment balance of \$10.8M during the 2024 fiscal year.
 - Enrollment has decreased from 6,267 in 2015 to 5,306 in 2024. This is significant and is projected to continue to decrease. Enrollment is the largest impact on the District’s State funding. Navigating this decline is important as the District strives for balanced budgets.
 - Facilities and deferred maintenance remain one of the most pressing issues for the district. The average age of our buildings is 62 years old and we are facing over \$120M in deferred maintenance needs.
- The 2024 Sinking Fund proposal is a crucial step towards addressing these deferred maintenance challenges. We are immensely grateful to our community for their ongoing support and commitment to our district.

Human Services

17-672 Trustee Stack moved to offer an employment contract to the below-named candidates for the 2024-25 school year, with placement on the salary schedule as presented.

New Hires/ Teachers	Position	Building	Level
Carmen Cook	Teacher - SXI	WPIS	BA +18 Step 24
Laura Donner	Teacher - ECSE	Peach Plains	BA +18 Step 12
Alexandra Dykgraaf	Teacher – RR	Lake Hills	BA Step 4
Alissa Lane	Teacher - RR	WPIS	MA Step 6

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

Superintendent

Superintendent Kristin Perkowski presented the second reading of the proposed new/revised/rescinded board policies.

17-673 Trustee Baker moved to adopt the proposed new/revised/rescinded board policies as presented.

- New Policy - po2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- New Policy - po6350 Prevailing Wage
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po1240 Evaluation of the Superintendent
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po2414 Reproductive Health and Family Planning
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po2418 Sex Education
- Existing Policy (language added) - po6220 Budget Preparation
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po6520 Payroll Deductions
- Existing Policy (language added/rescinded) - po8800 Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances
- Existing Policy (technical corrections) - po3220 Professional Staff Evaluation

- Existing Policy (technical corrections) - po6320 Purchasing
- Existing Policy (technical corrections) - po6321 New School Construction, Renovation
- Existing Policy (technical corrections) - po6325 Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds
- Rescinded Policy - po2410 Prohibition of Referral or Assistance

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

Board President

17-674 Trustee Baker made a motion to certify two (2) delegates to serve as voting delegates at MASB's Delegate Assembly October 24, 2024

Trustee Holt seconded the motion.

Trustee Boyd made a motion to certify Marc Eickholt (delegate) and Nichol Stack(Alternate) as voting delegates at MASB's Delegate Assembly October 24, 2024.

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

Superintendent

17-675 Trustee Holt moved to approve the resolution authorizing Grand Haven Area Public Schools to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with Franz Law Group for the purpose of seeking damages from defendants accused of artificially inflating insulin prices at the expense of employers and health plan entities, including insurance pools.

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

Superintendent Kristin Perkowski provided an overview of two main goals for superintendent evaluation. Goal #1, lead the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic planning process for the district and Goal #2, develop and begin execution of an effective communications plan that is open and transparent, focuses on strategy and systems throughout the district, builds trust through personal communication and ethical leadership, and deploys effective communication standards and branding.

Board President Chris Streng announced the passing of GHAPS Bus Driver Clare South, offering condolences to Clare's wife JoAnn and family. Thank you to the Transportation Department for all their support to Clare's family during this difficult time.

Nate Hunt, Director of Communications and Marketing provided a brief overview of public relations and marketing in the public school realm. He is working on building systems for our schools and staff to enhance sharing the wonderful things happening at GHAPS. Creating partnerships to share information with our community and to tell the stories of our amazing students and staff members.

There being no further agenda items, President Streng adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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