#### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting – April 12, 2023

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

**Call to Order**: President Emily Gephart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** Members Present:

Eric Bode

Members Absent: Katie Matnev

Emily Gephart Kevin Gusé Molly Wassmuth

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Katie Matney arrived at 7:02 p.m.

#### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Recommendation for Approval (Motion 23-070)** Mr. Bode moved to approve the following meeting minutes:

- 1. Regular Meeting, March 8, 2023
- 2. Special Meeting, March 30, 2023

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.

#### Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public

#### Recognition - Carrie Furbee, GHHS Varsity Swimmer and 2-Time State Champion

Mr. Brad Bertani, Athletic Director, recognized and congratulated GHHS sophomore athlete, Carrie Furbee, for winning individual state championships in the 50 meter and 100 meter freestyle races.

#### Recognition - Brian Schoch, Bobcat Award

Mr. Brad Bertani recognized and presented Mr. Brian Schock with a Bobcat Award for his dedication to Grandview Heights Schools serving as the high school track and cross country coach for 14 years.

#### Presentation - New Building, New Opportunities, Mr. Shawn Hinkle, LMS Principal, and students

Larson Middle School Principal Shawn Hinkle and students presented to the Board on how the new Larson Middle School has impacted their learning experiences. A copy of the presentation is attached to this official record of the meeting minutes.

#### Hearing of the Public - GHHS Students Tully Downer and Maggie Herlihy

We are both 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 gratitude for the school's continued support of honesty in education.

BARC is a group of student leaders that actively try to combat racism and raise awareness of past or ongoing issues concerning race. We have hosted movie nights, general meetings, have provided resources to combat bills in our legislature, and more.

Specifically, we have welcomed the second speaker of BARC's speaker series in the fall, Suzanne Bradford-Kounta. It went so well that we have continued our relationship with her. Some students have toured and received a free performance at the Lincoln Theater, where Ms. Bradford-Kounta is the director. She has joined us for one of our general meetings. Our next speaker of the series visits us this month. His name is Ben Jealous and he's the former president of the NAACP.

There are house bills being proposed across the country, including Ohio, to curtail honesty in education and the vital discussion of divisive concepts. This recently has been coupled with the dangerous epidemic of book banning. As BARC members, along with many other students, we believe it is valuable to learn about the past in order to acknowledge our previous mistakes and prevent them from repeating. Ignoring issues such as racism does not make it go away.

Given the current climate of dishonesty, ignorance, and ambiguity in the United States, we are especially glad that our school does its best to promote a holistic curriculum, characterized by diverse representation and valuable discussions, even about hard things at times, which helps us grow as critical thinkers. Thank you.

#### Discussion

Mrs. Gephart mentioned that in the building and department reports, she read about the district's consultant, Dr. Tom Frye, assisting the district with evaluating diagnostic assessment results and she asked Superintendent Culp for more information on how that is done. Superintendent Culp explained that Dr. Frye has a gift for analyzing the data and working collaboratively with teachers to design their teaching strategies accordingly.

