RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting – November 13, 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 CallMembers Present:Members Absent:Eric BodeKevin GuséEmily GephartKatie MatneyMolly Wassmuth

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation for Approval (Motion 25-023) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following meeting minutes: a. Regular Meeting, October 9, 2024

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.

Presentation: Cell Phone Policy Update - Principals Sam Belk and Shawn Hinkle

Mr. Sam Belk and Mr. Shawn Hinkle presented to the Board on how implementation of the new cell phone policy has gone in Larson Middle School and Grandview Heights High School. A copy of the presentation is attached to this official record of the meeting minutes.

Discussion

Mr. Bode asked Mr. Hinkle whether there have been any enforcement issues with the policy.

Mr. Hinkle explained that the enforcement has been pretty consistent and is going well. He explained that he and Mr. Wion met with students and laid the groundwork for the new policy at the start of the school year and they've had very few issues as a result.

Mrs. Gephart asked Mr. Hinkle whether more students have had to go to the office to call home if they have, perhaps, forgotten something they needed for school such as their lunch or their glasses, or whether students and parents seem to be making sure they remember what they need to bring with them.

Mr. Hinkle explained that there hasn't been much of a change with students coming to the office since the policy took effect.

Mrs. Gephart asked Mr. Belk about the concern expressed by some students regarding Wifi access.

Mr. Belk explained that in each of those cases where a student wasn't able to access a particular site, those sites were not for an educational purpose.

Ms. Wassmuth asked about whether students can access social media from their Chromebooks.

Mr. Belk said social media sites were inaccessible through the school Wifi even before the cell phone policy took effect.

Mrs. Gephart explained that she is torn around the idea of phone access during study hall and the general inability to occupy oneself without a digital screen. She added that studies have shown that it is not good for your brain to be engaged on a screen all the time and it likely adversely impacts students' creativity and innovation potential.

Mrs. Matney asked whether conversations are taking place around self-discipline in terms of using electronic devices. She stated that the ability to regulate that type of use for oneself is a life skill that is very important.

Mr. Belk explained that extensive conversations have been had with students leading up to the cell phone policy implementation and explaining the reason for it. He said that the "buy-in" from students has been great.

Ms. Wassmuth explained that she is supportive of prohibiting the use of cell phones during study hall and lunch for middle school students. She added that considerations for high school students are a little different.

Mrs. Gehpart stated, as a follow-up, that she would be interested in learning more about research done on using Chromebooks as an educational tool and whether it has been determined to be useful.

Superintendent's Report

First off in my report, I want to say that the Grandview Heights Schools is greatly appreciative of our community's commitment to our schools! A new Stevenson Elementary and K-12 Athletic Complex upgrades will help us better meet the needs of our students, families, and community and will reflect our district's high standards and commitment to excellence. We're excited to see these projects take shape!

Teaching and Learning

At Stevenson Elementary, first grade has begun its year-long partnership with the Butterfly Guild (Children's Hospital). Their first project was to create signs for the Columbus Marathon. They have met with members of the Butterfly Guild

to discuss further opportunities for student involvement and service. More to come on this partnership project!

At Larson Middle School, a new group of Peer Leaders, 7th and 8th grade students, met with a coach from Sources of Strength for a day long training. We are proud to provide this leadership opportunity to our middle school students.

At Grandview Heights High School, Jonathan Moody, Architect and CEO of Moody Nolan, the largest Black-owned architecture firm in the country, recently spoke to our high school students and shared his experiences as part of our student-led BARC Speaker Series. Mr. Moody then joined students in visiting three of Moody Nolan's local projects (Topiary Park Crossing, the Columbus Library MLK Branch, and the OSU Energy and Innovation Center).

Chief Academic Officer Angie Ullum, Instructional Coach Jessica Fields, and Career and Workforce Coordinator Devon Albeit attended the Pathways to Prosperity Conference to learn about and consider best practices in career exploration and experience-building nationwide.

Our Kids' Club Program is growing its professional development experiences to better serve our students. Team and Recreation Leaders are completing staff training through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) and working toward a School-Age Credential. In November, Director Amy Gardner is attending Drive Ohio's Education Webinar: Afterschool & Library Programs and Assistant Director Allie Hall will attend "Bringing PILS To Life in Your Classroom" at the Past Foundation. The program is also borrowing their first Portable Innovation Lab (PIL) from the Past Foundation to support Kids' Club programming.

Also, this month, the Athletic Department is hosting a professional development training for all middle and high school coaches. Ohio State's LifeSports Program will be conducting their Coach Beyond Program. The subject of this training is "Fostering a Positive Team Environment."

District Wide

We now have links through Classlink for Staff Social Emotional Learning (SEL) resources as well as general staff wellness resources. Some of the topics include self-regulation; self-care; community wellness partnerships; etc. The next step is to finish creating the SEL toolbox for teachers.

A primary technology focus right now is on SB29 compliance, including updates to technology processes, student security measures, and maintaining current Student Data Privacy Agreements (SDPA) with help from the EdTech Leaders Alliance.

Community Engagement

This Friday, November 15, at 8:30 a.m. will be the second Coffee & Conversation with Superintendent Andy Culp in the District Administration Collaboration Area. All are welcome!

An article in the current issue of Tri-Village Magazine highlights GHHS student volunteer and service opportunities and experiences. Read the article here: <u>https://www.cityscenecolumbus.com/communities/tri-village/tri-village-students-volunteer-spirits/</u>

Our Fall 2024 district newsletter has been released and mailed to all residences and business in the district. Read it online here: https://4.files.edl.io/6bd8/11/05/24/164334-e3bb5e02-db7f-476e-bbf0-ebac06eab987.pdf

Follow us on Facebook at Grandview Heights Schools and regularly check our website at <u>www.ghschools.org</u> for news and updates. #GHSDreamBig

Business and Finance

Finance Presentation

Treasurer Beth Collier presented the following financial highlights:

General Fund (001)

- General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes 44.7% of budget received.
 - State Funding 34.6% of budget.
 - State Share of Local Property Tax 48.2% of budget.
 - Grandview Yard 51.4% of budget.
 - Other Revenue \$83,531.42 MTD Interest | \$324,018.38 FYTD Interest
- General Fund Expenditures
 - FYTD Budget: 4 months (33.3%)
 - Total FY Expenditures: 32.7% of budget
- General Fund Investments
 - US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 3.27%
 - Star Ohio Yield 5.01%

Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$130,268.70
- Ongoing projects:
 - Track Replacement
 - GHHS/LMS interior design/branding

Annual Bond Millage Setting Process:

- Overview of Process
 - Calculated and adjusted annually
 - Certification to Franklin County Auditor (early November)
 - 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?
 - County Auditor will calculate the necessary millage (mid-late November)
 - Millage calculation is sent to the school district for approval (late November)
 - New bond millage rate goes into effect (January)
- 2018 Bond Levy
 - 7.51 Ballot Millage (5.85 Mill Increase)
 - BoE Resolution earmarking additional GV Yard funds to reduce the bond millage (October, 2018)
 - Actual increase to taxpayers: 2.8 mills
 - Committed to a transparent presentation annually
 - \$1,058,906 of GV Yard funds will be used toward 2025 debt service payments
 - Certified to Franklin County Auditor November 12, 2024
 - Will share official calculated millage rate at the December BoE meeting

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Bode explained that the Finance Committee met and reviewed a couple different approaches to the bond financing structure around the timing of when to issue.

The plan recommended by the district's bond counsel and municipal advisor, and ultimately agreed to by the Finance Committee, includes issuing a \$15 million bond anticipation note in December, 2024, with the bonds being issued in the Spring of 2025. The benefits of this approach include the following:

- The \$15 million of bond anticipation notes are exempt from IRS arbitrage rebate, meaning the district will be permitted to retain more of the interest earned on investing the proceeds.
- Lower overall debt service payments over the life of the bond.
- Higher anticipated interest earnings on the investment of the proceeds.

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-024) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

- 1. <u>October Financial Reports</u>
 - Recommend the board approve the October 2024 financial reports.

2. <u>Budget Adjustments</u>

3.

Recommend the Board approve the following adjustments:

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Estimated Revenue	
Facility Project Donations (003-9002)	(\$200,000.00)
Klink Activity Fund (018-9046)	200,000.00
Ohio Humanities Grant (599-9025)	4,000.00
Appropriations	
General Fund (001)	\$150,122.00
Facility Project Donations (003-9002)	(200,000.00)
Klink Activity Fund (018-9046)	200,000.00
Model UN (200-9124)	10,000.00
Ohio Humanities Grant (599-9025)	4,000.00
Then and Now Certification	
Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:	
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PO 44329, Ohio Alliance of Dual Enrollment Partnerships, membership	
PO 44241, Decker Inc., supplies	
PO 44346, College Board, membership	
PO 44251, Geiger Brothers, boiler service	
PO 43781, Elevator Service Holdings, service	
PO 44352, Central Buckeye League, dues	
PO 44362, Fredericktown Schools, entry fee	
PO 44378, Ohio School Boards Association, policy service	
PO 44331, SC Strategic Solutions, accounting software	
PO 44336, State Security, security monitoring/service	
PO 44348, Wellington School, tournament fee	
PO 44389, Ohio State University, CCP	
PO 44382, Yegros Educational LLC, instructional subscription	
PO 44235, VISA, membership dues	
PO 44272, VISA, esports equipment	
PO 44313, VISA, athletic supplies	
PO 44324, VISA, printing	
PO 44325, VISA, late-start supplies	
PO 44358, VISA, wellness supplies	
PO 44359, VISA, high school supplies	
PO 44367, VISA, Tri-Village Chamber Partnership luncheon	
PO 44446, VISA, golf green fees	
PO 44397. VISA, technology supplies	
PO 44374, VISA, fuel	
PO 44420, ADC Information Technologies, technology support	
PO 44443, Albert Sporting Goods, cross country supplies	
PO 44441 Challenge Runner LLC wellness ann	

PO 44441, Challenge Runner, LLC, wellness app

PO 44460, Atchley Graphics, athletic supplies

PO 44459, OHSAA, dues

PO 44439, Ohio Alliance of Dual Enrollment, professional development

PO 44478, Walsworth Publishing, yearbook

PO 43678, Carl Zipf Lock Shop, supplies

PO 44484, Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, unemployment

PO 44479, Central District Baseball Coaches Assoc., dues

PO 44483, Ronald Hanna, athletic assignor

PO 43693, EML LNQ, food service collection fees

PO 44183, Mary Ann Stephens, accompanist

PO 44501, Hansel's Septic Tank, service

PO 44417, Tri-Village Rotary, membership dues

PO 44500, Sam Belk, mileage reimbursement

PO 44288, Geiger Brothers, repairs

PO 44548, Ohio School of Falconry, student demonstration

PO 44553, Cornwell Lawn & Landscaping, lawncare

- 4. <u>Activity Fund Statement of Intent and Purpose</u> Recommend the Board approve the Student Activity and Support Fund Account Statement of Intent and Purpose for the 2024-2025 school year.
- 5. <u>Educational Service Center of Central Ohio</u> Recommend the Board approve the following Statements of Work with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio:
 - a. English Learner Consortium
 - b. Specialized On-Site Support Team
- 6. <u>Public School Works</u> Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Public School Works for Staff Accident Management reporting.
- 7. <u>Ring Central</u> Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Ring Central (formerly Mitel), for phone system services.
- 8. <u>Transportation Agreement</u> Recommend the Board approve a transportation agreement.

9. <u>META Electricity Consortium Bidding Participation</u> Recommend the Board approve the following resolution for participation in the META Electricity Purchasing Consortium RFP bidding process.

AUTHORIZING META (METROPOLITAN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION), ACTING JOINTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE OHIO SCHOOL CONSORTIUM ("CONSORTIUM"), TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER SUBMITTED TO THE CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM SUCH BIDDER.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association), a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services;

WHEREAS, in prior years, META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association) has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for competitive electric service;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest and best bidder for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District's electric supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail electric service commencing on or about the meter read date of the July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a total contract term not to exceed five (5) years;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest and best RFP bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest and best bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest and best bid for competitive retail electric service for all of the School District's electric supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of the META (Metropolitan Educational Technology Association), to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail electric service commencing on or about the meter read date of the July 2025 billing cycle with an initial contract term of two (2) or three (3) years, and the option to extend the contract for additional periods agreed to by the parties for a total contract term not to exceed five (5) years.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest and best bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or their appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

10. <u>Bond Anticipation Note Resolution</u> Recommend the Board approve the following Bond Anticipation Note resolution:

NOTE RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$69,525,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL FACILITIES AND RENOVATING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; IMPROVING THE SITES THEREOF; AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 5, 2024, on the proposition of issuing bonds of the

School District in the amount of \$69,525,000 for the purpose stated in the title of this Resolution (the

"Project") and levying taxes outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds,

the electors of the School District approved the issuance of such bonds with the requisite majority of those

voting on the proposition voting in favor thereof; and

WHEREAS, it appears advisable in lieu of issuing bonds at this time to issue notes in anticipation of the

issuance of all or a portion of said bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the Board (the "Treasurer") has certified to this Board that the estimated

life of the Project that is to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds and notes herein described exceeds five

years, with the maximum maturity of said bonds being 36 years and the maximum maturity of said notes being

20 years; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell not to exceed \$69,525,000 of such notes for the

Project under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, including Ohio Revised Code Chapter 133;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District, Franklin County, Ohio that:

<u>Section 1.</u> It is declared necessary to issue bonds of the School District for the purpose described in the title of this Resolution (the "Bonds") in the principal sum of not to exceed \$69,525,000, or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Treasurer and certified to this Board.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be dated prior to the maturity date of the Notes (as defined hereinbelow), shall bear interest at the maximum average annual interest rate presently estimated to be 6.50% or less per annum, payable semiannually until the principal sum is paid and shall mature in no more than 30 annual installments. Debt service payments on the Bonds in years in which principal of the Bonds is payable shall be as provided by law. All series of securities issued pursuant to the voted authority for the Bonds shall be considered on a consolidated basis for purposes of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.21.

<u>Section 3.</u> It is necessary to issue, and this Board hereby determines that there shall be issued, notes (the "Notes") in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds, which notes shall be designated as "Grandview Heights City School District, Franklin County, Ohio School Facilities Notes, Series 2024," or as otherwise designated by the Treasurer. The Notes may be issued in one or more series.

<u>Section 4.</u> The Notes shall be in the amount of not to exceed \$69,525,000, which sum does not exceed the amount of the Bonds. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Fiscal Officer Relating to Terms of Notes (the "Certificate of Fiscal Officer") setting forth the final terms of the Notes, consistent with the requirements of this Resolution, as shall be determined by the Treasurer.

The Notes shall be in such series and shall mature not later than one year following their issuance on such date or dates as shall be determined by the Treasurer and certified to this Board in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. The Certificate of Fiscal Officer shall indicate the dated date for the Notes, the purchase price for the Notes (which shall be not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof), the interest rates for the Notes (provided that the true interest cost for all Notes in the aggregate shall not exceed 7.00% per annum), and such other terms not inconsistent with this Resolution as the Treasurer shall deem appropriate. The Notes shall be numbered as determined by the Treasurer. The Notes shall be issued as fully registered notes and may be issued in book-entry form, as set forth herein. The Notes shall be issued in such denominations as determined by the Treasurer. Coupons shall not be attached to the Notes.

Section 5. The Notes shall express upon their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution. The Notes shall be executed by the President of the Board (the "President") and by the Treasurer in their official capacities, provided that either or both of their signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be payable as to both principal and interest at the designated office of the Note Registrar (as defined hereinbelow). No Note shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication, as printed on the Note, is signed by the Note Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Note Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Note so authenticated has been duly issued and delivered under this Resolution and is entitled to the security and benefit of this Resolution. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any officer or officers of the Note Registrar or by such other person acting as an agent of the Note Registrar as shall be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the School District. It shall not be necessary that the same authorized person sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Notes.

Section 6. The Notes shall be the full general obligation of the School District, and the full faith, credit and revenue of the School District are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of the Notes at maturity, together with interest thereon, and is hereby pledged for such purpose.

Section 7. There shall be and is hereby levied annually on all the taxable property in the School District, in addition to all other taxes and outside the ten mill limitation, a direct tax (the "Debt Service Levy") for each year during which any of the Notes are outstanding, in an amount not less than that which would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes, for the purpose of providing, and in an amount which is sufficient to provide, funds to pay interest upon the Notes as and when the same falls due and to provide a fund for the repayment of the principal of the Notes at maturity or upon redemption. The Debt Service Levy shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Article XII, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution.

Section 8. The Debt Service Levy shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of such years are certified, extended and collected. The Debt Service Levy shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from the Debt Service Levy shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the premium, if any, and interest on and principal of the Notes and the Bonds when and as the same fall due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the School District determines that funds will be available from other sources for the payment of the Notes and the Bonds in any year, the amount of the Debt Service Levy for such year shall be reduced by the amount of funds which will be so available, and the School District shall appropriate such funds to the payment of the Notes and the Bonds in accordance with law.

Section 9. The Notes shall be sold to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated or to such other purchaser or purchasers (collectively, the "Original Purchaser") as the Treasurer shall designate in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer at the purchase price set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer, plus interest accrued, if any, to the date of delivery of the Notes to the Original Purchaser. The Treasurer, the President, and any other officer of this Board, or any of them individually, are authorized to execute on behalf of the Board a note purchase agreement or term sheet with the Original Purchaser, setting forth the conditions under which the Notes are to be sold and delivered, which agreement shall be in such form, not inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as the Treasurer shall determine. The Treasurer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver the Notes, when executed, to the Original Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and accrued interest, if any, to the date of delivery.

The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. Any accrued interest received from the sale of the Notes shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, or other obligations of the School District, as permitted by law. Any premium received from the sale of the Notes may be used to pay the financing costs of the Notes within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.01(K) or be deposited into the bond retirement fund.

Section 10. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to serve as authenticating agent, note registrar, transfer agent, and paying agent (collectively, the "Note Registrar") for the Notes or to execute on behalf of the Board a Note Registrar Agreement with such bank or other appropriate financial institution as shall be acceptable to the Treasurer and the Original Purchaser, pursuant to which such bank or financial institution shall agree to serve as the Note Registrar for the Notes. Interest shall be payable at maturity by wire, check or draft mailed to the Registered Owner hereof, as shown on the registration books of the School District maintained by the Note Registrar. If at any time the Note Registrar shall be unable or unwilling to serve as such, or the Treasurer in such officer's discretion shall determine that it would be in the best interest of the School District for such functions to be performed by another party, or the Treasurer determines it necessary and appropriate to appoint a co-Note Registrar in addition to the Note Registrar, the Treasurer may, and is authorized and directed to, enter into an agreement with a national banking association or other appropriate institution experienced in providing such services, to perform the services required of the Note Registrar hereunder. Each such successor Note Registrar (or co-Note Registrar) shall promptly advise all noteholders of its identity and address. So long as any of the Notes remain outstanding, the School District shall cause to be maintained and kept by the Note Registrar, at the office of the Note Registrar, all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Notes as provided in this Section (the "Note Register"). Subject to the provisions hereof, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered on the Note Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes. Payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on any Note shall be made only to or upon the order of that person. Neither the School District nor the Note Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as herein provided. All payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Notes, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Note, upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Note Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Note Registrar, may be exchanged for Notes of the same form and of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Notes surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date. A Note may be transferred only on the Note Register upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Note Registrar, together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Note Registrar. Upon that transfer, the Note Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Note or Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Notes surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

In all cases in which Notes are exchanged or transferred hereunder, the School District shall cause to be executed and the Note Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner; except that the School District and the Note Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The School District or the Note Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before it begins the procedure for the exchange or transfer of the Notes. All Notes issued upon any transfer or exchange shall be the valid obligations of the School District, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Resolution, as the Notes surrendered upon that transfer or exchange.

Section 11. For purposes of this Resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Book-entry form" or "book-entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry and (ii) physical Notes in fully registered form are issued only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Notes "immobilized" to the custody of the Depository, and the book entry is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Notes.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its participants, a book-entry system to record beneficial ownership of securities and to effect transfers of securities in book-entry form, and includes The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

All or any portion of the Notes may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book-entry system, and the provisions of this Section shall apply, notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution: (i) there shall be a single Note of each maturity; (ii) those Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (iii) the beneficial owners in book-entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iv) ownership of beneficial interests in any Notes in book-entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by the Depository and by book entry; and (v) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the School District. Debt service charges on Notes in book-entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in same day funds delivered to the Depository or its authorized representative (i) in the case of interest on each interest payment date if any interest is due and payable prior to the maturity of the Notes, and (ii) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Notes as provided in this Resolution.

The Note Registrar may, with the approval of the School District, enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of any Note in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal and interest on that Note or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided above in this Resolution, without prior presentation or surrender of the Note, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Note Registrar and the School District. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of that Note on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Note Registrar shall furnish a copy of each of those agreements, certified to be correct by the Note Registrar, to other paying agents for Notes and to the School District. Any payment of principal or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this Resolution.

If requested, the Treasurer, the Superintendent of the School District (the "Superintendent"), or any other officer of this Board is authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the School District, an agreement among the School District, the Note Registrar and a Depository to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Notes to such Depository for use in a book-entry system.

The School District may decide to discontinue use of the book-entry system through the Depository. In that event, physical Note certificates will be printed and delivered to the Depository.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as the Depository for the Notes for use in a bookentry system, the School District and the Note Registrar may attempt to establish a securities depository/bookentry relationship with another qualified Depository under this Resolution. If the School District and the Note Registrar do not or are unable to do so, the School District and the Note Registrar, after the Note Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository and authenticate and deliver note certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing and delivering definitive Notes), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by the School District or the Note Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

<u>Section 12.</u> The Treasurer may determine to issue all or any series or portion of the Notes as obligations that the interest thereon is excluded from the noteholders' gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the following provisions of this Section shall apply to such Notes (or series or portions thereof):

The Board covenants that it will comply with the requirements of all existing and future laws which must be satisfied in order that interest on the Notes is and will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation restrictions on the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Notes so that the Notes will not constitute "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Board further covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Notes are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Regulations").

The Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, is authorized and directed (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the Board with respect to the Notes as permitted or required to be made or given under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or the status of the Notes or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing any rebate amount or any payment of penalties, or making any payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, any excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by the Treasurer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, on behalf of the Board; (b) to take any and all actions, make or obtain calculations, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the Board as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Notes; and (c) to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Board, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations of the Board regarding compliance by the Board with Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and the Regulations.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to the use and investment of all proceeds of the Notes sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the School District to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Notes that relates to the use of such proceeds, which limits the amount of Note proceeds that may be invested on an unrestricted yield or requires the School District to rebate arbitrage profits to the United States Department of the Treasury. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Notes requires any such reports or rebates.

Section 13. The Treasurer is authorized to obtain or update a rating or ratings on the Notes and the School District if the Treasurer determines that it is necessary or advisable in connection with the original

issuance of the Notes. If the Treasurer so determines, then the Treasurer, Superintendent, and any officer of this Board are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to obtain such rating or ratings, including paying the rating fees imposed by any rating agency and paying any travel expenses relating to obtaining such rating or ratings.

Ohio Market Access Program. To the extent that the Treasurer determines that it Section 14. would be in the best interest of the School District in conjunction with issuing the Notes to elect to utilize the Ohio Market Access Program ("OMAP") that is administered by the Treasurer of State of the State of Ohio (the "Treasurer of State"), the Treasurer and the President, or either of them individually, are authorized to sign and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the School District, a Standby Note Purchase Agreement (the "Standby Note Purchase Agreement"). The Standby Note Purchase Agreement for OMAP is hereby authorized in the form presented to the Board with such changes not materially adverse to the School District as may be approved by the officers of the School District executing the Standby Note Purchase Agreement. The School District acknowledges the agreement of the Treasurer of State in the Standby Note Purchase Agreement that, in the event the School District is unable to repay the principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest of the Notes at their maturity, whether through its own funds or through the issuance of other obligations of the School District, the Treasurer of State agrees (a) to purchase the Notes from the holders or beneficial owners thereof upon their presentation to the Treasurer of State for such purchase at a price of par plus accrued interest to maturity or (b) to purchase renewal notes of the School District in a principal amount not greater than the principal amount of the Notes plus interest due at maturity, with such renewal notes bearing interest at a rate of the lower of (i) the one-year benchmark on the Municipal Market Data ("MMD") "AAA" scale on the date of this Resolution plus 400 basis points (or such other rate methodology in effect as part of OMAP), or (ii) the maximum interest rate provided by law, maturing not more than one year after the date of their issuance, and being prepayable at any time with 30 days' notice, provided that in connection with the Treasurer of State's purchase of such renewal notes the School District shall deliver to the Treasurer of State an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that (i) such renewal notes are the legal, valid and binding general obligations of the School District, and the principal of and interest on such renewal notes, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes unlimited as to amount or rate on all property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the School District (which is the Debt Service Levy as previously provided for in this Resolution), and (ii) interest on the renewal notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. as amended, to the same extent that interest on the Notes is so excluded.

