

## RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The meeting was held at Groveport Madison District Service Center located at 4400 Marketing Place, Suite B, Groveport, Ohio 43125.

### **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by President, LaToya Dowdell-Burger at 7:40 P.M.

### **Roll Call**

Responding to the roll call by Treasurer, Felicia Drummey, were LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M. Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, and Seth Bower. Libby Gray was later excused from the meeting at 11:22 P.M.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Board President and recited by attendees.

### **Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms**

Recited by Board Vice President, Seth Bower.

### **22-490 Amend Agenda**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray to amend the agenda by adding Superintendent's Agenda item J-7 Field Trip Approval.

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M. Snyder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **22-491 Agenda**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended.

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, Kathleen Walsh, Chris M. Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Public Participation**

None

### **Recognitions**

#### **School Board Recognition Month**

Mr. Grube and Mrs. Drummey presented "Together-We-Can" Award to each Board Member for their 2021 service as part of Board Appreciation Month.

- Mrs. Dowdell-Burger thanked everyone and stated she serves to give back to the community.
- Mr. Snyder stated the duty centers on serving and trying to find the right solutions.
- Mrs. Gray echoed her thanks as well.
- Mr. Bower said it is a privilege to help the District.

#### **Auditor of State Award Presentation**

Torri Huebner from Auditor of State Keith Faber's office presented Groveport Madison Schools with the Auditor of State Award for Fiscal Year 2021 for a "Clean" Audit Report.

Ms. Huebner shared that of the more than 6000 audited entities, only the best of the best receives this award. She further stated that it reflects the hard work of the Superintendent, Board and District staff but especially the Treasurer's Office staff.

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### **Presentation – Greater Columbus Helping Hands**

Mrs. Gage, Greater Columbus Helping Hands stated:

- 2021-2022, 14 Groveport Madison High School Students participated
- 2022-2023, 30 Groveport Madison High School Students participate

2022-2023 Mapping Your Future

- 140 students participate at Middle School South
- 100 students participate at Middle School North
- 95 students participate at Middle School Central
- 220 students participate at Groveport Madison High School

### **Presentation – Lead the Way**

Anthony Murphy provided an update to the Board of Education and those present on the status of Lead the Way. Mr. Murphy shared a video titled, “LTWLA GMHS Program Testimonial Video.” Mr. Murphy shared the following details about Lead the Way:

- Students will visit five colleges
- 100% graduation rate for the 250 participants in the 2021-2022 school year
  - Made possible by Lean 5 Sigma Leadership Certification

### **22-492 Executive Session**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 8:20 P.M. for the purpose of meeting with the Board's legal counsel to discuss disputes involving the District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and to consider the purchase of property for the School District purposes, since disclosure at this time would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to person(s) whose personal, private interests are adverse to the general public interest, all in accordance with ORC 121.22.

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris Snyder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Return to Open Session**

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 10:18 P.M.

### **22-493 Adjourn to Recess**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education adjourn for a five-minute recess, beginning at 10:18 P.M.

### **Return to Open Session**

The Groveport Madison returned to open session at 10:23 P.M.

### **22-494 Table Agenda Items**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray to table all agenda items part of sections (I.), (M.), and (N.)

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathleen Walsh, Chris M. Snyder.

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### **Superintendent Agenda**

#### **Safety Update**

Paul Smathers, Deputy Superintendent, provided the Board of Education and those present a Safety Update.

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- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger stated that using wands for weapon detection would be a great start.*
- *Members of the Board continued discussion regarding weapon detection. At the recommendation of the Board, Mr. Smathers will gather weapon detection information to share at the next meeting of the Board.*

### **22-495 Mandate to Purchase and Install Weapon Detection Equipment**

Motion by Kathleen Walsh that the Groveport Madison Board of Education mandate the purchase and installation of weapon detection equipment at the entrances of all elementary, middle and high schools. Priority will be given in the following order: (1) high School, (2) middle schools, (3) elementary schools.

Motion Failed, due to a lack of a second.

### **Transportation Update**

Chris Reed, Director of Business, provided a report to the Board and those present.

- *63 District-owned buses*
- *Community Bus Services (CBS) provides the district 3 buses and 4 vans*
- *Discussed VersaTrans challenges*
- *My View Application scheduled to launch February 15, 2023*

Terry Thomas, CBS, distributed a hard copy of the update provided to Board members electronically.

- *Mr. Thomas responded to questions from the Board regarding the Memorandum of Understanding.*

### **22-496 Memorandum of Understanding – Community Bus Service** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Community Bus Service regarding the purchase, insuring, and equipping of additional buses.

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathleen Walsh, Chris M. Snyder.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Human Resources Update**

Matt Cygnor, Director of Human Resources, provided the Board and those present an update on staffing.

### **Groveport Madison High School Safety Survey** [Attachment](#)

Jeff Warner, Communications Director, requested feedback from the Board of Education regarding changes to the survey of students, staff and parents via Panorama.

### **Groveport Madison High School Program Changes and Additions** [Attachment](#)

Alyse Clark, Director of Secondary Education, presented proposed changes and additions to high school programs.

### **22-497 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Study Tables** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Chris M. Snyder to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Groveport Madison Local Schools and Groveport Madison Local Education Association for the purpose of paying teachers \$25/per hour for study tables. This MOA is for the 2022-2023 school year.

Yes: Seth Bower, Chris M. Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.  
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### **22-498 Field Trip**

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Chris M. Snyder to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the field trip.

### **Treasurer Agenda**

#### **Monthly Financial Reports** [Attachment](#)

- Presented by *Felicia Drummey, Treasurer*

#### **Quarterly Investment Report** [Attachment](#)

- *Presented by Felicia Drummey, Treasurer*

### **22-499 Rich Gillis Law Group Tax Duplicate Monitoring Contract** [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasure recommendation to approve the 2023 legal services contract with Rich Gillis Law Group for tax duplicate monitoring.

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Seth Bower, Kathleen Walsh, Chris M. Snyder.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **House Bill 126 and Consider Declaratory Judgement Action** [Attachment](#)

Felicia Drummey, Treasurer provided information to the Board of Education regarding House Bill 126 and recommended the Board of Education Consider Declaratory Judgement Action.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **22-500 Consent Agenda**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Chris M. Snyder to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

- Approve the minutes of the December Regular and Special Board Meetings [Attachment](#)
- Approve Stipend Payment to Ms. Hetki and Ms. Leasure
- Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement

Yes: Seth Bower, Chris M. Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathleen Walsh.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Board Items**

#### **Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

- *The Groveport Madison Board of Education will meet in a Special Session Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the items tabled in sections (I), (M), and (N).*
- *Jana Alig announced that Groveport Madison Schools is slated to receive a grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the district to provide in-person Summer school this Summer.*

### **22-501 Adjournment**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Chris M. Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 P.M.

Yes: Seth Bower, Chris M. Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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President

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Treasurer