#### Superintendent's Report

#### **Teaching and Learning**

- Stevenson Elementary first graders displayed 100 shoebox dioramas featuring THEIR favorite places in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff on April 11 at the Grandview Heights Public Library.
- Stevenson Elementary is planning their annual All Arts Day on April 28 led by art teacher Laura Bova.
- Larson Middle School eighth graders will be visiting Fort Hayes and Downtown schools this spring to learn about the various programs available to them as high school students.
- Larson Middle School, in partnership with PTO, will hold their Move-A-Thon on May 12 and will take part in the Move-A-Thon within their Bobcat Groups. The event will take place from 2-3 p.m. at the stadium.
- Our Science Olympiad team of 6th-9th graders placed at the Central Ohio Regional Tournament at New Albany and are advancing to the State tournament at OSU on April 29. Congratulations, Bobcats!
- Congratulations to the Grandview Singers for receiving straight superior ratings at the OMEA District Large Group Adjudicated Events and to the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble for their wonderful March performances.
- Lion's Cub Cookies now has a Signature Bobcat Cookie created by our very own GHHS students Mila Malec-Kosak and Morgan Gladman. The students' recipe submission was selected by Lion Cub owner Brad Kaplan and together they developed the signature cookie, Black Raspberry Chocolate. Look for it in the store soon!
- Maria Ionno was recognized as one of the Top 12 Outstanding Young Women, and the single scholarship recipient, by the ZONTA Club of Columbus.
- Athletic Signing Day, held April 11, celebrated 10 GHHS student-athletes who will be continuing their sport during their college experience.
- On April 13, in working with our Poet in Residence Peter Kahn, GHHS will host its first Spoken Word Poetry Project. All students across all levels (9-12) developed their poetry skills through the program within two units in the English classroom integrating spoken word poetry into the classroom and school culture.
- On April 14, GHHS will host its annual Scholarship and Awards Night. We are grateful for the thousands of local scholarship dollars that are awarded to our students! On April 21, GHHS will host its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Signing Day where students who have been offered more than \$5,000 per four years of college, will be celebrated.
- Congrats to the first-place finishers at the Buckeye Valley Track and Field Meet on Tuesday: Owen Billetier, Blake Fisher, Denison Murphy, Jason Reaser, Noah Curfman, Hayley Cook, Madeline Palmisciano, Leva Fischer, and Alaina Haj Abed, and special shout-out to Ryan Tucker who had four PRs.
- On Friday, April 28, GHHS will welcome guest speaker Benjamin Jealous to speak to students about a life spent as a Rhodes Scholar, activist, financier, civil rights leader, and community organizer.

#### **District Wide**

- Stevenson Elementary Music teacher Brian Petit has received the Columbus Symphony Orchestra's 2023 Elementary Music Educator Award! Congratulations, Mr. Petit!
- On May 2, we will begin our Stevenson Elementary Planning Process. The committee is assembling and will be working with Perkins&Will architects.
- Our Strategic Planning Process is on track. Stay updated here https://www.ghschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\_ID=3486242&type=d&pREC\_ID=2392255

#### **Community Engagement**

- Join Superintendent Andy Culp for Coffee & Conversation from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. this Friday, April 14. The coffees take place in the District Administration Collaboration Area located on the second floor of the new Larson Middle School.
- The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Cake Walk is this Friday!
- The Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Education Foundation will host its annual fundraising event on Friday, April 28, 2023, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Huntington Field Club at Lower.com Field.

• The 2023 Best Buddies Friendship walk will take place at COSI on April 29, 2023 at 10:30 am. Families are welcome and it is a fun event. Our GHHS BB group will be attending this together! To walk and/or support our Grandview Heights High School team, visit <a href="https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/ohio/">https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/ohio/</a>

#### Construction

#### **Construction Progress Update**

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

- Weather has been a bit of a challenge with the recent rain.
- The CKE team continues to coordinate with the City on its Fairview Ave street project.
- The rough grading of the site south of the new Larson Middle School has been underway.
- Concrete work is expected to begin on April 26th.
- Site electric will begin next week.
- Storm sewer piping has already started and will be ongoing.
- Preparations are underway for playground equipment coming soon.
- The CKE team is preparing for the last day as school when work will begin on consolidating the Oakland Ave. parking lot.
- Grass seed is expected to be planted by mid-June.
- GHHS punch list is down to 12 items.

#### **Core Team Report**

Mr. Bode reported the Core Team has been discussing and working on the following:

- Punch list items including the high school sign and the pillars on the front of LMS
- Recommendations for improvements for the GHHS auditorium
- Security measures and planning discussions
- Athletic site tours to other school districts

Superintendent Culp provided the following additional updates:

- The construction team is currently working to repair the high school sign.
- Plans are underway to determine wither adjustments to the site plan require an additional Planning Commission approval.

Mrs. Gephart also added that additional work is being done on the middle school gym floor to remedy the slipperiness of the floor surface. The district has been working directly with the manufacturer on this issue.

#### **Business and Finance**

#### **Finance Presentation**

Treasurer Beth Collier presented the following financial highlights:

#### General Fund (001)

- General Fund Revenues
  - o Taxes 1st half 2023 settlement rec'd; 102.6% of budget.
  - State Funding 77.3% of budget.
  - o Property Tax Allocation Pending 1st half settlement; 49.0% of budget.
  - o Grandview Yard Pending 1st half settlement; 52.5% of budget.
  - o Interest Earnings (Other Revenue) for March, 2023: \$40,664.91.
- General Fund Expenditures
  - o FYTD Budget: 9 months (75%)
  - o Total FY Expenditures: 74.8% of budget
- General Fund Investments
  - o US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 2.52%
  - o Star Ohio Yield 5.02%

#### Construction Fund (004):

- Interest Earnings for March, 2023: \$17,974.97.
- Interest Earnings Project-to-Date: \$1,951,738 (net of investment advisory fees)
- 88.2% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 92.7% of Construction Costs have been spent.
- Current Fund Balance: \$4,608,152.89
- Investments: 1.38% average yield to maturity.

• Star Ohio: 5.02% yield on liquid funds.

#### Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$121,553.28
- Upcoming expenditures:
  - o Auditorium speakers \$16,996
  - o Window safety film \$10,445
  - o Track Replacement: \$929,916 (including design and owner's rep)
  - Stevenson Elementary programming \$108,500 base cost
  - GHHS Technology infrastructure
- Other
  - o HB 1 Proposed tax reform bill
    - Would eliminate \$1,057,997 of existing rollback funding from the State of Ohio
    - \$835,066 of that amount would be shifted to local taxpayers
    - \$222,931 of that amount would be completely eliminated

#### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Bode and Ms. Wassmuth reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the following:

- Food service staffing and lunch prices
- Grandview Yard TIF revenue projections
- Capital financing options
- Advocacy efforts related to HB 1 and other pending bills

#### **Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-071)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. <u>Monthly Financial Reports</u>

Recommend the Board approve the March financial reports and accept payment of the March bills.

#### 2. General Fund Transfer

Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the General Fund to the TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund (001-9003) in the amount of \$1,172,353.00, representing 2023 Grandview Yard TIF revenue being set aside for future debt service payments on the 2019 facility bond issue.

#### 3. <u>TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund Transfer</u>

Facility Project Donations (003-9002)

Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund (001-9003) to the Bond Retirement Fund (002-9019) in the amount of \$908,906.00, representing the Grandview Yard TIF revenue to be used for 2023 debt service principal and interest payments.

200,000.00

#### 4. <u>Budget Adjustments</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following adjustments:

Estimated Revenue	
Athletics (300-9101)	\$8,738.60
Model UN (200-9124)	953.00
Class of 2023 (200-9133)	4,925.00
General Fund (001-9004)	250,000.00
Title IV-A Grant (584-9023)	35.31
Facility Project Donations (003-9002)	200,000.00
Rooks Media Center (018-9045)7,242.00	
GHHS Student Council (200-9111)	1,501.50
Boys Soccer (300-9110)	4,306.96
GHHS Musical (300-9105)	7,790.47
Appropriations	
Athletics (300-9101)	\$8,738.60
Model UN (200-9124)	953.00
Class of 2023 (200-9133)	8,224.76
Class of 2024 (200-9134)	4,000.00
General Fund (001-9004)	250,000.00
Title IV-A Grant (584-9023)	35.31

Boys Basketball (300-9113)	3,050.00
Rooks Media Center (018-9045)	12,242.00
GHHS Student Council (200-9111)	1,501.50
Boys Soccer (300-9110)	4,306.96
GHHS Musical (300-9105)	7,790.47

#### 5. Then and Now Certification

Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:

PO 40654, Literary Resources, classroom supplies

PO 40693, Elevator Service Holdings, elevator service

PO 40704, Steve Hedge, classroom supplies

PO 40695, State Tire, vehicle service

PO 40733 Educational Publisher, musical posters/signs

PO 40776, City of Columbus, pool rental

PO 40547, Midwest Installation Group, moving

PO 40781, Midwest Installation Group, moving

PO 40526, Midwest Installation Group, moving

PO 40754, Sam Belk, mileage reimbursement

PO 40769, Teresa Clayton, classroom supplies reimbursement

PO 40794, Brad Gintert, meal for wrestlers

PO 40764, Commercial Parts and Service, repairs

PO 40790, Ohio State University, College Credit Plus

PO 40789, Raeanna Wieland, classroom supplies

PO 40792, VISA, subscription

PO 40621, VISA, classroom supplies

PO 40771, Uline, building supplies

PO 40846, Zackarie Mann, band concert

PO 40865, Tennant Sales and Service, equipment service

PO 40867, Sherwin Williams, paint supplies

PO 40820, Ohio Pizza, student meeting

PO 40872, Ray Corbett, mileage reimbursement

PO 40897, Kroger, classroom supplies

#### 6. <u>Julian & Grube</u>

Recommend the Board approve a proposal from Julian & Grube for Medicaid Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) services for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

#### 7. Workers Compensation Group Rating Plan

Recommend the Board approve participation in the Ohio SchoolComp 2024 Workers' Compensation Group Rating program, sponsored by the Ohio School Boards Association and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, which includes workers' compensation and unemployment compensation claims management services, at a cost of \$1,615,00.

#### 8. <u>Prodigy Travel Agreement</u>

Recommend the Board approve a contract with Prodigy Travel for the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip October 10-12, 2023.

#### 9. META Service Agreement

Recommend the Board approve a Master Service Agreement with META Solutions for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### 10. <u>Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.</u>

Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Geotechnical Consultants for field vibration monitoring during demolition, site clearing and mass grading activities.

#### 11. Donations

Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

a. \$436.63 from Eric Bode for the performing arts department

- b. \$500.00 from Steven Thompson for the GHHS Girls Basketball Program
- c. \$707.95 from Alison Gessner Rooney for the food service program
- d. \$1,085.45 from US Martial Arts to the food service program
- e. Five (5) GHMCEF Gala tickets for district staff members

#### 12. <u>Donations</u>

Recommend the Board accept the following donations from the Bobcat Boosters:

- a. \$776.60 for GHHS Swim & Dive Team warm up jackets and swim caps
- b. \$1,465.38 Athletic Trainer spring supplies
- c. \$2,500.00 for GHHS Football uniforms

Mr. Bode seconded the motion.

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 23-072)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

#### 1. <u>Classified Notice of Appointment</u>

Recommend the Board approved the following classified Notice of Appointment:

a. Matt Ricker; Custodian, step 10, \$20.89 per hour, effective 4/19/2023 pending successful background check

#### 2. Classified Substitute Custodian

Recommend the Board approve the following substitute custodian:

a. Edward Jackson-Williams; Custodian, \$17.05 per hour, effective 4/12/2023

#### 3. Substitute Nurse

Recommend the Board approve the following substitute nurse:

a. Kelly Poe; \$150 per day / \$90 per half day, effective date is TBA pending results of successful background check

#### 4. <u>Classified Resignation</u>

Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignation:

a. Steven Lucas; Custodian, effective 3/20/2023

#### 5. Change to Classified Hours

Recommend the Board to approve the change in hours for the following classified staff members:

- a. Martina (Tina) Johanni; Cook/Cashier, from 4.5hrs to 5.5hrs effective 3/16/2023
- b. Debra Perkins; Cook/Cashier, from 2hrs to 3hrs effective 3/16/2023

