The Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education held its annual Spring Retreat on Friday, April 12, 2019. The Board met at 8:30 a.m. at the Education Service Center. Present: John Siemion, James O'Neal, Christine Baker, Seth Holt, Nichol Stack, Carl Treutler, and Chris Streng, as well as Superintendent Ingall, Assistant Superintendent Grimes, Brian Wheeler, Director of Technology, Jason MacKay, Director of Operations, Lisa Danicek, Director of Business Services, and Mary Jane Evink, Director of Instructional Services, were also in attendance.

Superintendent Ingall provided an overview of proposed revisions/updates to the GHAPS One Page Strategic Plan. Revisions include more verbiage to describe district values and priorities. The primary components of the plan are divided into three “pillars” - Operations, Social/Emotional Wellness, and Student Growth and Success. The remainder of the retreat was dedicated to detail on the “why”, “what”, “how”, and “key indicators” for each of these areas.

Two representatives of Owen-Ames-Kimball, Frank Staneck and Josh Szymanski, provided an overview and proposal (no cost) for a complete facilities audit during the summer of 2019. This audit will inform and update the district on current and future needs along with assistance in future facilities planning. Scott Grimes, Brian Wheeler, and Cecil Hammond then updated the Board members on issues of student safety including formalizing a school safety committee and planned expenditures for the Michigan State Police Safety Grant the district was recently awarded.

Kate Augustyn, Director of Special Education, Kevin Blanding, Principal of Rosy Mound, Deb Mann, Principal of Griffin Elementary and Paul Kunde, Principal of Central High School Principal, reported on Social/Emotional Wellness piece of the Strategic Plan included planned use of enhancement millage funds and priorities for ensuring that students and staff have psychological safety while at school to ensure the ability to fully access curriculum and learning opportunities.

Mary Jane Evink, Tracy Wilson, Principal of Grand Haven High School, Bob Coyne, Assistant Principal of White Pines Intermediate, and Shelley Hammond, Principal of Ferry/Voyager Elementary reported on the student growth and success pillar including an overview of student/parent/staff feedback surveys, the comprehensive needs assessment process, and plans to continue to grow the professional learning communities practices with all professional staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichol Stack, Secretary
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