

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Special Meeting
January 18, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a special session on Wednesday, January 18, 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 7:31 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.

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.

22-502 Agenda

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

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

Board Items

Board Goals

- *President, Dowdell-Burger solicited feedback and consensus on the goals being appropriate. Mrs. Walsh responded, stating the goals are a little low, but appreciated that they were increased.*
- *Board of Education members discussed how best to share and report on the goals. Members agreed posting the goals on the website and having administrators share and provide progress updates to the Board.*

Committee and Sub Committee Goals

- *President Dowdell-Burger suggested that committees need to stay on track with agenda items and refer regular Board business to the Board of Education to be added as a future agenda item at the Board's next regular meeting.*
- *Mrs. Walsh shared an update on the Facility Committee discussions and activities.*
- *Members discussed the desired 2023 committee outcomes to guide the committee work, and that the same administrators used for Board and advisory committees.*
- *Members discussed the need and importance of the Safety Committee which currently meets regularly as an advisory committee.*
- *The majority of members agreed to suspend the Facilities Committee as a Board committee. Members agreed the Facility Committee should be an administration committee.*
- *Members discussed the need for future committee possibilities including: student advisory committee, policy committee, and parent advisory committee.*

Board Committees

President Dowdell-Burger established the Student Advisory and Policy Committee. Board Committee agenda should follow regular Board meeting structure.

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Policy Committee

- Main Goals:
 - Compliance
 - Consider and submits other items to Board to add to Board policy
 - Vice President Bower and Board Member Walsh to co-chair

Student Advisory Committee

- Want representation from each grade level
 - Elementary – one student from 4th and 5th grades from each elementary building
 - Middle School – one student from each grade level from each building
 - High School – two students from each grade level
- Implement changes from the student perspective
- President Dowdell-Burger appoints Libby Gray and Chris M. Snyder to serve on the Elementary Student Advisory Committee and LaToya Dowdell-Burger and Seth Bower to serve on the Middle and High School Advisory Committee.

Future Board Training

- *Mrs. Walsh recommended the Board attend the OSBA Spring training which includes a Saturday breakout session.*
- *President Dowdell-Burger recommends attendance at the Board Member 2001 training provided by OSBA. In addition, she recommends other training available including education finance offered by University Georgetown.*
- *Members discussed attending National School Boards Association conference. All members are in concurrence on attending.*

22-503 Table Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2023 [Attachment](#)

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray to table this item to the February 8, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

- *Members discussed the best day to schedule Regular meetings to accommodate all stakeholders*

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

Safety Devices, Staffing, and Protocols [Attachment](#)

Paul Smathers, Deputy Superintendent provided the following information:

Proactive Student Focused Approach

Fosters a positive school culture and environment, provides students:

- Sense of Belonging
- Sense of Hope
- Sense of Community
- Sense of Pride

Metal Detection (Wand/Walk Thru)

Administration needs more time to collaborate with other schools of similar size and demographics to learn from their experiences.

Hand/Wand

Cost: \$224 each

Requires: Staff Training, additional staff policies and guidelines

Open Gate

Evolv Technology Weapon Detection Walk Thru

Cost: \$24,000 per device, each year for three years, (includes a service contract)

Requires: Staff training, additional security personnel and policies and guidelines

Groveport Madison Requirements: 10 units total, to cover main front doors with eight doors with 2-4 lanes, 1-2 devices at each end of the lower level floor entrances, at each hall, 1-2

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devices in the athletic hallway and 1-2 devices at the attendance door.

- *Mr. Smathers and Mr. Grube provided information to the Board as they discussed this option.*
- *Mr. Grube reminded the Board that metal detectors are a long-term goal and the importance on awaiting survey results and additional information.*
- *Members discussed the merit of including this as an action item on a future agenda item and gathering more information before asking the Superintendent to act.*

22-504 Executive Session

Motion by Seth Bower, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Board of Education enter executive session at 9:48 PM for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, or demotion of a public employee of the school district, in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22

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

Reconvene Open Session

Groveport Madison School Board of Education reconvened open session at 1:08 A.M.

22-505 Adjournment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 A.M.

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

President

Treasurer