

DRAFT Minutes of the Board Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting**November 10, 2025 – 12:00 PM****I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Stack at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present: Casemier, Stack, Treutler

Members Absent:

Also Present: Mary Jane Evink, Kristin Perkowski, Sara VanderZee, Tracy Wilson, Taylor Schriber, and 1 member of the audience.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Instructional Services**A. Out-of-State Field Trip Update**

Per our new policy 5506, all in-state field trips must be approved by principal or designee and out-of-state trips must be approved by the Board or designee, which is the Superintendent or Executive Director of Instructional Services. Tracy Wilson and Taylor Schriber informed the committee of the current field trip process. Moving forward, we will work to adjust the process to align with the new policy. We may need to add an administrative guideline that provides emergency procedures for coaches/staff, like in situations of inclement weather.

Out-of-state trips that have been approved include A.P. Literature students to see a Shakespearean play in Chicago, German GAPP students to Chicago, the band program to Disney & Universal Studios in Florida, and the 8th Grade Band to Chicago.

Any enhanced trips are funded by the students, or fundraising is done. Other program trips that meet a certain level may have a portion paid by the District, with the Business Office's knowledge. Elementary principals have agreed on uniform field trips across the district.

B. State and Federal Grants Purpose and Use

Mary Jane reported that GHAPS receives over \$4M in grants. Each has a specific purpose and allowable uses, and details of how the grant will be used must be shared and pre-approved. She reviewed our current grants and how they are being used with the committee. Annual reports are submitted detailing, after the fact, how the funds were used. We are desk audited by the MDE Field Service, looking over numbers to make sure information matches up. After the last on-site review, GHAPS was invited to present at a conference to share our processes with other districts.

IV. Board President's Update

President Stack shared an idea to occasionally post a Trustee Spotlight on social media, like a "get to know us." We have onboarded our student representatives, and now we need to determine how we want them involved. A few suggestions were shared. Trustee Tours went well, and some Board members have heard we should continue these, but maybe not as often.

Board members were reminded to turn in any reimbursements from the annual conference and to be

prepared to report on their attendance at the next Board meeting. Board members were reminded to bring their Strengths in Leadership book to the November Board meeting

The next OASBA general session will feature the author of *Natural Playgrounds - The Science & Irony Behind an Obvious Social and Climate Solution* on December 10th. Trustees will need to register or let Sara know they would like to attend.

V. **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Perkowski shared her thanks to the Board for her recent vacation time. Cabinet members and staff were also thanked for continuing their work in her absence.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.