

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – December 14, 2022

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session in the Larson Middle School Media Center.

Call to Order: President Eric Bode called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Eric Bode	
	Emily Gephart	
	Kevin Gusé	
	Katie Matney	
	Molly Wassmuth	

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation for Approval (Motion 23-035) Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular Meeting, November 8, 2022

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments

GHHS students Rowan Mueller and Henley Mueller read the following statement to the Board of Education:

We are student leaders of the Bobcat Anti-Racism Collective (BARC). We are grateful to be in a school that offers clubs like BARC and we want to share our support for continuing honesty in education. BARC is a group composed of student leaders that actively try to combat racism and raise awareness of past or ongoing issues, mainly concerning race.

We have hosted movie nights, general meetings, and have provided resources to combat racism. It is valuable to learn about the past in order to correct and acknowledge our previous mistakes. Ignoring issues such as racism does not make it go away.

There are House Bills being proposed across the country, including in Ohio, to limit honesty in education and the discussion of divisive concepts. We are glad that our school does its best to promote diversity and valuable discussions even about hard things at times which help us grow as critical thinkers. We hope this continues because it unites our district and community.

Presentation

Mrs. Jessica Fields, Mr. Marc Alter, and several students from Stevenson Elementary, Larson Middle School, and Grandview Heights High School presented to the Board on experiential learning. Each group described examples of experiential learning that they have taken part in and how it has impacted their educational experience.

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning

Our school buildings are buzzing with community engagement and excitement as we head into the winter break. Our students learning by doing!

At Stevenson Elementary

- The building hosted a Friendsgiving Food Drive to support Boulevard Presbyterian Church and the Blessing Box project. Our first graders invited Elford, Inc., our construction partner, to build the box and they generously obliged. The third graders took on a leadership role throughout the building by advertising the drive, making announcements, and counting the items on a daily basis. The goal: Collect 2,000. The result: 2,515 items! Outcome: Mrs. Sullivan was taped to the wall!
- Field trips are back! First graders enjoyed a trip to COSI on December 8th.
- On December 14th, first graders will explore holidays around the world with the help of our Food Services Director, Kyle Mahan.

- Meanwhile, students are enjoying Belonging Bingo during lunch, school wide and student-driven community meetings, and having GHHS BARC (Bobcat Anti-Racism Collective) members reading in their classrooms.
- Kids' Club participants are creating greeting cards and holiday ornaments to be included in the Community Christmas boxes being distributed to area senior citizens on December 18th.

At Larson Middle School

- The fourth-grade team partnered with Make-A-Wish and participated in their Macy's holiday letter campaign to raise money, awareness, and in support and celebration of two classmates who are wish recipients.
- Fifth grade students recently held elections and made their visit to BizTown.
- The LMS band recently enjoyed a field trip and concert to learn more about the OSU band and experience a bit of campus life. Many thanks to our Marching Band Parents Association for all they do to enrich the student music experience.
- The Builders Club raised \$600 plus for UNICEF and an opportunity to pie-in-the-face Mr. Wion, Hinkle, and Page.
- The Student Council has led participation in a Toys for Tots Toy Drive.
- Congratulations to Grandview Heights 8th graders Max McCullough and Ella Kinsinger who participated in the OMEA District 15 Middle School Honors Band.
- The GHHS / LMS Mentoring Program is up and running and a highlight for students.

At Grandview Heights High School

- Students have been engaged in food drives and making blankets for babies and children in need.
- BARC Suzan Bradford from the Lincoln Theater along with members of a West African dance group to speak to high school students about African art, culture, and life.
- Kudos to our vocal music program! They performed seven community concerts, one of which was at my Tri-Village Rotary Club meeting and they were fantastic!
- **SIX** Grandview Heights High School musicians participated in the recent Capital University Band Festival: Liv Glaser, Ali Hamm, Alayna Lee, Reece Mayfield, Colin Parker, and Alex Young.
- Congrats to GHHS students Aylish O'Harra and Carmen Cunningham who recently performed with the CSYO Repertory Orchestra.

District Wide

- GHHS and LMS are set to move buildings December 19-20. Thank you to Jim Buffer, Sam Belk, Shawn Hinkle, and Matt Wion for their leadership!
- Most recently, we have been working with stakeholders to evaluate the themes, goals, and action items of our current strategic plan as well as consider where we have made progress and what we need to concentrate on moving forward. Our second Inquiry Teams meeting was held December 12.
- Thank you to our Kids' Club who will be providing full day child care for over 50 children during the extended holiday break December 19th through the 22nd and January 5th and 6th and to the Grandview Heights Parks & Recreation Department for conducting a special winter day camp to accommodate the extended winter break.

