The Board of Education met on Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary A. White Elementary School.
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Siemion. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Present: Stack, O’Neal, Cramer, Holt, Treutler, Baker and Siemion. Absent: None
Also present: Ingall, Grimes, VanderWall and approximately 50 audience members.

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

17-008 Trustee Treutler moved that the Consent Agenda grouping be approved as follows:
• Minutes of the January 16, 2017 regular board meeting
• Payment of Bills
  • Accounts Payable $1,302,718.36
  • Payroll $2,789,147.17
  • 2014 Building & Site Bond Expenditures $233,225.02

Trustee Stack seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Superintendent Andy Ingall shared the following announcements:
• Mary A. White staff were recognized for always being student centered and for providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for students to learn
• Scott Przystas was presented the Elementary PE Teacher of the Year award from Roger Jackson of Shape Michigan
• Business/community partnerships are valued. Upcoming student events include:
  o Student lunches at Central and Grand Haven High School hosted by Grand Haven Stamped Products
  o A visit to a high school in Ohio for students in advanced manufacturing to see PRIME in action sponsored by Shape Corp
• With the Governor’s proposed budget the District anticipates an approximate 1% increase in added revenue for GHAPS, however overall funding would still remain at below 2008 levels.

Several members of the audience spoke during Audience Participation including:
• Heather Klingensmith - requested support for Voyager School and enrollment to continue program
• Tony Meyer, Dave Taylor and Pete Goerza – all individually advocating for Voyager School
• Sue Ann Siebert - 4th grade parent/8th grade teacher - speaking to class size issues in GHAPS

The board heard an informational report on the purpose of Professional Learning Communities at Mary A. White from Principal Valerie Livingston and Literacy Coach Chris Working. The report included how this practice of weekly collaboration around math instruction and data analysis is important to student growth and achievement.

Director of Business Services, Lisa Daniscek, sought approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds.

17-009 Trustee O’Neal moved that the board adopt a resolution that authorizes the Issuance and Sale of the 2017 School Building and Site Bonds, for a total of $13,350.00.

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Stack, Yes; O’Neal, Yes; Cramer, Yes; Holt, Yes; Baker, Yes; Treutler, Yes; Siemion, Yes.
MOTION CARRIED 7-0

The board recognized the Grand Haven High School Drama Boosters and the Rosy Mound PTA for the completion of annual required documents.
Assistant Superintendent Scott Grimes brought forth a recommendation to hire and a request for leave of absence.

17-010 Trustee Stack moved that the board employ Cecil Hammond for the position of Assistant Director of Instructional Technology at a salary of $74,000.

Trustee Cramer seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

17-011 Trustee Baker moved that the board support a one year general leave of absence without pay for Robinson teacher Stacy Mistry for the 2017/18 school year.

Trustee Treutler seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

An election is underway for the Michigan Association of School Boards to fill open seats on their Board of Directors. Two candidates are vying for one seat in our region: Jill Fennessy, from Tri County Schools and our own John Siemion. One ballot has been issued per district and Superintendent Ingall asks that the board choose the candidate they feel will best represent Region 3 on the MASB Board of Directors.

17-012 Trustee Stack moved that the board cast a vote for John Siemion to serve on the Board of Directors representing Region 3 for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Trustee Cramer seconded the motion.

Trustee Treutler moved to close nominations and cast a vote for John Siemion.

Trustee Holt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

The meeting was adjourned by President Siemion at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Baker, Secretary
GRAND HAVEN AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION