

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. 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, Chris M. Snyder at 7:01 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 Chris M. Snyder, Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Seth Bower, and Kathleen Walsh.

22-320 Amend Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to amend the agenda by adding two presentations to section E which will be presentations E.3 and E.4.

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

22-321 Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

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

Public Participation

- *Sonja Hutchison, addressed the Board of Education and those present regarding school safety. Mrs. Hutchison recalled the incident involving her husband, a Groveport Madison High School teacher, being injured. Mrs. Hutchison encouraged the Board, Superintendent, and Administration to provide additional safety and emotional well-being courses to students and staff to assure preparedness in the event a situation requiring such action occurs.*

Recognitions

Recognition of Donovan Jones

The Groveport Madison Board of Education recognized Donovan Jones for his efforts to protect and assist Mr. Hutchison during an altercation which occurred at Groveport Madison High School.

22-322 Approve Juneteenth Recognition

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the resolution to recognize Juneteenth. [Attachment](#)

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

Presentations

Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands

- *Mrs. Melanie Cage provided an update to the Board of Education on the success of the two programs Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands provided to Groveport Madison High School Students. These programs included Stepping Off to College and Mapping Your Future.*

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Project Lead the Way

- *Jackie Kemp and Anthony Murphy provided an update to the Board of Education regarding the success of Project Lead the Way. Project Lead the Way assisted many Groveport Madison High School Seniors with obtaining their high school diploma.*

Board Agenda

Professional Board Training Discussion

- *Mr. Snyder invited conversation regarding professional development and training for Board of Education members. Mrs. Walsh shared the importance of members of the Board receiving additional training and professional development and asked members to comment as to why they did not support receiving payment for such training and professional development. Each member of the Board stated they did not support receiving payment for training and professional development as they feel it is part of the civic responsibility of being a Board of Education member. Mrs. Walsh thanked members of the Board for the discussion and stated she definitely agrees that receiving training and continuing to learn is most important to their role as a Board member.*

22-323 Appoint Superintendent (Interim)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the resolution to appoint James Grube as Interim Superintendent of Groveport Madison Local Schools effective July 5, 2022 and continuing for a period of time not to exceed beyond July 31, 2022. [Attachment](#)

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

22-324 Executive Session

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray, to accept the Interim Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 8:20 P.M. for the purpose of discussing matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law, in accordance with ORC 121.22.

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

Reconvene Open Session

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 10:14 P.M.

Superintendent Agenda

SHP Master Facility Plan Update

Josh Predovich presented information to the Board regarding the timeline which should be considered for future facility upgrades. SHP will work with the Board's Master Facility Committee and continue to provide updates as needed to the Board at future Board of Education meetings.

Cropper GIS Study Presentation

James Grube, Interim Superintendent provided a brief outline of the data collected by Cropper GIS as part of the enrollment study. Mr. Grube confirmed Cropper GIS will attend a future meeting to provide more in-depth analysis and to answer the questions surrounding the enrollment projections. [Attachment](#)

Cruiser Connect Summer Learning Opportunity and Transportation Update

Dr. Jana Alig presented an update on Cruiser Connect Summer Learning. Dr. Alig reminded the Board the program offered additional learning to students and focused on reducing the learning loss which occurred as a result of the pandemic. The program was successful in reducing the Summer slide for students who attended last year. The program promises to provide the same results for students enrolled for the current year; however, attendance is less than expected.

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Efforts are being made to determine why student participation is not what was expected. Preliminary thoughts for the reduced participation include bussing, child care following the half-day program, and families returning to their pre-pandemic Summer lifestyles.

Mr. Chris Reed provided an update on the transition to the new student transportation company, Commercial Bus Services (CBS). Mr. Reed stated while the lack of historical routing data is the biggest obstacle to overcome. He stated the routing software has been purchased and that determining the routes to accommodate students requiring transport is the current task. CBS remains positive that they will be able to transport our students beginning the first day of school. Mr. Reed advised the Board that CBS is having success securing drivers to fill each route, which is reassuring. Mr. Reed will provide additional updates leading up to the first day of school and thereafter.

Discussion of House Bill 99

Mr. Grube opened the discussion surrounding House Bill 99. The Board unanimously agreed it is in the best interest of students, staff, and the Groveport community to oppose this legislation. [Attachment](#)

Treasurer's Agenda

22-325 Authorize Transfer, Advances, & Account Modifications

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Treasurer recommendation to the Groveport Madison Board of Education authorizing the Treasurer to make transfers, advances, and account modifications as necessary to close the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (with transactions to be reported at its next regular meeting for ratification).

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

22-326 Authorize Submission of FY22 Final Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Treasurer recommendation to the Groveport Madison Board of Education authorizing the Treasurer to submit to the Franklin County Auditor the FY22 Final Appropriations and Amended Certificate of Estimate Resources as of June 30, 2022 (with the submission to be reported at its next regular meeting for ratification).

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

22-327 Authorize Establishment of FY23 Temporary Appropriations and Estimated Resources

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Treasurer recommendation to the Groveport Madison Board of Education authorizing the Treasurer establish FY23 Temporary Appropriations and Estimated Resources at 50% of Fiscal Year 22 actuals providing for operations beginning July 1, 2022.

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

22-328 Authorize Real Estate Tax Advance

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Treasurer recommendation to the Groveport Madison Board of Education authorizing the Treasurer request an advance of all real estate tax settlement funds, as they become available during Fiscal Year 2023 (as specified in the Real Estate Tax Advance Resolution). [Attachment](#)

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

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22-329 Approve Milestone Benefits Consulting Services Agreement

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to accept the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Milestone Benefits Consulting Services Agreement. [Attachment](#)

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

Presentation

2022-2023 Staffing Update

Mr. Matt Cygnor, Director of Human Resources provided a staffing update to the Board. Mr. Cygnor stated 47 of the 52 vacancies throughout the district have been filled. Mr. Cygnor shared the theatre teaching position is the most difficult to fill as there is a limited number of teachers with the required certification. Mr. Cygnor described the software used by HR which includes Applitrack and PeopleWorks.

22-330 Table Consent Agenda Item: 2021-2022 Payment In Lieu of Transportation

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Kathleen Walsh to table Consent Agenda Item: 2021-2022 Payment in Lieu of Transportation.

- *Mrs. Walsh asked for clarification surrounding the Payment in Lieu of Transportation. Mr. Grube explained the determining factors for payment in lieu and payments being extended.*

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

22-331 Approve Amended Consent Agenda

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes for the June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting and June 14, 2022 Special Meeting [Attachment](#)
- Approve Online Policy Manual Changes (Second Read) [Attachment](#)

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

Comments, Announcements and Other Business

Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business. Possible items to be added to next meeting's agenda.

- *Mrs. Walsh stated that in light of the most recent act of school violence and information presented by Mrs. Hutchison that she would like to review safety policies and perhaps student curriculum geared towards conflict resolution. Dr. Alig stated she and Mrs. Alyse Clarke will research this and provide information at a future meeting.*
- *Mrs. Dowdell-Burger stated Burger Books Scholarships are still available to any recent Groveport Madison High School graduate pursuing higher education. Four scholarships valued at \$250 each are available to assist with the cost of textbooks.*

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22-332 Adjournment

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 P.M.

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

President

Treasurer