Community Engagement

- On Saturday, January 7, at 11 a.m. the Grandview Heights Schools community will celebrate the opening of the comprehensively renovated Grandview Heights High School, located at 1587 West Third Avenue, and the completion of Phase 2 of our 4-12 construction project. All are welcome! The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in the newly renovated high school auditorium. Building tours, led by GHHS students, will follow the ceremony.
- We are sad to share that in January 2023, ThisWeek News will cease publication. ThisWeek News has been an invaluable resource to our district when it comes to keeping our community informed and sharing our stories. This partnership will be sorely missed. Recent articles include:

GHHS Renovation Story

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2022/12/08/grandview-heights-schools-to-unveil-new-high-school-at-jan-7-ceremony/69704632007/>

Sports: GHHS Boys Soccer Championship

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2022/11/30/grandview-heights-celebrates-boys-soccer-teams-second-state-title/69687773007/>

Discussion

Mr. Bode asked Mr. Culp for an overview of the plans for the extended winter break. Mr. Culp explained that the middle school and high school teachers would be moving to their new respective buildings. Teachers will be packing up their rooms and then unpacking in their new rooms once the movers have relocated their belongings. Teachers who complete their move early are planning on assisting those teachers who need additional help.

Mrs. Ullum reported that the Stevenson Elementary teachers will be completing mandated dyslexia training during the extended winter break days.

Mr. Bode also asked whether technology staff would be available during the move to assist teachers with technology training in their new spaces. Mr. Deis confirmed that technology staff will be available to assist teachers during that transition.

Construction

Construction Progress Update

Mr. Jay Tadena, Project Manager, Corna-Kokosing/Elford (CKE), provided the following recent highlights of the construction project:

- Occupancy was granted on November 26th for the newly renovated high school. That allows for the move to occur and well as basketball practice to begin in the high school gym.
- The renovated high school has been punch-listed with 350 items currently and the goal is to be under 50 pending items by the end of next week.
- The building has been final cleaned, with the exception of locker rooms.
- The construction team will be available to support the district in the move in whatever they may need. They are also in the process of training staff on using the new facility.
- The CKE team is also actively working on preparing for the phase 3 site plan work.
- The extra rows of high school bleachers are currently being installed.

Mrs. Gephart asked where the construction team office would be located now that LMS and GHHS will both be fully occupied by students and staff. Mr. Tadena explained that a trailer is being mobilized in the parking lot facing First Avenue to house the construction team offices for the remainder of the project.

Mr. Gusé asked if there are any supply chain related delays expected for phase 3 of the project. Mr. Tadena stated that he is not aware of any delays at this time that would impact phase 3.

Core Team Committee Report

Mr. Bode reported that the parking lot and the playground have been the focus of the last couple Core Team meetings. The district is working with the city preparing for an upcoming Planning Commission meeting to make sure the parking lot plans along Oakland Avenue adhere to the original plan approved by the Planning Commission.

The Core Team has also discussed issues with the Larson Middle School gym floor. Due to the unusually slippery surface, all middle school basketball games have been relocated to the old Edison Intermediate/Larson Middle gym (until that building is torn down in January, 2023). The balance of the games will be relocated to the opponent's gym or to the high school gym. The Core Team is working with the construction team and the manufacturer in an attempt to identify and remedy the problem with the floor.

Business and Finance

Treasurer Beth Collier presented to the Board on the following:

Financial Highlights

General Fund (001)

- General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes – 2nd half settlement rec'd; 46.4% of budget.
 - State Funding – 43% of budget.
 - Property Tax Allocation – 2nd half settlement rec'd; 49.0% of budget.
 - Grandview Yard – 2nd half settlement rec'd; 52.4% of budget.
 - Interest Earnings (Other Revenue) for November 2022: \$24,219.32.
- General Fund Expenditures
 - FYTD Budget: 5 months (41.7%)
 - Total FY Expenditures: 41.3% of budget
- General Fund Investments
 - US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 2.42%

Construction Fund (004):

- Interest Earnings for November, 2022: \$16,281.47.
- Interest Earnings Project-to-Date: \$1,863,650 (net of investment advisory fees)
- 79.8% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 93.7% of Construction Costs have been spent.
- Current Fund Balance: \$6,703,016.85
- Investments: 1.68% average yield to maturity.
- Star Ohio: 3.88% yield on liquid funds.

Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Current Fund Balance: \$1,347,232.64
- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$957,875.26
- Upcoming expenditures:
 - GHHS Roof, \$296,647.
 - Athletic complex master planning, \$9,334.
 - GHHM gym entrance restoration, \$7,940.
 - Emergency power to sump and coolers/kitchen mixing valves, \$6,452.14
 - GHHS tech room windows - \$28,267.87
 - Wrestling mats - \$8,100.70
 - LMS gym shades - \$8,628
 - Auditorium speakers - \$16,996
 - High density music storage - \$20,761.89

Annual Bond Millage Setting Process:

- Overview of Process
 - Calculated and adjusted annually
 - Certification to Franklin County Auditor (**November 8th**)
 - How much is on hand in the Debt Service Fund?
 - How much are the required debt service payments next year?
 - What other sources of funds does GHS have to help make the debt payments? (**\$908,906**)
 - County Auditor will calculate the necessary millage (**3.7 mills**)
 - Millage calculation is sent to the school district for approval (**November 22nd**)
 - New bond millage rate goes into effect (**January, 2023**)

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Wassmuth reported that the Finance Committee met in November and discussed the construction budget and the Permanent Improvement fund budget.

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-036) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Monthly Financial Reports
Recommend the Board approve the November financial reports and accept payment of the November bills.
2. Then and Now Certification
Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:
 - a. PO 39695, Shawn Hinkle, reimburse supplies
 - b. PO 40038, Maria Ionno, reimburse homecoming supplies
 - c. PO 40050, David Bennett, backflow testing
 - d. PO 40078, Melissa Palmisciano, XC signs
 - e. PO 40074 Coup Restorations, Inc., Clock restoration
 - f. PO 40087, ChannelBound, LLC, ACA reporting
 - g. PO 39422, Literacy Resources, Inc. supplies
 - h. PO 40084, Educational Publisher, fall play signage
 - i. PO 40095, Sam Belk, mileage reimbursement
 - j. PO 39638, James Jackson, boys soccer shirts
 - k. PO 40018, Robert Operman, mileage reimbursement
 - l. PO 40132, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, unemployment
 - m. PO 40042, Bobcat Boosters, fall program advertisements
 - n. PO 40069, VISA, website support
 - o. PO 39976, VISA, cafeteria food supplies

- p. PO 39947, VISA, conference registration
- q. PO 39966, VISA, conference registration
- r. PO 40125, Ronan Hayes, Spirit Week supplies reimbursement
- s. PO 40147, BJ Equipment, athletic field porta pots
- t. PO 40006, Pearson Education, AIMSWebPlus subscription
- u. PO 40155, Patricia Haney, Best Buddies supplies reimbursement
- v. PO 40163, Steve Hedge, reimbursement for classroom supplies
- w. PO 40166 Columbus State Community College, college credit plus
- x. PO 40065, Stamp Your Way USA, LLC, 4th grade national park project
- y. PO 39645, Jolynn Wheatley, mileage reimbursement

3. Fixed Asset Disposals

Recommend the Board approve the disposal of assets.

4. Transfer

Recommend the Board approve a transfer of \$370 from the General Fund to the Key Club Activity Fund (200-9107).

5. Budget Adjustments

Recommend the Board approve the following adjustments:

Estimated Receipts & Appropriations

Athletic Fund (300-9101) \$8,000

Key Club Fund (200-9107) \$370

6. Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

Recommend the Board approve an agreement with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for the Specialized On-Site Support team.

7. City of Grandview Heights

Recommend the Board approve an agreement with the City of Grandview Heights for use of the old Edison Intermediate/Larson Middle School to conduct training exercises prior to demolition of the building.

8. Pepsi

Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Pepsi.

9. A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Easement from the City of Grandview Heights

Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board authorize acceptance of an easement from the City of Grandview Heights over property adjacent to Fairview Avenue.

Rationale:

1. The District has been in the process of making improvements to its campus bounded by Fairview Avenue, First Avenue, Oakland Avenue, and Third Avenue, including creating a new parking lot for teachers adjacent to Fairview Avenue (the "Parking Lot").
2. A three foot portion of the Parking Lot encroaches on right of way dedicated to the City of Grandview Heights (the "City").
3. The City, by Ordinance Number 2022-24 passed on December 5, 2022 agreed to grant the Board a perpetual and exclusive easement in a form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Easement") in order to accommodate the Parking Lot.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board accepts the grant of the Easement from the City in form and substance similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit A, with non-material changes as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
2. The Board President and Treasurer, or their designees, in consultation with legal counsel, are authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate acceptance of the Easement authorized by this Resolution and to take all action necessary or advisable to ensure the recording of the same with the City and with Franklin County.

10. Donations

Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

- a. \$6,000 to Model UN from the Bobcat Boosters
- b. \$30 to the GHHS Football Team in memory of David Agler
- c. Two books to the GHHS Media Center from David and Dorothy Pritchard
- d. A Keurig Coffee Maker to Grandview Heights High School from Melissa Palmisicano

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

Mr. Culp explained that the easement in item #9 relates to the new consolidated parking lot east of the new Larson Middle School. Following an initial survey, there was some confusion regarding the property line. The easement with the City resolves that issue.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.
Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-037) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Classified Notice of Appointment

Recommend the Board approve the following classified Notice of Appointment:

- a. Kathy Stultz; Paraprofessional, step 1 \$17.56 per hour, 6.5hrs per day, effective 11/17/22
- b. Mike Welsh; Paraprofessional, step 1 \$17.56 per hour, 6.5hrs per day, effective 12/1/22
- c. Steve Lucas; Custodian, step 10 \$20.89 per hour, effective 11/28/2022

2. Change of Classified Position

Recommend the Board approve the following change of classified position:

- a. Tyler Howard; from Custodian to Apprentice Maintainer, step 1 \$21.13 per hour, effective 11/28/2022

3. Classified Resignation

Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignation:

- a. Robert Lanthorn; Paraprofessional, effective November 11, 2022

4. Certified Resignation

Recommend the Board accept the following certified resignation:

- a. Emily Long; Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year

5. Supplemental Contracts

Recommend the Board to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Certificated

- a. Andrew Grega; Music Director, High School Musical, V-3-M, \$4,510.50

Non-Certificated

- a. Anna Campbell; Swimming, Assistant Varsity Coach, V-1-1 (.20 FTE), \$541.26
- b. DeSean Benson; Basketball, Assistant Coach, Varsity Girls, V-1-4, \$3,157.35
- c. Max Fojtik; HS Robotics Coordinator, III-1-4 (.50 FTE), \$1,916.97

6. Supplemental Contract Correction

Recommend the Board to approve a correction for the following certified supplemental contract:

- a. Jo Lee; HS Robotics Coordinator, III-1-4 (.50 FTE), \$1,916.97

7. Request for Additional Payment for Supplemental Coaching Position

Recommend the Board approve the following overtime payment of a regular employee in a non-certificated coaching position:

- a. Brianna Dominach; Soccer, Varsity Coach, Girls, \$1, 014.40 (plus fringe benefits) for working an additional 46.75 hours in her coaching position
8. Stipend Contracts
Recommend the Board to approve the following stipend contracts for the 2022-2023 school year:

Certificated
a. Doug Page; DC Chaperone, \$750

Non-Certificated
a. Evan Heintz; Lego League, \$1,500
9. Yoga Classes Stipend
Recommend the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$2,965.00 for Rachel Smith for conducting eighteen (18) Yoga Classes for District staff from January 2023 – May 2023, payable from Anthem district wellness funds.
10. Reading Intervention Stipend
Recommend the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$6,000 for Katie McIntyre for assistance with teaching an extra period of reading intervention for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Orchestra Concert Accompanist
Recommend the Board to approve the following musical accompanist for offering services at the high school orchestra concert:

a. Lane Champa; \$100.00
12. FMLA Request
Recommend the Board approve the following FMLA request:

a. Meredith Beam; 7th grade teacher, up to 12 weeks of leave projected to begin in mid-March 2023
13. Kids' Club Personnel Changes
Recommend the Board approve the following changes Kids' Club personnel changes:

a. Charles (Chuck) Amicon; from Recreation Leader to Substitute, \$16.26 per hour, effective 1/9/2023
14. Kids' Club 2022-2023 Pay Scale
Recommend the Board approve the Kids' Club pay scale for the 2022-2023 school year (note—no changes in rates).

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Co-Curricular Activities and Extracurricular Activities

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-038) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. Volunteers
Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:
 - a. Leslie Foster Brown
 - b. Scott Matthew Brown
 - c. Kristen Dawn Castle
 - d. Susan Marie Egelhoff
 - e. Leah Michelle Gillis
 - f. Greta Marie Kearns
 - g. Matthew Christopher Long
 - h. Kathleen Matney
 - i. Kristin Kay McNamara

- j. Stefanie M. Osborne
- k. Joshua Alan Reno
- l. Michael Edward Schroder
- m. Elizabeth Ruth Short
- n. Eric James Short
- o. Lauren Ann Wager
- p. Molly McKenzie Wassmuth
- q. Brenda Mary Young

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0-1.

Other

Recommendations for Approval

1. Elect President Pro Tempore (Motion 23-039) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:
Recommend the Board elect a President Pro Tempore to open and preside over the organizational meeting until the new President of the Board has been duly elected.

President Pro Tempore: Emily Gephart

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

2. 2023 Organizational Meeting Date and Time (Motion 23-040) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:
Recommend the Board select a date for the organizational meeting to be held in January 2023.

January 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and Tax Budget Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion

Mrs. Matney provided an update to the Board on the Strategic Planning process. She explained that the Core Team met and had a productive discussion on vision and that the Inquiry Teams also met earlier this week.

Mrs. Matney also reported the Wellness Committee met earlier today.

Adjournment

Motion 23-041 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

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

President Bode declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer