

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – January 23, 2021

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in special session via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order: President Jesse Truett called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Eric Bode	
	Emily Gephart	
	Kevin Gusé	
	Jesse Truett	
	Molly Wassmuth	

Norms of Collaboration

Mr. Culp shared a list of norms of collaboration with the group and asked that everyone consider these practices in the ensuing discussions.

Board Governance

Mrs. Julie Martin, the Board of Education attorney, presented to the Board of Education on the following topics and discussed best practices surrounding each topic with the Board members:

- Sunshine Law
- Public Records
- Communications
 - Board Member to Board Member
 - Board Member to Administrator
 - Board Member to Community
 - Board Member to Staff

Facility Project

Mr. Doug Addis, Owner's Rep from Concord Addis, LLC, discussed with the Board the budget implications and timelines for the following:

- Site Plan Budget Overview
- Furniture Budget (will be ready for Board approval in March, 2021)
- Theater Enhancement Update

Mr. Addis also presented a project budget summary to the Board members and explained the remaining allowances and contingencies in the overall budget.

Facility Programming for Athletic Complex and Stevenson Elementary

Mr. Culp and Ms. Collier discussed the ongoing challenges associated with prioritizing Permanent Improvement levy funds and projecting maintenance and long-term capital costs associated, in particular, with the K-12 athletic complex, but also with Stevenson Elementary. They asked the Board for input on the timing of conducting an assessment of the athletic complex and completing the initial step of programming of Stevenson Elementary.

Mr. Bode stated that he feels that conducting an athletic facility assessment would be a priority as needed work may possibly be able to be done without a voted tax levy, but feels that considering any large-scale project at Stevenson Elementary would be years down the road.

Mr. Truett stated that having the assessment and conducting the programming are both just first steps that will provide the Board of Education the information needed to further plan for these facilities, and feels these should both be done. He reminded the Board of Education about the outcome of the years-long facility planning process with the community that resulted in recommendations to renovate GHHS, build a new 4-8 building, and renovate Stevenson. He feels having the programming conducted at Stevenson will provide cost information to the Board so that it can further discuss how and when the remaining portion of the facility recommendation should be completed.

Ms. Wassmuth agreed that having the information is important but feels like academic needs should be prioritized over athletic needs.

Mrs. Gephart stated that she feels the district should move forward with having the athletic facility assessment conducted so that more discussions and planning can occur. She stated that while she agrees instruction should be prioritized over athletics, the benefits of athletics in the classroom have been clearly documented. Furthermore, the athletic portion could possibly be addressed without having to ask the community for additional funding. She does agree, however, that a large facility project at Stevenson is further down the road.

Mr. Gusé agreed with Mrs. Gephart's analysis.

Mr. Truett requested Mr. Culp move forward with getting a cost estimated for the athletic assessment. He also requested the Board continue the conversation on Stevenson Elementary as time was running short for this work session.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Culp provided a very brief update to the Board on the vaccination plan and on the possibility of summer programming to address learning loss.

Motion 21-071: (Adjourn) Mr. Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

President Truett declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer