

**Board of Education Regular Meeting (Wednesday, October 9, 2024)**

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**Members present**

LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM****A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance at 7 pm.

Procedural: 2. Roll Call - All present

Discussion: 3. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

Discussion: 4. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

**B. Agenda Approval**

Action 2024-338: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda - Move G10 and G11 to after M (the 2nd executive session)  
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**C. Call to Order****D. Public Participation**

Information: 1. Rick Compton - Concerned about Board spending money. We do not need to spend more money. I love JROTC and doing trades. We just need to make sure we don't just keep spending money. Computer gaming is a niche program. David Reynolds - Lived in Independence Village. Responsibility is being managed by Supt. An elementary still has a crack in the slide. We need to get playgrounds fixed. Poorly done and legal battles with Board. Board arguing is not great for community. Laws and duty of neglect is appalling. Lawsuits happen. ORC 3310.05, 5101.2 Judy Beebe - Serve on Board of PTO and active in PTO and Groveport Youth Asso. Me and other parents that are here. Our students need to be protected and use this as stepping stone to work together. We all should have the same agenda and that is what is best for our students. We encourage everyone here to come to our events. We want open communication to the community. We need to help our students. Roni Leport - PTO and GYAA - been on PTO for 24 years. We bring in money for the staff and buildings. We do not need to charge PTO's and GYAA. Addi Redd - Mtg with Staff at Madison. New expectations for students. Dating board was at the school. We will get rid of that per the Admin. Admin was yelling at kids during class. I would like to present concerns of Admin. for the Elem. school and look at her concern. I appreciate that Madison playground is being fixed. Kathleen Walsh - Address comments about me at last Bd mtg. The NAACP claimed that I was racist. Not responding to a social media post is not making me racist. I want to serve all students equal with integrity. I want inclusion. NAACP is damaging to me and my reputation. NAACP needs to apologize to me. District security chair remarks is also not welcome. I will fulfill my responsibilities as a Board member. I will continue to promote integrity and accountability.

**E. Recognitions and Presentations**

Action 2024-339: 1. Recognize October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and National Italian American Heritage Month

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and National Italian American Heritage Month

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Discussion: 2. State Report Card Results Discussion and Instructional Update - We went up to 3.5 stars as a district. We still have room for improvement. We are shooting for 4 stars next year. We need to bring up all schools.

**F. Board Items**

Discussion: 1. Toledo Trip Update - Ms. Dowdell-Burger - Went to see Toledo schools on expanding programs. The programs were very good and went to see the student's motivation and happiness with the different programs. Robotics was awesome. Mr. Bower - Happy that we were able to go. Ms. Gray - Students were empowered and so excited. Pathway programs are the future. It was nursing, developing teachers, Natural Sciences and solar programs. Working on electric cars and solar panels. Mr. Grube - I came away with a lot of ideas. We submitted the grant for the EPIC building. The grant will complete the build out. We have private businesses and the Univ. of Cincinnati committed to have programs at EPIC building (former 4500 Building). It is exciting and we hope to get the grant. Ms. Walsh - In the future when you plan trips, please let me and John know and avoid the 2nd and 4th Thursday. So, we can go. A written plan would be nice.

Discussion: 2. Educational Trust

Discussion: 3. First Read of Policy

Action 2024-340, Discussion: 4. Student Advisory Committee

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approves the following Resolution to re-establish the Student Advisory Committee.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2024-341, Discussion: 5. Parent Advisory Committee

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approves the following Resolution to Re-Establish the Parent Advisory Committee.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Discussion, Report: 6. Board Diversity Training - Board go through training as a whole. Pick a date. It would be a work session. Mr. Kerschner does not want to do diversity training until we get Boardsmanship training.

Action 2024-342: 7. Move to take a 10 minute recess at 8:51 pm.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

No: Seth Bower

## **G. Superintendent's Agenda**

Report: 1. Business Services Update - Playground update. Custodians will do daily checks and now issue monthly checklists in Public School Works (PSW). Mr. Kreutz will get annual playground inspection and housed in Public School Works. It will be saved in the PSW database. Metal and plastic slides there is problems for both of them and which should be better. Playground Equip for 6 sites is around \$600,000. Cameras will be \$52,082 and fencing estimate is around \$190,000 for all sites. District wide AED assessments are taking place. We may need to have to buy some more and software to go with it. EPIC building (4500) people have been moved in and buses are over there.

Report: 2. District Comprehensive Safety Plan Update

Report: 3. Human Resources Report - Did hire 1 nurse. Classified is very busy. People leaving and then being hired. ED Aides are needed. Recruiting - Do social media posts. Attend job fairs throughout the State.

Report: 4. Technology Update on Audio/Visual

Action 2024-343, Discussion: 5. Second Read of Policy KG-R

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the second read of Board Policy KG-R Community Use of School Premises - Seth leaves the meeting for this item.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Discussion: Board members discussed changing the policy and changing the Community Use of School Premises form. Director of Operations will start working on changing that form.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the second read of Board Policy KG-R Community Use of School Premises - MOTION TO POSTPONE TO NOV. 6

2024-344 Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Abstain: Seth Bower

Action 2024-345: 6. Approve High School Band Trip

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve high school band trip.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Seth Bower

Action 2024-346: 7. Approve Model UN Trip

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Model United Nations Trip December 8-10, 2024

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Seth Bower

Action 2024-347: 8. Approve Swim Team Trips for December and January

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Swim Team Trips for December and January as indicated on the attached form.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Seth Bower

Action 2024-348, Minutes: 9. Approve the September Board Meeting Minutes

The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the Board meeting minutes for the September 11, 2024 regular meeting

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2024-349: 10. Approve Special Education Contracts

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Special Education contracts for Soliant Health, LLC.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2024-350: 11. Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve payment-in-lieu of transportation reimbursement. The Ohio law allows for public school districts to determine the impracticality of transporting resident students attending schools not located within the district after consideration of a number of factors. Upon that determination, the school district is permitted to offer payment-in-lieu of transportation to the parent/guardian. The Transportation Department has completed studies and residents in affected areas will be offered payment-in-lieu of for the 2024-2025 school year. The initial list of families being offered payment-in-lieu-of transportation is attached as Executive Content since it lists students' names.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Discussion: 12. Strategic Planning-Portrait of a Cruiser Update - NOV 6TH

## **H. Treasurer's Agenda**

Action 2024-351: 1. Donation

Resolution: The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education accept the cash donation of \$1,100 to purchase a special needs bicycle.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner, Seth Bower

2024-352 Motion to adjourn after Treasurer's Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: John Kershner, Kathleen Walsh

No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

Procedural: 2. Treasurer's Reports

Presentation: 3. District Savings Report

Action 2024-353: 4. Permanent Appropriations Report

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Permanent Appropriations

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**Action 2024-354: 5. Certificate of Estimated Resources**

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Est Cert of Resources

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**I. Executive Session****Action 2024-355: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 11:11 pm**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session 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 in accordance with ORC 121.22

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**J. Reconvene Open Session**

Information: 1. Reconvened Open Session at 11:49 pm.

**K. Settlement Agreement****Action 2024-356: 1. Settlement Agreement**

The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the settlement agreement between Petermann Ltd. and Groveport Madison Local School District Board of Education, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 22CV244.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh

Abstain: John Kershner

**L. Executive Session****Action 2024-357: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 11:51 pm.**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee of the School District in accordance with ORC 121.22

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**M. Reconvene Open Session**

Information: 1. Reconvened Open Session at 12:26 am

**N. Superintendent Items - Moved****Action 2024-358: 1. Approve Certificated Personnel Items**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Certificated Personnel Items:

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**Action 2024-359: 2. Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Non-Certificated Personnel Items:

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**O. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

Discussion: 1. Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business. John - Weird NPI quote was not broken out. Need to get more quotes. Need to get Transportation Committee started. Kathy - Need to get Transportation Committee started. Look at Emotional Support Dogs when you go on your Safety/Emotional conference. Dogs can deduct drugs and ammo. Oct 17th Golden Cruisers. Latoya - Policy EDE is on now for Board policy. Transportation Committee has been talking

to legal counsel. Music program is on our list also. Keep prayers going to Hurricane victims. Seth - Latoya and I went to Fall Conference and Latoya was voted OSBA Central Region Executive.

**P. Adjournment**

Action 2024-360: 1. Motion to Adjourn  
12:42 am

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner