

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2021

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. The physical location of the meeting was held at the 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 Libby Gray at 7:33 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board President and recited by attendees.

Roll Call

Responding to the roll call by Treasurer, Felicia Drummey, were LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Nancy Gillespie, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder, and Kathleen Walsh.

Review of Belief Statement & Board Norms

Recited by Vice President LaToya Dowdell-Burger

21-121 Agenda Approval

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M Snyder that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

➤ **21-122 Add Item H3 to the Treasurer's Agenda**

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger that the Board of Education add to the Treasurer's Agenda item H3 – approve emergency resolution to accept terms of the OneOhio National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M Snyder, Nancy Gillespie, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh

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Public Participation

- Paul Toepfer, parent of Groveport Madison students – Offered kudos to the District for its COVID-19 response. He suggested improvements to the structure of Board of Education meetings. He stated the current structure where the public speaks at board first followed by the Board speaking to the public doesn't foster a good relationship; especially for contentious issues. Instead, he would be in favor of an exchange of dialogue between board of education members and the public. He also expressed concerned that agenda attachments are not available to the public. He asked that the District YouTube broadcast allow for viewers to ask questions. [Attachment](#)
- Milo Miller II, parent of Groveport Madison students - Shared his concerns about the new mandate of masks on children. He stated that many studies show that masks increase CO2 levels and is concerned about the effects on children. He also stated that he doesn't believe that the District has any business being in the health care and does not support a health center. [Attachment](#)

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- Joy Bock, GMLEA President – Provided a brief GMLEA update: 48 new hires eager to begin their careers. She thanked the board members who were able to attend convocation. She also shared that a GMLEA survey of over 450 educators in the District believed there is a need for a health center because based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs a student can't learn if they are sick and have unmet basic needs. [Attachment](#)
 - Jane Deckard, former teacher & current substitute – Spoke in opposition of constructing a building in Independence Village because it is a segregating move. She stated that a trained architect said we should not build on that property. She also believes that using a public park is not a good idea for an elementary playground because it is open sun up to sun down to the community. She wonders who is going to police who at this park while our children are there during the school day. Building one new school building is not the fix for the District. She expressed distaste that a board member would not attend meetings in person until she is pushing her own agenda. She encouraged the Board to spend more time connecting in person with students and teachers. [Attachment](#)

Presentations

- Middle School South Presentation – Principal Matt Misner & Assistant Principal Natalie Lewellen [Attachment](#)
- Update from Dynamix Energy Services – Scott McKenzie & Heather Sieck [Attachment](#)

Board Items

1. ESSER III Budget and Submission approval [Attachment](#)

21-123 Approve ESSER III Proposed Budget & Submission to ODE

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Superintendent's and Treasurer's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the ESSER III proposed budget as attached and further authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to submit the plan to the Ohio Department of Education.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Superintendent's Agenda

1. Presentation of District goals for 2021 – 2022 [Attachment](#)
2. COVID-19 update & resolution [Attachment](#)

21-124 Resolution Regarding Face Masks

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by Chris M Snyder to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding masks.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray

No: Kathleen Walsh

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3. Adopt resolution to approve the compensation agreement with the City of Groveport and C.A. Ventures [Attachment](#)

21-125 Compensation Agreement with the City of Groveport & C.A. Ventures

Motion by Chris M Snyder, second by Nancy Gillespie to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopt the resolution to approve the compensation agreement with the City of Groveport and C.A. Ventures.

- Presentation – Adam Miller, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter

Yes: Chris M Snyder, Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

4. Approve supplemental easement and right of way to American Electric Power (AEP) [Attachment](#)

21-126 Supplemental Easement & Right of Way to American Electric Power (AEP)

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by Chris M Snyder to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the supplemental easement and right of way to American Electric Power (AEP) on tax parcel #185000901-00.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

5. Approve ESSER II change order [Attachment](#)

21-127 ESSER II Change Order

Motion by Chris M Snyder, second by Nancy Gillespie to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the ESSER II change order for the middle school tennis courts.

