

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – August 14, 2024

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:

Emily Gephart

Kevin Gusé

Katie Matney

Molly Wassmuth

Members Absent:

Eric Bode

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Hearing – IDEA Part B Grant Funds

Mr. Culp read the following statement:

Prior to the start of each school year, school districts are required to invite the general public to participate in a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment, including by individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, on how the school district plans to spend its IDEA Part B funds for special education. In addition to presenting a spending plan for these funds, the hearing must include an opportunity for public comment and input from program participants and parents regarding the usage of these funds.

I will now provide information on a spending plan for IDEA Part B funds for special education, and a copy of the District's spending plan will be entered into the minutes for this meeting. Following my presentation, there will be an opportunity for public comment and input.

The 2024-2025 federal grant expenditure proposal includes the following:

Grant	2024-25	2023-24	Services Provided to Eligible Students
Title I Funds	\$53,443.43	\$65,963.73	Elementary Reading Instruction
Title IIA Funds	\$16,818.82	20,866.96	Grade 2 Instruction for Class Size Reduction
IDEA-Part B Funds	229,187.81	234,062.70	LMS and GHHS Special Education Intervention Specialists

As part of the grant requirements the public is given an opportunity to provide input on how the district intends to use these funds for 2024-2025. If anyone wants to provide input to the District on how they intend to use these funds they may speak now or send their input by email to rob.brown@ghschools.org.

No public comments were made.

Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation for Approval (Motion 25-006) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following meeting minutes

- a. Regular Meeting, June 26 2024
- b. Special Meeting, July 17, 2024

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Presentation: Auditor of State Award for the 2022-2023 Financial Audit – Scott Brown, Regional Liaison, Auditor of State's Office

Mr. Scott Brown, Regional Liaison from Auditor of State Keith Faber's Office read the following statement:

It is my honor to be here this evening representing State Auditor Keith Faber. I serve as his Central Ohio Liaison and it's part of my role in public affairs and customer service to be here this evening to present the Auditor of State Award to Grandview Heights Schools. It's important to note that this award really puts your school district in a very unique and select group. We audit nearly 4,200 entities each year and just 10% of those qualify for this award.

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit that meets the following criteria, defined as a clean audit:

- The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor's Office by a statutory due date without extension in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP);
- The audit does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance findings, or other questioned costs.

What this really means is this award represents the hard work of all the schools' administrative staff, Board, and employees who make every effort each day to attain accounting excellence.

We would also like to recognize that the Finance Office has done an outstanding job watching over all these dollars. Specifically, we want to recognize Treasurer Beth Collier for her leadership, professionalism, and commitment. So, on behalf of Auditor Faber, I would like to present Grandview Heights Schools the Auditor of State Award.

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning

Monday was Convocation Day at Grandview Heights Schools whereby the entire staff gathered to celebrate a new school year, recognize service milestones, and celebrate our Teacher of the Year and Win Win Classified Employee of the Year. Special congrats to Grade 7 ELA Teacher Carl Acton and Paraprofessional Aja Price!

On Tuesday, [The Columbus Dispatch](#) and photographer Barbara Perenic visited Stevenson Elementary to capture the excitement that the first day of school brings!

We offered three Meet the Teacher/Ice Cream Social events. Thank you to the GHMCEF for providing all of the ice cream!

Stevenson Elementary will be piloting a mental health and wellness screener this school year. CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning), which is the leader in social-emotional education, has identified five areas of social-emotional competence that support student learning and development.

LMS and GHHS will conduct its 2nd Annual Safety Day in collaboration with local police, fire, and the district security consultant on August 16th. We will conduct, discuss, and reflect on our five types of safety drills. This will be a great opportunity to place the necessary emphasis on school safety as we begin the school year while giving our school community the chance to ask questions and reflect.

The GHHS Student Services Department has begun preparations to enhance our students' overall high school experience. This includes working together as a department to formalize the new(er) details of the two counseling positions and how to maximize technology and experiences to enhance our students' accessibility. In coordination with our new district Workforce Coordinator, this will be an ongoing discovery in the beginning of the school year. In addition, we are developing a partnership with the UA Hub to have opportunities in career pathways, namely the University of Cincinnati IT program.

District Wide

This year staff will have a choice of seven inquiry groups to join and take deeper dives into their content during our late start professional development mornings. Topics include literacy, grading, math, and pathways. We will be rolling out a Mobile Emergency Response Plan (MERP) app for staff phones. This app makes our response plan for emergencies accessible at all times.

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Community Engagement

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The Athletic Department held its first Middle School Athletics Parent Advisory Committee meeting in July. An All Coaches meeting was also held in July to review Athletic Department expectations, rules, and regulations. Beth Collier reviewed financial practices and fundraising as well.