#### 6. <u>One-Year Certificated Contracts</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following certificated contracts effective for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Sophie Turner; Intervention Specialist, BA, Step 1, \$46,345, pending successful background check results
- b. Kyle Precht; Intervention Specialist, MA, Step 5, \$64,883
- c. Kelly Haire; Kindergarten Teacher, MA, Step 8, \$71,835 pending successful background check results

#### 7. <u>Certified Teacher Position Change</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following certified position change for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Lindsey Harper; Teacher, from 5th Grade to 3rdGrade
- b. Katie Konrad; Teacher, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Kindergarten

- c. Amie Goode; Teacher, from Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- d. Heather Miller; Teacher, from Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- e. Meredith Beam; Teacher, from 7th Grade to Math & Computer Science Teacher (LMS/GHHS)

#### 8. Degree Advancements:

Recommend the Board approve the following degree advancements for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Paula Oswald- MA+45
- b. Elizabeth Mora- MA+30

#### 9. Rescind Supplemental Contract

Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental coach's resignation:

a. Brady Ford; Track, Middle School Coach, V-1-2, \$2,706.30

#### 10. <u>Supplemental Contracts</u>

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

#### Certificated

- a. Jennifer Olis; Pep Band Advisor (.50 FTE), VII-3-Max, \$1,127.63
- b. Thomas Stanley; Pep Band Advisor (.50 FTE), VII-1-2, \$676.58

#### Non-Certificated

- a. Brad Bauer; Track, Middle School Coach (.50 FTE), V-1-1, \$1,353.15
- b. Jack McNamara; Track, Middle School Coach (.50 FTE), V-1-1, \$1,353.15

#### 11. Stipend Contracts

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

#### Certificated

- a. Raeanna Wieland; Ski Club, \$300
- b. Laura Turner; Ski Club, \$300
- c. Meredith Beam; Ski Club, \$300
- d. Lana Williamson; Ski Club, \$300
- e. Jo Lee; Chemical Storage Supervisor, \$300
- f. Laura Turner; Yarn Club, \$1,000
- g. Rachel Smith; Mindfulness, \$1,000

#### 12. Extended Unpaid Parental Leave

Recommend the Board approve the following Extended Unpaid Parental Leave request as it appears in the GHEA Agreement, Article VIII Unpaid Leave Section E:

- a. Kathleen Cress; Health & Wellness Teacher, 2023-2024 school year
- b. Carrie Szlag; Intervention Specialist, estimated dates September 2023 December 2023

#### 13. <u>Job Descriptions</u>

Recommend the Board to approve the following updated job descriptions.

- a. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- b. Varsity Wrestling Head Coach
- c. Middle School Wrestling Coach
- d. Math & Computer Science Teacher

#### 14. <u>Kids' Club Personnel</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club summer new hires:

- a. Emily Keeler; Summer Recreation Leader, \$15.46 per hour, effective 5/30/2023 pending successful results of background checks
- b. Millie Peterson; Summer Recreation Leader, \$15.46 per hour, effective 5/30/2023 pending successful results of background checks

#### 15. Kids' Club Personnel Changes

Recommend the Board approve the following changes Kids' Club personnel changes:

- a. Lindsey Bertani; Intermittent Staff, from \$15.46 per hour to \$15.72 per hour, effective 5/30/2023
- b. Caroline Rodriguez; Intermittent Staff, from \$16.34 per hour to \$16.62 per hour, effective 5/30/2023

#### 16. <u>Kids' Club Resignation</u>

Recommend the Board accept the following Kids' Club resignation:

a. Hannah Thompson; Recreation Leader, effective 3/28/2023

#### 17. <u>Kids' Club Supplemental Yoga Instruction</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club 2023 summer program supplemental position:

a. Aja Price; Yoga Instructor, 4hrs per week at a rate of \$175.00 per week, total not to exceed \$1,575.00

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.

#### Curriculum and Instruction

#### **Teaching and Learning Committee**

Mr. Gusé reported the Teaching and Learning Committee met today and discussed the following topics:

- Reading curriculum package
- Possible change from late start to early dismissal for teacher professional development opportunities

#### Co-Curricular Activities and Extracurricular Activities

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-073) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve a field trip to New York City, New York, for the GHHS Vocal Music Program for a cultural/performance tour:

- a. April 4-7, 2024
- b. 45-50 students / 6 chaperones
- c. \$1,375 cost per student

#### 2. Volunteers

Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:

- a. Billie J. Bird
- b. Linda Nadine Diltz
- c. Megan Eileen Duffy Johnson
- d. Erin Leigh Kelsey
- e. Justin Walter Reinhart
- f. Jessica Delaine Rister
- g. Lydia Viola Robertson
- h. Martin Scott Robertson
- i. Jennifer Lynn Sami
- j. Sarah Ashley Shear
- k. Stephanie Haag Wells

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.

#### Adjournment

**Motion 23-074 (Adjourn)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gusé seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye. President Gephart declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:		
President	 	 
Treasurer	 	 



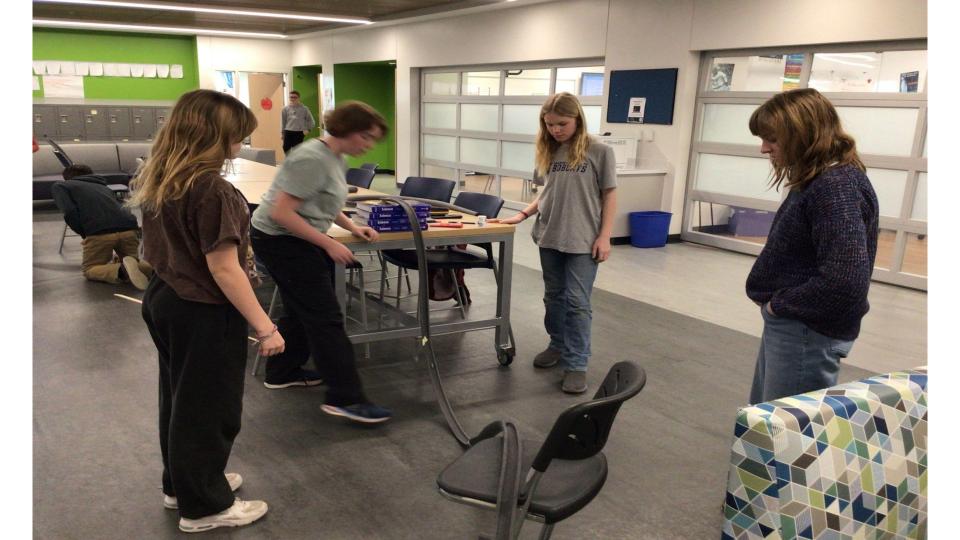
### Larson Middle School

# New Building New Opportunities

April 12, 2023











































### Teacher Thoughts

#### **Collaboration Spaces:**

"What did we do before having this space? I feel like we live out here. We tend to be out here more than we are in the classroom!"

#### Garage Doors:

"Opening the garage doors allows us to build true community!"

#### **Small Work Rooms:**

"Students who need fewer distractions need the small work rooms!"



### Teacher Thoughts

#### Overall Design:

"It is a visible space of collaboration!"

"Students can tell that teachers are collaborating!"

"The flexibility of the space allows students to take ownership of their learning!"

"This is my Disney World!"

#### Whiteboard Walls:

"Opening the wall and co-teaching with another class is fantastic!"



# Never Let Good Get in the Way of Great!!

#### **Teacher to Teacher Insights:**

Teachers are collaborating with one another and are offering better ways to utilize the spaces.

#### **Outside Views:**

ESC personnel coming in and providing ideas to improve.

#### Our Students:

Having their own ideas to improve the space usage and sharing with staff.





## THANK YOU