



Grand Haven Area Public Schools

DRAFT-BOARD TEACHING & LEARNING MINUTES

March 3, 2025 12:00 p.m.

Education Service Center, 1415 S Beechtree St., Grand Haven, MI - Boardroom

Attendees: Nichol Stack, President
Cyndi Casemier, Trustee
Carl Treutler, Trustee
Kristin Perkowski, Superintendent
Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services
Sara VanderZee, Executive Administrative Assistant

Absent: none

Guests: Sandra Teeple, Speech Language Pathologist & EL Program Coordinator
Abby Teasley, Migrant Recruiter/Home Liaison

Audience: 2

Public Comment: None

Call to order at 12:01 p.m.

Instructional Services Update

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Sandra Teeple spoke about the great work of our GHAPS English Language program which encompasses 14 languages spoken and 107 students between 11 buildings. The department's goal is to ensure language isn't a barrier to their students' learning. In recent years, GHAPS hired more part-time elementary assistants which increased student progress. Areas of improvement would be hiring assistants for Lakeshore Middle School and White Pines with the hope to bring up the progress of those students, similar to the elementaries, and the addition of a second elementary teacher.

Abby Teasley spoke about her work ensuring that all migrant youth have immediate access to education without barriers, and with the overall goal that they graduate or receive a GED. Students in the regular year program, and summer program, are provided opportunities they might not otherwise have, including exposure and transportation to college fairs, career conferences, events at the tech center, dental services, hearing and vision screening, or recreational fun. Enrollment has increased over the years especially for the summer program which has grown to 109 students last summer, up from 45 in 2019, and includes youth from the Zeeland area. Summer students are fed breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack as well as

provided support from the Bucs Care Pantry and Farmers Markets. The summer program is funded by a grant.

This year's LAUP Youth Development Program has increased to 34 students. An important component of this program is philanthropic work in addition to students gaining confidence, learning life skills, visiting college campuses, and receiving help completing various college and work applications. Of the seven GHHS seniors, five are college bound and two were chosen as recipients of the Alsame Scholarship.

Migrant students qualify through an application. While migrant families typically move, we often have families choose to stay or leave their child with a friend or relative because they see the student's education is accelerating.

Board President's Update

President Stack encouraged members of the board to reach out to their elementary principal for feedback from their families on the MAW transition plan, and reminded them to come prepared to the board meeting to vote.

Policy Committee is in the process of transitioning from BoardDocs to ThruN allowing for better continuity with our legal team and a more user friendly site. Public comment sign-up will now be available online when the board meeting agenda is posted until after the consent agenda is approved during the meeting. The committee is also looking into the logistics of posting recordings of meetings.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Perkowski recently spent the day at Central High School, her final building tour, after several delays from snow days. This morning, she met with staff from the Transportation Department and celebrated with them the excellent handling of a recent incident and that they have had zero accidents this winter. ESC staff will be meeting with her later this week. After the strategic plan is finalized, the superintendent will present it to staff at each building prior to posting it for the public.

Adjourned at 1:17 p.m.