To the extent that the Notes are issued through OMAP, the Treasurer, the President and any other officer of the Board or the School District are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to participate in OMAP, including paying any fees required to participate in OMAP and taking all actions that may in their judgment reasonably be necessary to provide for the Standby Note Purchase Agreement, including but not limited to the inclusion of a notation on the form of the Notes providing notice to the holders or beneficial owners of the existence of the Standby Note Purchase Agreement and providing instructions to such holders or beneficial owners regarding the presentation of the Note for purchase by the Treasurer of State at stated maturity.

<u>Section 15.</u> The Treasurer is authorized to make the deposits and fund transfers required or necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 16. The Board approves of the appointments of the law firm of Bricker Graydon LLP to serve as Bond Counsel and Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC to serve as a municipal advisor to the School District with respect to the issuance of the Notes. The respective fees to be paid to such firms shall be subject to review and approval by the Treasurer and shall not exceed the fees customarily charged for such services.

Section 17. The officer having charge of the minutes of the Board and any other officers of the Board, or any of them individually, are authorized and directed to prepare and certify a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Notes and to furnish a copy of such transcript to the Original Purchaser. Such transcript shall include certified copies of all proceedings and records of the Board relating to the power and authority of the School District to issue the Notes and certificates as to matters within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records under their custody and control, including but not limited to a general certified copies and certificate of the Treasurer and a no-litigation certificate of the President and the Treasurer, and such certified copies and certificates shall be deemed representations of the School District as to the facts stated therein. Except for the procedure for authenticating the Notes set forth herein, documents (including this Resolution) executed, scanned and transmitted electronically and electronic and digital signatures shall be

deemed original signatures for said transcript of the Notes, for the purposes of this Resolution, and for all matters related thereto, with any such scanned, electronic, and digital signatures having the same legal effect as original signatures.

The Treasurer, the Superintendent, the President, and any other officer of this Board are authorized and directed to take such action (including, but not limited to, hiring such professionals and consultants as may be needed to facilitate the issuance of the Notes) and to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Board, such additional instruments, agreements, certificates, and other documents as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution. Such documents shall be in the form not substantially inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as they in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

Section 18. It is hereby found and determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the School District have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith, credit and revenue of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal and interest thereof at maturity; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, has been exceeded in issuing the Notes.

Section 19. For the first collection year for the Debt Service Levy (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025), this Board requests the County Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") to set and collect the Debt Service Levy at 6.95 mills, which is the millage estimate for the Bonds and the Notes approved by the electors of the School District at the election held on November 5, 2024. This resolution shall be supplemented with the Certificate of Fiscal Officer provided for herein. Additionally, the Treasurer shall supply the County Auditor with a plan of finance relating to the Notes and the Bonds if necessary to facilitate the collection of the Debt Service Levy.

<u>Section 20.</u> It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

11. <u>Bond Resolution</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following Bond resolution.

BOND RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$69,525,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL FACILITIES AND RENOVATING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING AND EXPANDING EXISTING SCHOOL FACILITIES; FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME; IMPROVING THE SITES THEREOF; AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; RETIRING NOTES AS MAY BE ISSUED FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, at the election held on November 5, 2024, on the proposition of issuing bonds of the

School District in the amount of \$69,525,000 for the purpose stated in the title of this Resolution (the

"Project") and levying taxes outside the ten-mill limitation to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds,

the electors of the School District approved the issuance of such bonds with the requisite majority of those

voting on the proposition voting in favor thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such voted authority and a separate resolution duly passed on November 13,

2024, the School District may issue bond anticipation notes (the "Notes"), in an amount not to exceed

\$69,525,000 in one or more series, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the Board (the "Treasurer") has certified to this Board that the estimated

life of the Project that is to be financed with the proceeds of such bonds exceeds five years, and the maximum

maturity of such bonds is 36 years; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed necessary to issue and sell not to exceed \$69,525,000 of such bonds for

the Project and to retire the Notes under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, including Ohio

Revised Code Chapter 133;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District, Franklin County, Ohio that:

Section 1. It is declared necessary to issue bonds of the School District for the purpose described in the title of this Resolution, including retiring the Notes, in the principal sum of not to exceed \$69,525,000, or such lesser amount as shall be determined by the Treasurer and certified to this Board, which bonds shall be designated as "Grandview Heights City School District, Franklin County, Ohio School Facilities Bonds, Series 2025," or as otherwise designated by the Treasurer (the "Bonds"). The Bonds may be issued in one or more series.

Section 2. The Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds in such denominations as shall be determined by the Treasurer, but not exceeding the principal amount of Bonds maturing on any one date; shall be numbered as determined by the Treasurer; and shall have such final terms as shall be determined by the Treasurer and set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer provided for herein.

Section 3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the School District a Certificate of Fiscal Officer Relating to Terms of Bonds (the "Certificate of Fiscal Officer") setting forth the aggregate principal amount and the final terms of the Bonds, which aggregate principal amount and terms, subject to the limitations set forth in this Resolution, shall be as determined by the Treasurer. The Certificate of Fiscal Officer shall indicate the dated date for the Bonds, the dates on which interest on the Bonds is to be paid (the "Interest Payment Dates"), the purchase price for the Bonds (which shall be not less than 97% of the aggregate principal amount thereof), the maturity schedule for the Bonds (provided that the maximum maturity date of the Bonds shall not exceed 36 years), the interest rates for the Bonds (provided that the true interest cost for all Bonds in the aggregate shall not exceed 6.50% per annum), the optional and mandatory redemption provisions, if any, and such other terms not inconsistent with this Resolution as the Treasurer shall deem appropriate.

Section 4. The Bonds shall be issued with interest payable semiannually on each Interest Payment Date until the principal sum is paid or provision has been duly made therefor (the "Current Interest Bonds") or with interest compounded on each Interest Payment Date but payable only at maturity (the "Capital Appreciation Bonds") in such proportions as shall be set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months unless otherwise determined by the Treasurer. Unless otherwise determined by the Treasurer. Unless otherwise determined by the Treasurer. Interest Bonds shall be in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and the Capital Appreciation Bonds shall be in the denominations on the date of their issuance and delivery equal to the principal amount which, when interest is accrued and compounded thereon, beginning on the date of delivery to the Original Purchaser (as defined hereinbelow), and each Interest Payment Date thereafter, will equal \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof at maturity.

Section 5. The Current Interest Bonds shall be subject to optional and mandatory redemption prior to stated maturity as provided in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer. If optional redemption of the Current Interest Bonds at a redemption price exceeding 100% is to take place on any date on which a mandatory redemption of the Current Interest Bonds of the same maturity will take place, the Current Interest Bonds to be redeemed by optional redemption shall be selected by the Bond Registrar (as defined hereinbelow) prior to the selection of the Current Interest Bonds to be redeemed at par on the same date.

When partial redemption is authorized, the Bond Registrar shall select Current Interest Bonds or portions thereof by lot within a maturity in such manner as the Bond Registrar may determine, provided,

however, that the portion of any Current Interest Bond so selected shall be in the amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (unless otherwise determined by the Treasurer).

The notice of the call for redemption of Current Interest Bonds shall identify (i) by designation, letters, numbers or other distinguishing marks, the Current Interest Bonds or portions thereof to be redeemed, (ii) the redemption price to be paid, (iii) the date fixed for redemption, and (iv) the place or places where the amounts due upon redemption are payable. From and after the specified redemption date interest on the Current Interest Bonds (or portions thereof) called for redemption shall cease to accrue. Such notice shall be sent by first class mail at least 30 days prior to the redemption date to each registered holder of the Current Interest Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown in the Bond Register (as defined hereinbelow) on the 15th day preceding the date of mailing. Failure to receive such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Current Interest Bond.

Section 6. The Bonds shall express upon their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution. The Bonds shall be executed by the President of the Board (the "President") and by the Treasurer in their official capacities, provided that either or both of their signatures may be a facsimile. No Bond shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or shall be entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication, as printed on the Bond, is signed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent. Authentication by the Bond Registrar shall be conclusive evidence that the Bond so authenticated has been duly issued and delivered under this Resolution and is entitled to the security and benefit of this Resolution. The certificate of authentication may be signed by any officer or officers of the Bond Registrar or by such other person acting as an agent of the Bond Registrar as shall be approved by the Treasurer on behalf of the School District. It shall not be necessary that the same authorized person sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds.

Section 7. The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the designated office of the Bond Registrar. Each Bond shall bear interest from the later of the date thereof, or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, unless the date of authentication of any Bond is less than 15 days prior to an Interest Payment Date, in which case interest shall accrue from such Interest Payment Date. Interest on any Current Interest Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by wire or check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond is registered, at the close of business on the 15th day next preceding that Interest Payment Date (the "Record Date") (unless such date falls on a non-business day, in which case the Record Date shall be the preceding business day), on the Bond Register at the address appearing therein.

Any interest on any Bond which is payable, but is not punctually paid or provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered owner on the relevant Record Date by virtue of having been such owner and such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the registered owner in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") to be fixed by the Bond Registrar, such Special Record Date to be not more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of proposed payment. The Bond Registrar shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each bondholder, at such bondholder's address as it appears in the Bond Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, and may, in its discretion, cause a similar notice to be published once in a newspaper in each place where Bonds are payable, but such publication shall not be a condition precedent to the establishment of such Special Record Date.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Bond delivered by the Bond Registrar upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond.

Section 8. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to serve as authenticating agent, bond registrar, transfer agent, and paying agent (collectively, the "Bond Registrar") for the Bonds or to execute on behalf of the Board a Bond Registrar Agreement with such bank or other appropriate financial institution as shall be acceptable to the Treasurer and the Original Purchaser, pursuant to which such bank or financial institution shall agree to serve as the Bond Registrar for the Bonds. If at any time the Bond Registrar shall be unable or unwilling to serve as such, or the Treasurer in such officer's discretion shall determine that it would be in the best interest of the School District for such functions to be performed by another party, or the

Treasurer determines it necessary and appropriate to appoint a co-Bond Registrar in addition to the Bond Registrar, the Treasurer may, and is authorized to, enter into an agreement with a national banking association or other appropriate institution experienced in providing such services, to perform the services required of the Bond Registrar hereunder. Each such successor Bond Registrar (or co-Bond Registrar) shall promptly advise all bondholders of its identity and address. So long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the School District shall cause to be maintained and kept by the Bond Registrar, at the office of the Bond Registrar, all books and records necessary for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds as provided in this Section (the "Bond Register"). Subject to the provisions hereof, the person in whose name any Bond shall be registered on the Bond Register shall be regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes. Payment of or on account of the principal of and interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of that person. Neither the School District nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary, but the registration may be changed as herein provided. All payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bonds, including the interest thereon, to the extent of the amount or amounts so paid.

Any Bond, upon presentation and surrender at the office of the Bond Registrar, together with a request for exchange signed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, may be exchanged for Bonds of the same form and of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

A Bond may be transferred only on the Bond Register upon presentation and surrender thereof at the office of the Bond Registrar, together with an assignment executed by the registered owner or by a person authorized by the owner to do so by a power of attorney in a form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar. Upon that transfer, the Bond Registrar shall complete, authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations equal in the aggregate to the unmatured principal amount of the Bonds surrendered, and bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date.

The School District and the Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange (i) any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds, and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (ii) any Bonds selected for redemption, in whole or in part, following the date of such mailing.

In all cases in which Bonds are exchanged or transferred hereunder, the School District shall cause to be executed and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. The exchange or transfer shall be without charge to the owner; except that the School District and the Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse them for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the exchange or transfer. The School District or the Bond Registrar may require that those charges, if any, be paid before it begins the procedure for the exchange or transfer of the Bonds. All Bonds issued upon any transfer or exchange shall be the valid obligations of the School District, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Resolution, as the Bonds surrendered upon that transfer or exchange.

Section 9. For purposes of this Resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Book-entry form" or "book-entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds may be transferred only through a book entry and (ii) physical Bonds in fully registered form are issued only to a Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Bonds "immobilized" to the custody of the Depository, and the book entry is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Bonds.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its participants, a book-entry system to record beneficial ownership of securities and to effect transfers of securities in book-entry form, and includes The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

All or any portion of the Bonds may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book-entry system, and the provisions of this Section shall apply, notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution: (i) there shall be a single Bond of each maturity; (ii) those Bonds shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its

nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (iii) the beneficial owners in book-entry form shall have no right to receive Bonds in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iv) ownership of beneficial interests in any Bonds in book-entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by the Depository and by book entry; and (v) the Bonds as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the School District. Bond service charges on Bonds in book-entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in same day funds delivered to the Depository or its authorized representative (i) in the case of interest, on each Interest Payment Date, and (ii) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Bonds as provided in this Resolution.

The Bond Registrar may, with the approval of the School District, enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of any Bond in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal and interest on that Bond or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided above in this Resolution, without prior presentation or surrender of the Bond, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and the School District. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of that Bond on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Bond Registrar shall furnish a copy of each of those agreements, certified to be correct by the Bond Registrar, to other paying agents for Bonds and to the School District. Any payment of principal or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this Resolution.

If requested, the Treasurer, the Superintendent of the School District (the "Superintendent"), or any other officer of this Board is authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the School District, an agreement among the School District, the Bond Registrar and a Depository to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to such Depository for use in a book-entry system.

The School District may decide to discontinue use of the book-entry system through the Depository. In that event, physical Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to the Depository.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as the Depository for the Bonds for use in a bookentry system, the School District and the Bond Registrar may attempt to establish a securities depository/bookentry relationship with another qualified Depository under this Resolution. If the School District and the Bond Registrar do not or are unable to do so, the School District and the Bond Registrar, after the Bond Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Bonds from the Depository and authenticate and deliver bond certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing and delivering definitive Bonds), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by the School District or the Bond Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

Section 10. There shall be and is hereby levied annually on all the taxable property in the School District, in addition to all other taxes and outside the ten-mill limitation, a direct tax (the "Debt Service Levy") for each year during which any of the Bonds are outstanding for the purpose of providing, and in an amount which is sufficient to provide, funds to pay interest upon the Bonds as and when the same falls due and to provide a fund for the repayment of the principal of the Bonds at maturity or upon redemption. The Debt Service Levy shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Article XII, Section 11 of the Ohio Constitution.

Section 11. The Debt Service Levy shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of such years are certified, extended and collected. The Debt Service Levy shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from the Debt Service Levy shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the premium, if any, and interest on and principal of the Bonds when and as the same fall due. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the School District determines that funds will be available from other sources for the payment of the Bonds in any year, the amount of the Debt Service Levy for such year shall be reduced by the amount of funds which will be so available, and the School District shall appropriate such funds to the payment of the Bonds in accordance with law.

Section 12. The Treasurer shall sell the Bonds to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated or to such other purchaser or purchasers (collectively, the "Original Purchaser") as the Treasurer shall designate in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer at the purchase price set forth in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer plus interest accrued, if any, to the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Original Purchaser. The Treasurer, the Superintendent, the President and any other officer of this Board, or any of them individually, are authorized to execute on behalf of the Board a bond purchase agreement with the Original Purchaser, setting forth the conditions under which the Bonds are to be sold and delivered, which agreement shall be in such form, not inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as the Treasurer shall determine.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, except the premium and accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose. Any accrued interest received from such sale shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or other obligations of the School District, as permitted by law. Any premium received from the sale of the Bonds may be used to pay the financing costs of the Bonds within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 133.01(K) or be deposited into the bond retirement fund.

Section 13. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is requested, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3317.18, to approve an agreement among the State, the School District, and the Bond Registrar providing for the withholding of deposit of funds otherwise due to the School District under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3317 for the payment of debt charges on all or any portion or series of the Bonds. The President, the Superintendent, and the Treasurer are authorized to prepare and file with the State an application for such approval and to execute and deliver on behalf of the Board any and all documents, certificates, forms and agreements that are in their judgment necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, if the Treasurer deems such agreement to be in the best interest of the School District.

<u>Section 14.</u> The Treasurer may determine to issue all or any series or portion of the Bonds as obligations that the interest thereon is excluded from the bondholders' gross income for federal income tax purposes, and the following provisions of this Section shall apply to such Bonds (or series or portions thereof):

The Board covenants that it will comply with the requirements of all existing and future laws which must be satisfied in order that interest on the Bonds is and will continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation restrictions on the use of the property financed with the proceeds of the Bonds so that the Bonds will not constitute "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Board further covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the Bonds are issued, so that they will not constitute arbitrage bonds under Section 148 of the Code and the regulations prescribed thereunder (the "Regulations").

The Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, is authorized and directed (a) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the Board with respect to the Bonds as permitted or required to be made or given under the federal income tax laws, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or the status of the Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing any rebate amount or any payment of penalties, or making any payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, any excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by the Treasurer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the Treasurer, or any other officer of this Board, on behalf of the Board; (b) to take any and all actions, make or obtain calculations, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the Board as may be appropriate to assure the exclusion of interest from gross income and the intended tax status of the Bonds; and (c) to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the Board, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances, and reasonable expectations of the Board pertaining to Section 148 and the Regulations, and the representations, warranties and covenants of the Board regarding compliance by the Board with Sections 141 through 150 of the Code and the Regulations.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate records pertaining to the use and investment of all proceeds of the Bonds sufficient to permit, to the maximum extent possible and presently foreseeable, the School District to comply with any federal law or regulation now or hereafter having applicability to the Bonds that relates to the use of such proceeds, which limits the amount of bond proceeds that may be invested on an

unrestricted yield or requires the School District to rebate arbitrage profits to the United States Department of the Treasury. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to file such reports with, and rebate arbitrage profits to, the United States Department of the Treasury, to the extent that any federal law or regulation having applicability to the Bonds requires any such reports or rebates.

Section 15. The Treasurer is authorized to make appropriate arrangements, if the Treasurer deems it in the best interest of the School District, for the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy with respect to all or any portion or series of the Bonds, including executing and delivering a commitment therefor and certificates and other documents in connection therewith and paying the bond insurance premium related thereto. All additional provisions required to be authorized by this Board for the issuance of a municipal bond insurance policy shall be contained in the Certificate of Fiscal Officer or in the transcript of proceedings described herein.

Section 16. The distribution of an Official Statement of the School District, in preliminary and final form, relating to the original issuance of the Bonds is authorized if the Treasurer determines that it is necessary or advisable to prepare and distribute an Official Statement in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds. If the Treasurer so determines, then the Treasurer, the Superintendent and the President, and any other officer of this Board, are authorized and directed to negotiate, prepare and execute, on behalf of the School District and in their official capacity, the Official Statement and any supplements thereto as so executed in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds, and they are authorized and directed to advise the Original Purchaser in writing regarding limitations on the use of the Official Statement and any supplements thereto for purposes of marketing or reoffering the Bonds as they deem necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the School District. The Treasurer, the Superintendent and the President are each authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the School District and in their official capacities, such certificates in connection with the accuracy of an Official Statement, in either preliminary or final form, and any supplements thereto as may, in their judgment, be necessary or appropriate.

Section 17. The Treasurer is authorized to obtain or update a rating or ratings on the Bonds and the School District if the Treasurer determines that it is necessary or advisable in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds. If the Treasurer so determines, then the Treasurer, Superintendent, and any officer of this Board are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to obtain such rating or ratings, including paying the rating fees imposed by any rating agency and paying any travel expenses relating to obtaining such rating or ratings.

<u>Section 18.</u> The Treasurer is authorized to make the deposits and fund transfers required or necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 19. The Board approves of the appointments of the law firm of Bricker Graydon LLP to serve as Bond Counsel and Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC to serve as a municipal advisor to the School District with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The respective fees to be paid to such firms shall be subject to review and approval by the Treasurer and shall not exceed the fees customarily charged for such services.

Section 20. The officer having charge of the minutes of the Board and any other officers of the Board, or any of them individually, are authorized and directed to prepare and certify a true transcript of proceedings pertaining to the Bonds and to furnish a copy of such transcript to the Original Purchaser. Such transcript shall include certified copies of all proceedings and records of the Board relating to the power and authority of the School District to issue the Bonds and certificates as to matters within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records under their custody and control, including but not limited to a general certified copies and certificates shall be deemed representations of the School District as to the facts stated therein. Except for the procedure for authenticating the Bonds set forth herein, documents (including this Resolution) executed, scanned and transmitted electronically and electronic and digital signatures shall be deemed original signatures for said transcript of the Bonds, for the purposes of this Resolution, and for all matters related thereto, with any such scanned, electronic, and digital signatures having the same legal effect as original signatures.

The Treasurer, the Superintendent, the President, and any other officer of this Board are authorized and directed to take such action (including, but not limited to, hiring such professionals and consultants as may be needed to facilitate the issuance of the Bonds) and to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Board, such additional instruments, agreements, certificates, and other documents as may be in their discretion necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the intent of this Resolution. Such documents shall be in the form not substantially inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, as they in their discretion shall deem necessary or appropriate.

Section 21. It is hereby found and determined that all acts, conditions and things necessary to be done precedent to and in the issuing of the Bonds in order to make them legal, valid and binding obligations of the School District have happened, been done and been performed in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith, credit and revenue of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal and interest thereof at maturity; and that no limitation of indebtedness or taxation, either statutory or constitutional, has been exceeded in issuing the Bonds.

Section 22. For the first collection year for the Debt Service Levy (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025), this Board requests the County Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") to set and collect the Debt Service Levy at 6.95 mills, which is the millage estimate for the Bonds approved by the electors of the School District at the election held on November 5, 2024. This resolution shall be supplemented with the Certificate of Fiscal Officer provided for herein. Additionally, the Treasurer shall supply the County Auditor with a plan of finance relating to the Bonds if necessary to facilitate the collection of the Debt Service Levy.

Section 23. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 24. The Treasurer is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor.

12. <u>Capital Improvement Project Services</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following resolution for the procurement of design professional, owner's representative, and construction manager at risk services for the district's capital improvement project:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCESSES TO PROCURE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, VARIOUS CONSULTANT SERVICES, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Superintendent requests authority to initiate the processes for procurement of design professional services, consultant services, owner's representative, and construction manager at risk services for the District's Capital Improvements Project (the "Project").

Background:

- 1. The Project will require the services of a design professional, various consultants, owner's representative, and a construction manager at risk ("CMR").
- 2. For procurement of a design professional and various other consulting services, Sections 153.65 through .71 of the Ohio Revised Code prescribes a qualifications-based selection process, involving the issuance of a public request for qualifications.
- 3. The procurement of an owner's representative is not subject to formal public procurement requirements; however, the District will issue a public request for proposals and select the owner's representative firm most advantageous for the District.
- 4. For procurement of a CMR services, Section 9.33 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 153:1-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code prescribes a two-step selection process, involving the issuance of a public request for qualifications, short listing of qualified firms, and a public request for proposals.
- 5. The Superintendent requests authority for the Superintendent and Treasurer to initiate the procurement processes for selection of a design professional, various consultants, owner's representative, and a CMR, and to convene an Evaluation Committee to review the qualifications

submitted, and to provide the Board with the Evaluation Committee's recommended selections and cost proposals for approval.

The Board of Education resolves as follows:

The Superintendent and Treasurer, are authorized to work with legal counsel to initiate the procurement processes for selection of a design professional, various consultants, owner's representative, and a CMR, and to convene an Evaluation Committee to review the qualifications submitted, and to provide the Board with the Evaluation Committee's recommended selections and cost proposals for approval.

13. <u>Asset Disposals</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following asset disposals:

- a. Larson Middle School laminator, tag #008258, item is broken
- b. Powered Movie Screen, tag #007325, item is broken

14. <u>Donations</u>

Recommend the Board accept the following donations:

- a. \$1,303.10 from the GHHS PTO for GHHS staff shirts
- b. \$200 from Laura Carter for Model UN
- c. \$100 from Dave and Dorothy Pritchard for Model UN
- d. \$845 from Bobcat Boosters for a wellness center exercise bike
- e. \$9,200 from Bobcat Boosters for a Hudl camera(s) for the stadium and high school gymnasium

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion

Discussion

Mr. Bode pointed out the resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Treasurer to begin the process of hiring the architect, construction manager and owner's rep for the upcoming construction project. He asked Mr. Culp and Ms. Collier to explain more about the timing and plan for this process.

They explained the RFQ for the architects and owner's rep will be posted on November 19th with a deadline of December 13th. The district will then shortlist the entities and conduct interviews with a selection expected to be made at the January, 2025 board meeting.

The RFQ for the construction manager will be posted on November 19th with a deadline of December 19th. The district will then shortlist the entities and issue an RFP with a January 22, 2025 deadline. Interviews will be conducted with a selection expected to be made at the February, 2025 board meeting.

Mrs. Gephart asked whether the architectural services and construction manager services would be combined or separated for the athletic complex and Stevenson Elementary projects.

Mr. Culp explained that typically with projects that involve different types of construction, architects will include using the services of a specialist (e.g. a company that specializes in athletic projects, for example) as part of their proposal to the district. So one architect will be selected for the entire project, but that architect may use another consultant that specializes in an particular area if they feel like that is best for the project.

Mrs. Gehpart asked what the statutory requirements are for selecting the professionals (e.g. lowest bid, lowest and best bid, etc...)

Ms. Collier explained that it is a little bit different for architects vs. construction managers. Architects will submit qualifications and the district will select an architect based on qualifications and then negotiate a price. If the parties cannot agree on a price, the district can move on to the architectural firm selected as second best. So, the district does not have price proposals from architects prior to selection.

The process for construction managers is to accept proposals based on their qualifications, after which the district will shortlist the applications. The district will then issue a request for cost proposals from the shortlisted group before conducting interviews and selecting a construction manager.

Mr. Bode mentioned that as this process begins, it may be a good time to remind staff involved in the selection process of the Ohio Ethics Law requirements that apply to public employees.

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 25-025) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

- 1. <u>Separation of Employment</u> Recommend the Board approve a separation of employment of TJ Crowder; Custodian, effective 10/31/2024.
- 2. <u>Classified Resignation</u> Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignations:
 - a. Shelly Guiver; Cook/Cashier, effective 10/31/2024
 - b. Christian Lemaster; Custodian, effective 11/12/2024
- 3. <u>Rescind Supplemental Contract</u>

Recommend the Board rescind the approval of the following supplemental contract for the 2024-2025 school year:

Non-Certificated

- a. Maya Hanscel; Cheerleading, Basketball MS Coach, VI-1-2, \$1,904.76
- 4. <u>Rescind Stevenson Elementary Building Stipend</u> Recommend the Board rescind the approval for the following building stipend for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Heather Miller; PBIS Coordinator (.50 FTE), \$500
- 5. <u>Classified Substitutes</u> Recommend the Board approve the following classified substitutes:
 - a. Sir'Quan Pleasant; Substitute Custodian, \$18.00 per hour, effective 10/24/2024

6. <u>District Development Council Contracts</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following District Development Council contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

- a. Joe Hecker; GHEA president, \$2,500
- b. Nicole Wainscott; GHEA vice president, \$1,500
- c. Sarah Hoepf; GHEA representative, \$1,250
- d. Emily Meister; GHEA representative, \$1,250
- e. Angela Pharion; GHEA representative, \$1,250
- f. Kristi Urig; GHEA representative, \$1,250
- 7. <u>Supplemental Contract</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-2024 school year:

Non-Certificated Coaching Supplemental:

- a. Ryan Robertson; Track & Field, Head Coach, Spring, (1 FTE), I-2-6, \$6,904.76
- 8. <u>Stipend Contracts</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following stipend contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:

Certificated GHHS Stipends:

a. Anthony Wappner; Grandview Heights Inclusivity Club (.50 FTE), \$500

Certificated LMS Stipends:

a. Carl Acton; Camp Grade 6, \$750

- b. Isabelle Buergel, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- c. Vicki Dunlevy, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- d. Amy Elliott, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- e. Amy Hamilton, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- f. Kyle Precht, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- g. Anna Roth, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- h. Brittny Sharma, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- i. Nicole Wainscott, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- j. Lana Williamson, Camp Grade 6, \$750

Non-Certificated LMS Stipends:

- a. Sam Speaks, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- b. Mike Welsh, Camp Grade 6, \$750
- 9. <u>Stevenson Elementary Building Stipend Correction</u> Recommend the Board approve the following contract correction:
 - a. Emily Deprez; PBIS Coordinator, from .50 FTE to 1.0 FTE, \$1,000
- 10. <u>OHSAA Tournament Worker Payments</u> Recommend the Board approve the following payments for the OHSAA Tournament Workers for the 2024-2025 fall tournament season:
 - a. Ticket Taker/Seller/Announcer \$25 per game
 - b. Athletic Trainer \$60 per game
 - c. Site Manager \$75 per game
 - d. Clock Operator \$25.00 per game

11. Kids' Club Personnel

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

- a. Sydney Cooper; Recreation Leader, Step 2, \$16.81 per hour, effective 10/21/2024
- b. Ellie Smith; Recreation Leader, Step 3, \$17.09 per hour, effective 10/21/2024

12. <u>Kids' Club Personnel Change</u> Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club personnel change:

- a. Ateyana Williams; Recreation Leader to Substitute, \$17.09 per hour, effective 10/14/2024
- 13. <u>Kids' Club Personnel Pay Rate For 2024-2025 School Year (P.M. Schedule)</u> Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club personnel pay rate for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - a. Haylie Blankenship; Recreation Leader, Step 2, \$16.81 per hour

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.

Board Policy and Procedure

Policy Committee Report

Mr. Gusé stated that the Policy Committee met to review the policies being recommended for first reading. He explained that the policies are either very minor language changes or changes required by law.

First Reading

1. <u>Board Policies – First Reading</u> Recommend the Board consider the following policies on first reading:

- a. JK Employment of Students
- b. EDEC Artificial Intelligence
- c. EHC- Cybersecurity

- d. ACC Political Commitments
- e. EBCE-E Acknowledgement of Receipt of Auditor of State Fraud Reporting System Information
- f. EBCE-E-1 Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)
- g. EBCE-E-2 Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)
- h. DM Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)
- i. EBBA First Aid
- j. EBCE Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations
- k. EBCE-R Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations
- l. EDE Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
- m. GCD Professional Staff Hiring
- n. GDC/GDCA/GDD Support Staff/Posting of Vacancies, Rehiring
- o. IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar
- p. IGAE Health Education
- q. IGAH/IGAI Family Life Education/Sex Education
- r. JEDA Truancy
- s. JHG Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training
- t. JEDC Religious Expression Days
- u. BDDG Minutes
- v. DJC Building Requirements
- w. IGD Co Curricular and Extracurricular Activities
- x. IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics
- y. JECBC Admission of Students from Non-Chartered and Home Education
- z. JED Student Absences and Excuses
- aa. EDEA Copy of Computer and Online Services (Staff Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)
- 2. <u>Policy and Procedures Concerning Post-Issuance Compliance</u> Recommend the Board consider, on first reading, policy and procedures concerning post-issuance compliance.

Curriculum and Instruction

Teaching and Learning Committee Report

Mr. Gusé explained that the Teaching and Learning Committee met and discussed an upcoming presentation that Chris Deis is planning to share with the Board of Education at the December meeting. He added the committee also discussed information on student pathways that Mr. Culp included in his Superintendent Report.

Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 25-026) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following team building field trip for the GHHS Swim and Dive Team to Camp Nuhop in Perrysville, Ohio:

- a. December 14-15, 2024
- b. 25-27 Students/4 Chaperones
- c. Bus transportation provided by the district
- d. Meals and lodging provided by families

2. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following field trip for the GHHS Swim and Dive Team to Canton, Ohio, for the 2025 Northwest Classic Swim and Dive Invitational:

- a. January 17-18, 2025
- b. 8-12 Students/2-3 Chaperones
- c. Van transportation/lodging/meals provided by the Athletic Department
- d. Meals provided by families

3. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following field trip for the GHHS Swim and Dive Team to Canton, Ohio, for the OHSAA State Swim and Dive Meet:

a. February 17-21, 2025

- b. 8-12 Students/2-3 Chaperones
- c. Van transportation/lodging/meals provided by the Athletic Department
- d. Meals provided by families

4. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following field trip for the GHHS Model UN Club to New York City, NY, for the NHSMUN Conference:

- a. March 6-10, 2025
- b. 9 Students/2 Chaperones
- c. Airfare and lodging funded by district and MUN fundraisers
- d. Meals and activities cost funded by families

5. <u>Field Trip</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following field trip for the GHHS Model UN Club to Boston, MA, for the Eagle MUNC Conference:

- a. April 3-6, 2025
- b. 8 Students/2 Chaperones
- c. Airfare and lodging funded by district and MUN fundraisers
- d. Meals and activities cost funded by families

6. <u>Volunteers</u>

Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:

- a. Angela Esposito Baker
- b. Ellen Hunter Bailey
- c. Maria Elisabeth Cantrell
- d. Larissa M. Carlton
- e. Danielle Watson Carman
- f. Tendy Chiang
- g. Shawn David Dorsey
- h. Collin Reed Ferguson
- i. Kristin Nicole Henkaline
- j. Joshua Andrew Lee
- k. Christopher George Manusakis
- l. Amita Maturu
- m. Philip Wade Miller
- n. Timothe Pierre Andre Richard
- o. Anthony John Roth
- p. Nathan Shawn Stewart
- q. Robert Victor Zwink

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion

Discussion

Mr. Bode asked about the Model UN and Swim/Dive Team trips.