Yes: Chris M Snyder, Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

6. Ratify memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Groveport Madison Local Schools Board of Education and the Groveport Madison Local Education Association regarding the first day of school [Attachment](#)

21-128 MOU between Groveport Madison Local Schools Board of Education & GMLEA Regarding the First Day of School

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by Chris M Snyder to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education the ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Groveport Madison Local Schools Board of Education and Groveport Madison Local Education Association regarding the first day of school will serve as a transition day for grades 1, 6, 7, 9 and 10 the 2021-2022 school year only.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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7. Approve renewal of the two-year agreement with T-Mobile [Attachment](#)

21-129 Two-Year Agreement with T-Mobile

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M Snyder to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M Snyder, Nancy Gillespie, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8. Approve resolution declaring transportation impractical for certain identified students [Attachment](#)

21-130 Resolution Declaring Transportation Impractical

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Treasurer's Agenda

1. Monthly financial reports [Attachment](#)
2. Advance refunding of debt [Attachment](#)
3. Approve emergency resolution to accept OneOhio National Opioid Settlement Agreement

21-131 Participation in OneOhio National Opioid Settlement Agreement

Motion by Nancy Gillespie, second by Chris M Snyder to accept the Treasurer's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the resolution to execute the participation agreement and accept terms of the OneOhio National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Yes: Nancy Gillespie, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger
Abstain: Libby Gray
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

21-132 Consent Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Nancy Gillespie to accept the Treasurer's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to the recommended action.

2. Approve the minutes for the July 14, 2021 regular meeting [Attachment](#)
3. Approve agreement for school psychology services with H. Scott Lockett, DBA Disability Resource Network, Inc. [Attachment](#)
4. Approve Tristar Transportation agreement [Attachment](#)
5. Approve Certificated personnel items [Attachment](#)
6. Approve Non-Certificated personnel items [Attachment](#)

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7. Approve payments to Mathematics Review Committee for their work to review student data, align current resources to current standards and review of nay new math curriculum
8. Approve payments to secondary grading committee for their work to discuss and review the pilot of the alpha/letter grading system
9. Approve July 2021 donations [Attachment](#)
10. Approve High School and Middle School Cross Country trip request [Attachment](#)
11. Approve High School Softball trip request [Attachment](#)

- Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Nancy Gillespie to have an item added to July 14th minutes regarding questions and discussions between the Board about bus stops in the District.

Yes: Kathleen Walsh

No: Nancy Gillespie, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Nancy Gillespie, Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Executive Session

Removed from the agenda as it was no longer needed

Future Action Items

1. First Read – Approve online policy manual changes [Attachment](#)

Comments, Announcements, & Other Business

- Superintendent Ogden thanked the GMHS staff for holding a great Welcome Night on August 10, 2021.
- President Gray asked how many juniors and seniors received the bonus from Jobs and Family Services during the Cruiser Connect program.
- Nancy Gillespie asked about upcoming evaluations
 - Superintendent – August 25, 2021
 - Treasurer – September 8, 2021
 - Board of Education – September 8, 2021
- Chris Snyder requested that a recommendation be added to the next meeting to keep board of education meeting recordings on the District YouTube channel with closed captioning.
- President Gray reminded the Board that no one board member should direct the Superintendent or staff to gather information unless the request is coming from the entire Board.
- Kathleen Walsh requested that her letter be included in the minutes. President Gray stated the board considered the motion and it failed so the statement should not be included.
- Vice President Dowdell-Burger gave a shout out to the administration team for hosting a great Convocation and GMLEA breakfast. She announced a backpack drive for the community on August 21st at 10:00 at the Eastgate Community Church.
- Deputy Superintendent Grube encouraged everyone to focus on the good things happening in the District as we start the new school year. He discussed the hard work that

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the maintenance team put in on the overgrown vacant land in Independence Village.
Work will be continued on this land to get it cleaned up.

21-133 Adjournment

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Yes: Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Nancy Gillespie, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

President

Treasurer