

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 25, 2021

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 25, 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 7:32 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

21-134 Agenda Approval

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

➤ **21-135 Add Agenda Item E2 – Amend Board of Education Meeting Calendar**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder that the Board of Education add Board Items agenda Item E2 – amend the Board of Education meeting calendar.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Public Participation

- Joy Bock, GMLEA President – Shared a union update including election of new officers. She is starting her 11th year as GMLEA President and Theresa Foster is the newly elected Vice-President. Mrs. Bock also shared the historical relationship the union has shared with past administrations. She advised that prior to Superintendent Ogden tenure, the GMLEA filed over 30 grievances and 8 arbitration costing the District approximately \$5,000 each. Since Mrs. Ogden has been Superintendent there have been zero grievance and arbitration. The union and administration have many joint committees, hold monthly labor management meetings on 4th Tuesday of the month. [Attachment](#)
- Thyressie “Dawn” Baxter, parent of Groveport Madison students – Spoke against her child being made to wear a mask. She said that she is not involved in anything and is speaking simply as a parent. She has two kids that have graduated and two that are in school now; age 8 and 6. Mrs. Baxter tries to stay current and not read into the rhetoric but stay in facts. She would like to know what scientific evidence the Board is using to make its recommendations. She shared that her kids hate wearing mask. [Attachment](#)

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- President Gray responded stated that the Superintendent meets with Franklin County Health Department weekly and that the District currently has 18 active cases of COVID-19 and 95 quarantine cases related to COVID-19.

- Jocelyn Houck, parent of Groveport Madison students – Stated that she has three children in high school and wanted to speak with the Board to say "thank-you" for requiring masks because we don't know what the impact will be on children. She believes wearing masks shows courtesy of others. Mask wearing takes into consideration the impact to the children teachers because we don't have all the answers right now. She acknowledged that everyone is doing the best they can with the knowledge they have right now.
[Attachment](#)

Board Items

1. Vote to place videos of Board of Education Meetings on YouTube

21-136 Post Videos of Board of Education Meetings on YouTube

Motion by Chris M Snyder, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Board President's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the posting of Board of Education meeting videos on YouTube beginning with the August 25, 2021 meeting. Board meeting videos will be available to the public on You Tube for the current academic year, August through July. Board meeting videos will be archived for two years in accordance with the District's record retention schedule for recordings.

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

2. Amendment to the Board of Education meeting calendar

21-137 Amendment to the Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Board President's recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education omit the second board meeting in September 2021 and October 2021.

Yes: Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M Snyder, Nancy Gillespie
No: Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Treasurer's Agenda

1. ESSER Update [Attachment](#)

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21-138 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 Certificated personnel items [Attachment](#)
- 3. Approve Non-Certificated personnel items [Attachment](#)

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

21-139 Executive Session

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Nancy Gillespie to accept the Board President’s recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official, and to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding, 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, in accordance with ORC 121.22.

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

Reconvene Open Session

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 10:50 p.m.

21-140 Adjournment

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Nancy Gillespie to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

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

President

Treasurer