Mr. Culp explained that Model UN is a competitive team similar to FIRST Robotics and while there is typically a fundraising component, there is some school support provided as well.

Ms. Collier added that Model UN has done a recent fundraising event and has received a funding commitment from the Bobcat Boosters and that the district also contributes funding to their activity fund in lieu of charging students fees to participate.

Ms. Collier also explained that all OHSAA tournament athletic events are paid by the district, including travel costs. The Athletic Director has discretion on approving travel costs for certain trips depending on the sport and competition. The Swim/Dive team has participated in these same two competitive events each year.

Mr. Bode explained that he wants to make sure the district is consistent and equitable across activities

Mr. Culp explained that for OMUN, if a district wants to compete, that competition is at a national level and the team needs to travel to where the competition is, which is typically in larger cities with overnight stay required. Mr. Culp added that he does believe the students and families need to contribute towards those events through fundraising but ultimately it goes back to a board decision around how we allocate resources. Academic teams which compete as a school sponsored team include Model UN, FIRST Robotics, Science Olympiad, and Power of the Pen.

Mr. Culp also explained that the Grandview Heights Marble Cliff Education Foundation provided an initial grant to fund the startup of Model UN with the understanding that the school district takes on that financial obligation moving forward.

Mr. Bode added that he doesn't feel like the Board has taken a position on the funding of different activities. He shared a model used by Ohio State where a certain amount of funding is provided to each student and they can use that funding toward whatever activities they choose.

Mr. Culp stated that while that is a good conversation to have, he sees a difference between providing funding for school sponsored activities/teams and trips that are not school sponsored, such as enrichment trips to Europe. Also, in considering what is "equitable" we need to keep in mind that a student who plays three sports and is in the musical would be getting more financial support than a student who chooses to participate in one sport. Similarly, if a student takes six AP classes and another student takes none, that is not equitable from a financial standpoint. The cost of providing 9 AP classes far exceeds the cost of providing no AP classes.

Mr. Culp added that if the board is going to waive student fees, it's going to be difficult to judge fairness and equity from a financial standpoint. He explained that for the school sponsored teams that compete at a national level, he believes it's critically important to allow those students to compete at that level as those competitions provide opportunities for the development of critical lifelong skills.

Mrs. Gephart suggested the Board could discuss this topic in more depth at a Board work session. Ms. Collier also stated that the Finance Committee could look in more detail at the current structure and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Matney stated that she feels there is a lack of clarity on how decisions are made and how trips and events are categorized and added that when it comes to athletics, there are some teams with booster groups and some without booster groups. She explained that in terms of athletics and Title IX, it is important that everyone has a common understanding.

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

Adjournment

Motion 25-027 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bode 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



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GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS Schools

Cell Phone Policy Updates

Stevenson Update

- Historically, very little cell phone usage.
- Staff report increased student engagement with no SMART watches.
- Positive response from families.



LMS Staff Perspective

- **Overall Effectiveness:** Teachers overwhelmingly support the policy, observing fewer distractions and more focus among students. Many note it's "working great" with minimal issues around enforcement.
- **Positive Social Interaction:** Teachers see students engaging in more conversations, building connections, and demonstrating social skills during breaks and lunch without screens.



LMS Staff Perspective

- **Classroom Benefits:** Increased focus, less social media drama, and fewer personal phone-related disruptions during class. Students are taking fewer and shorter bathroom breaks, and more are going to staff for support rather than calling home.
- Adjustments & Suggestions: Minor challenges with students occasionally forgetting to remove smartwatches. Some teachers suggest addressing YouTube as potential distractions or adding guidelines for headphones.
- **Conclusion:** Overall, the policy is viewed as a success, reducing distractions and enhancing both focus and social connections among students. Teachers express strong support for its continuation.



LMS Student Perspective

- **General Effectiveness:** Mixed responses; many students feel the policy has had no impact or has even decreased focus, while a few find it beneficial for minimizing distractions.
- Focus & Engagement: Some students report the policy doesn't affect their focus as they already manage phone use responsibly. A few miss using phones for specific tasks like listening to music for concentration.



LMS Student Perspective

- **Safety Concerns:** Many students express anxiety about not having phones for potential emergencies, which they feel would help them feel safer at school.
- **Suggestions for Improvement:** Students suggest allowing phone access during non-instructional times (e.g., lunch, recess) or having dedicated storage in classrooms for easy access in emergencies.
- **Conclusion:** While some students see benefits, many advocate for flexibility in non-academic times and express concerns over safety and limited emergency communication.

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LMS Family Perspective

- **Overall Effectiveness:** Majority view the policy as very effective, with significant improvements in student focus and reduced distractions. Some parents feel the policy has no impact or creates minor anxiety over limited communication.
- **Positive Impact on Focus & Social Skills:** Many parents report stronger focus and increased face-to-face interactions. Students are less distracted by phones, leading to better engagement in learning and socializing.
- **Concerns on Communication:** Some parents express concern about lack of access for emergencies or coordinating changes in plans. Suggestions include allowing phone access during lunch or free periods and consideration for smartwatch use.

SCHOOLS

LMS Family Perspective

- Safety & Consistency: A few parents worry about students' ability to contact them in emergencies. Many emphasize the importance of consistent enforcement across classrooms and suggest data sharing on policy impact.
- **Suggestions for Improvement:** Proposed adjustments include flexible phone access during non-instructional times, distinguishing rules for smartwatches, and ensuring uniform enforcement to support a focused, distraction-free environment.



GHHS Staff Perspective

- Overall Effectiveness: Teachers are overwhelmingly positive, reporting improved student focus, engagement, and communication. Most students comply with the policy without issue.
- **Classroom Impact:** Teachers observe more productive class time, smoother transitions between activities, and increased student participation. The absence of phones reduces power struggles, and many note students are more socially engaged with peers.



GHHS Staff Perspective

- Student Adjustment: Students generally accept the policy; many willingly place phones in caddies or keep them in backpacks without using them. Some students occasionally try to use AirPods or keep phones during non-instructional time but respond to gentle reminders.
- **Suggestions for Improvement:** Some teachers suggest clearer guidelines on headphone use and consistency across classrooms. A few propose limited phone access during non-instructional periods (e.g., study hall or breaks).
- **Conclusion:** Overall, teachers appreciate the policy, noting its positive effects on focus and social dynamics, and recommend continuing with consistent enforcement.

SCHOOLS

GHHS Student Perspective

- General Effectiveness: Some students find the policy "Very Effective" for improving focus, others state that it creates an environment for more interaction, while others state there has been little change.
- Focus & Engagement: Some students report improved focus ("out of sight, out of mind"), while others believe the policy has little effect as they already managed their phone use responsibly.

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GHHS Student Perspective

- **Concerns with Wi-Fi Restrictions:** Many students find the blocked Wi-Fi inconvenient, especially for breaks and study halls, where they would like unlimited phone access.
- Suggestions for Improvement: Continue to allow students to access phones during non-academic times, keep the cell phone caddies clean, do not have so many restrictions on school wifi

SCHOOLS

GHHS Family Perspective

- General Effectiveness: Most parents rate the policy as "Very Effective" with noticeable improvements in focus, reduced distractions, and positive social interactions. Some believe it has had minimal impact.
- Focus and Engagement: Many parents report their children are more engaged, with some seeing improved grades and reduced anxiety. Positive feedback highlights increased interaction and less peer pressure to use phones.

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GHHS Family Perspective

- **Support and Appreciation:** Strong support for continuing the policy, with many parents thanking the school for implementing it. Several suggest keeping phones out during study halls and other non-essential periods.
- **Concerns and Suggestions:** A few parents are concerned about inconsistent enforcement across classrooms, new distractions from Chromebooks, and hygiene issues with phone storage. Some suggest differentiating policies for smartwatches or high school students.
- **Conclusion:** Broad support for the policy as a beneficial step in creating a focused learning environment, with suggestions for stricter and more consistent enforcement and attention to non-phone distractions. GRANDYLEW HEIC

Thank you!

Questions, comments, feedback