The 6th Annual TRI The Heights Youth Triathlon is Saturday, August 31. This is a great community event and everyone is welcome to participate either as a youth participant or adult volunteer. Visit [TRI the Heights Youth Triathlon](#), to register and/or volunteer.

On September 5-7 at Pierce Field, the Bobcat Boosters will host the annual Ox Roast. Since 1956 the Ox Roast has been a cherished community event. To volunteer, visit <https://www.bobcatboosters.org/ox-roast>

Business and Finance

Finance Presentation

Treasurer Beth Collier presented the following financial highlights:

Fiscal Year 2024 Highlights

- Revenues – 102% of budget
- Expenditures – 101.1% of budget
- Revenues exceed expenditures by \$741,071

Fiscal Year 2025 Highlights

General Fund (001)

- General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes –\$6.5 million of advances received; 40.1% of budget.
 - State Funding – 8.3% of budget.
 - State Share of Local Property Tax – Pending final 2nd half settlement
 - Grandview Yard – Pending final 2nd half settlement
 - Other Revenue – July Interest 81,657.70
- General Fund Expenditures
 - FYTD Budget: 1 months (8.3%)
 - Total FY Expenditures: 9.5% of budget
- General Fund Investments
 - US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 3.26%
 - Star Ohio Yield – 5.44%

Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$181,499.20
- Upcoming/ongoing projects:
 - Track Replacement
 - Stevenson master programming
 - GHHS/LMS interior design/branding
 - GHHS gym/wrestling room wall

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-007) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. June and July 2024 Financial Reports
Recommend the Board approve the June and July 2024 financial reports.
2. Budget Adjustments
Recommend the Board approve the following adjustments:

Estimated Revenue

Title VI-B IDEA Grant (516-9024)	(\$8,458.38)
Girls Tennis (300-9118)	510.00
Boys Tennis (300-9121)	510.00
Class of 2024 (200-9134)	(\$1,069.83)
Class of 2025 (200-9135)	1,069.83
Highland Yearbook (200-9184)	280.00
Football (300-9102)	510.00
HS Girls Soccer (300-9106)	45.00
HS Volleyball (300-9108)	405.00
HS Boys Soccer (300-9110)	980.00
HS Boys Basketball (300-9113)	150.00
HS Girls Basketball (300-9114)	450.00
HS Cross Country (300-9117)	3,732.00
Girls Tennis (300-9118)	510.00
Boys Tennis (300-9121)	510.00
Outdoor Education (300-9201)	30,000.00
Title VI-B IDEA Grant (516-9024)	(11,172.99)

3. Then and Now Certification

Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:

PO 43381, Ohio Pizza, Staff Meeting
PO 42937, Food Service Dept, catering
PO 43091, Food Service Dept, catering
PO 43165, Food Service Dept, catering
PO 43513, Food Service Dept, catering
PO 43585, Cornwell Law & Landscaping, lawncare
PO 43586, Elevator Service Holdings, service call
PO 43569, Ohio Youth Basketball, trophies
PO 43490, Kroger, Kids Club supplies
PO 43497, Kroger, Kids Club supplies
PO 41541, Franklin County Board of MRDD, preschool transportation
PO 43496, Gordon Food Services, Kids Club supplies
PO 43694, Motz Engineering, commissioning
PO 43727, State Security, service call
PO 43521, Rumpke, trash pickup
PO 43616, VISA, postage
PO 43542, VISA, supplies
PO 43616, VISA, supplies
PO 43774, Central Buckeye League, dues
PO 43753, ESCCO, CPI and MTSS training
PO 43781, Elevator Service Holdings, LLC, elevator inspections
PO 43646, Graduation Alliance, instructional services
PO 437869, State Security, security monitoring service
PO 43847, Columbus State Community College, college credit plus textbooks
PO 43750, Deaf Services Center, interpreting
PO 43812, Albert Sporting Goods, supplies
PO 43819, FBCoachSimpson, athletic supplies

4. OSes and OTrES Evaluations 2024-2025

Recommend the Board approve a contract with Dale McVey for facilitation of Superintendent and Treasurer evaluations for the 2024-2025 year.

5. Budget Reserve Transfer

Recommend the Board approve a transfer of \$28,102 from the General Fund (001) to the Reserve for Budget Stabilization (001-9001), in accordance with Board Policy DIF.

6. School Fees, Athletic Fees, Kindergarten Tuition Fees Waived for 2024-2025 School Year

Recommend the Board approve waiving school and athletic fees and kindergarten tuition for students for the 2024-2025 school year.

7. Athletic Admission

Recommend the Board approve the following athletic admission prices for the 2024-2025 school year:

CBL Athletic Tickets

- a. Adults (Middle School and High School Events) - \$7.00 + electronic processing fee
- b. Students (Middle School and High School Events) - \$5.00 + electronic processing fee

Season Passes

- a. Single Adult Pass, \$115.00 + electronic processing fee
- b. Two Adult Pass, \$190.00 + electronic processing fee
- c. Student Pass, \$35.00 + electronic processing fee

8. CCIP 2024-2025 Grant Application

Recommend the Board approve the 2024-2025 Ohio Department of Education CCIP consolidated grant application.

9. District Cashiers
Recommend the Board authorize the following positions as District Cashiers for the 2024-2025 school year:
- a. Treasurer
 - b. Assistant Treasurer
 - c. Stevenson Elementary Secretary
 - d. Larson Middle School Administrative Secretary
 - e. Grandview Heights High School Administrative Secretary
 - f. Athletic Director
 - g. Athletic Secretary
 - h. Child Care Director
 - i. Child Care Assistant Director
 - j. Food Service Director
 - k. Cooks
 - l. Executive Assistant to Superintendent
 - m. Human Resources Coordinator
10. GHEA Memorandum of Agreement – Non-School Event Site Coordinator
Recommend the Board approve a memorandum of agreement with the Grandview Heights Educational Association for the position of Non-School Event Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. SpeechPro Therapy LLC
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with SpeechPro Therapy for student speech therapy services.
12. Specialized Speech Technologies
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc. for student speech, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services.
13. Graduation Alliance
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Graduation Alliance for online dropout prevention and recovery courses.
14. Change Order – Track Replacement Project
Recommend the Board approve a change order with Byrne & Jones Construction for a storm water system permit required by the City of Columbus, as contained in the appendix.
15. Donations
Recommend the Board accept the following donations:
- a. Team and coach meal for the Wittenberg Shootout by Jim and Tracy Roedger
 - b. \$1,200 to Girls Soccer from the Gladdington Companies
 - c. \$3,732 to the GHHS Cross Country Team Camp from the Bobcat Boosters
16. Donations
Recommend the Board accept the following donations to the Athletic Department Youth Summer Camps:
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| a. | Tom Stephenitch | \$20.00 |
| b. | Sara Throckmor | 15.00 |
| c. | Lisa Young | 10.00 |
| d. | Jamie Money | 5.00 |
| e. | Kristin Hummell | 5.00 |
| f. | Andrea Sander | 5.00 |

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-008) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Classified Resignation
Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignation:
 - a. Tre Owens; Custodian, effective 8/8/2024
2. Kids' Club Assistant Director Contract
Recommend the Board approve a one-year contract for Allison Hall as Assistant Director of Kids' Club, \$48,000, effective 8/12/2024 – 7/31/2024.
3. Advancement on the Teacher's Salary Schedule
Recommend the Board approve the following teachers, having completed the required coursework, be granted advancement on the salary schedule for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Kelly Haire - Masters + 15
 - b. Katie McIntyre – Masters
 - c. Beth Hughes – Masters + 45
 - d. Anna Roth – Masters + 15
 - e. Amanda Graver – Masters +15
4. Correction to Boys Basketball Summer 2024 Program Payments
Recommend the Board approve the following hourly rate correction for Boys Basketball 2024 Summer Youth Camp, to be paid out of the Boys Basketball Activity Account (300-9113):
 - a. Chris Armstrong, \$30 per day
5. Kids' Club Pay Schedule
Recommend the Board approve the 2024-2025 pay schedule.
6. Classified Notice of Appointments
Recommend the Board approve the following classified Notice of Appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Martina Johanni; Cook/Cashier, Step 10, 2 hours/day, \$18.13/hour
 - b. Nicole Friedman; Health Clinic Aide, Step 10, 6.5 hours/day, \$27.30/hour
 - c. Peyton Hunt; Paraprofessional, Step 1, 2 hours/day, \$18.54/hour
7. Non-Certificated Stipends
Recommend the Board approve the following non-certificated stipend for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Cade Canter; Middle School Athletic Director, \$8,000
8. Supplemental Contracts
Recommend the Board to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Certificated
 - a. Carl Acton; Cross County, MS, Fall, VI-2-9, \$2,380.95
 - b. Jason Peters; Health/Wellness Supervisor, Winter, V-3-M, \$4,761.90
 - c. Jason Peters; Health/Wellness Supervisor, Spring, V-3-M, \$4,761.90
Non-Certificated
 - a. Jeremy Evans; Wrestling, JV Coach, Winter, (0.60 FTE) IV-2-6-, \$2,428.58
 - b. Rob Ballinger; Track/Field, Asst. Var. Coach, Spring, V-3-M, \$4,761.90
 - c. Brad Bauer; Track/Field, MS Coach, Spring, (0.50 FTE) V-1-3, \$1,428.57
 - d. Mandy Simon; Tennis, JV Coach, Girls, Fall, VI-1-1, \$1,904.76
 - e. Shelli Bruhn; Volleyball, JV Coach, Fall, IV-1-3, \$3,333.33
 - f. Raterious Walker; Football, Asst. Varsity coach, IV-3-M, \$5,238.09, pending Pupil Activity Permit
 - g. Kevin Readey; Football, MS Asst. Coach, (0.75 FTE), V-2-8, \$2,678.58, pending Pupil Activity Permit
 - h. Timothy Meyer; Volleyball, Asst. Var. Coach, Fall, IV-3-M, \$5,238.09, pending Pupil Activity Permit

9. Salary Correction
Recommend the Board approve the following salary adjustment:
- a. Stefanie Drugan; from Class VI to Class VII, FTE 1.00, \$88,095
 - b. Devon Albeit; from Class IV to V, FTE 1.00, \$73,809
10. Kids' Club Resignations
Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignations:
- a. Abigayle Hamblin; Recreation Leader, effective 8/2/2024
 - b. Nicole Smith; Assistant Kids' Club Director, effective 7/31/2024
 - c. Eleanor Winemiller; Recreation Leader, effective 5/24/2024
11. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club personnel for the 2024-2025 school year.
- a. Ateyana Williams; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr, effective 8/7/2024
 - b. Joshua Zolla; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr, effective 8/19/2024
 - c. Kathryn Griffith; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr, effective 8/19/2024
12. Kids' Club Personnel Pay Rates for the 2024-2025 School Year
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club personnel pay rates for the 2024-2025 school year:
- a. Lindsey Bertani; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr
 - b. Alecia Carpenter; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr
 - c. Naomi Cazares; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr
 - d. Grace Davis; Recreation Leader, Step 1, \$16.53/hr
 - e. Dominic Gentile, Team Leader, Step 3, \$17.47/hr
 - f. Allison Hamm; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09/hr
 - g. Peyton Hunt; Recreation Leader, Step 4, \$17.39/hr
 - h. Takwa Hassan; Team Leader, Step 4, \$17.77/hr
 - i. Lindy Hinkle; Team Leader, Step 3, \$17.47/hr
 - j. Heather Rager; Recreation Leader, Step 4, \$17.39/hr
 - k. Savannah Youngholm; Team Leader, Step 5, \$18.07/hr
13. A.M. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following A.M. Kids' Club employee and pay rate:
- a. Savannah Youngholm; Team Leader, \$20/hour, effective 8/20/2024
 - b. Haylie Blankenship; Recreation Leader, \$20/hour, effective 8/20/2024
14. Kids' Club Personnel Changes
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club personnel changes:
- a. Chloe Nelson; Recreation Leader from regular to intermittent staff, Step 2, \$16.81/hr, effective 8/5/2024
 - b. Maggie Saxer; Recreation Leader from regular to intermittent staff, Step 1, \$16.53/hr, effective 8/5/2024

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Curriculum and Instruction

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-009) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

1. Middle School Career Technical Education Waiver
Recommend the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.90(B) provides that "[i]f the board of education of a city, local, or exempted village school district adopts a resolution that specifies the district's intent not to provide career-

technical education to students enrolled in grades seven and eight for a particular school year and submits that resolution to the department by the thirtieth day of September of that school year, the department shall waive the requirement for that district to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grades seven and eight for that particular school year.”

WHEREAS, it is the Board’s intent not to provide career-technical education to students enrolled in grades seven and eight for the 2024-2025 school year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grandview Heights City School District Board of Education that the Superintendent or his designee shall submit this resolution and any other required forms and documentation to the Ohio Department of Education on or before September

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-010) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Volunteers

Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:

- a. Susan Baird
- b. Misti Dorsey
- c. Jennifer Kinsinger
- d. Sarkis Mahdasian
- e. Andrea Morris
- f. Casey Roberts
- g. Brittany Schaffner
- h. Jodi Schneider
- i. Cheryl Stewart
- j. Emily Taylor
- k. Rosemary Tolliver

Mrs. Matney seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Other

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-011) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

1. OSBA Delegates

Recommend the Board appoint a delegate and alternate delegate to attend the OSBA Capital Conference to be held November 10-12, 2024, in Columbus, Ohio.

Delegate: Emily Gephart

Alternate Delegate: Molly Wassmuth

Mrs. Matney seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion 25-012 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

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

President Gephart declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer