

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 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 7:04 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, Libby Gray, Chris M. Snyder, Kathleen Walsh and Seth Bower

**Review of Belief Statement & Board Norms**

Recited by Vice President LaToya Dowdell-Burger

**21-225 Agenda Approval**

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

**21-226 Modify Agenda**

Motion by Chris Snyder, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to move executive session from H to G and change the wording for the executive session purpose to read The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee and matters required to be confidential under state and local law.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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**Public Participation**

None

**Recognitions**

Groveport Madison Local School District Recognizes March as National Women's History Month and Irish-American Heritage Month

**Treasurer's Agenda**

Monthly Financial Reports - Presented by Felicia Drummey, Treasurer [Attachment](#)

**21-227 Approve Resolution Authorizing Post-Issuance Compliance Policy**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the second read of the post-issuance compliance policy. [Attachment](#)

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

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### **21-228 Approve Lease Purchase Resolution**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the direct placement lease-purchase financing; in lieu of refunding a portion of the certain Certificates of Participation (COPs) in the amount not to exceed \$9,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing a portion of the COPs issued in December 2015 in view of currently prevailing lower interest rates. [Attachment](#)

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

### **21-229 - Approve the ComDoc Contract Renewal**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education Approve the ComDoc Contract Renewal to Continue Managed Print Services for a Period of Two-Years at a cost of \$4257 Per Month. [Attachment](#)

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

### **21-230 - Executive Session**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:22 pm 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.

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

### **Reconvene Open Session**

Reconvened Open Session at 8:26 PM.

### **Superintendent's Agenda**

#### **Propane Bus Discussion**

- *Mr. Snyder shared that while discussing the building of a new bus garage with other board members there was interest in exploring the possibility of using propane instead of diesel for fuel.*
- *Mr. Grubb explain that the current RFP included moving the existing diesel tank to the new building. The plans did not include propane or natural gas but it did include some research on electric buses such as solar awnings at the bus compound and pre-wiring necessary to be able to support electric buses as well as visiting a dealer and test riding an electric bus. He also shared that while electric buses are more expensive there are grants that reduce cost down to nearly the same as a diesel bus. Other consideration included the ongoing maintenance of electric buses that require specific mechanic certification to perform repairs. The alternatives explored related more to electric buses than propane.*
- *Mrs. Ogden explained that electric bus dealers are one year behind in delivery so this would be something to plan for in the future.*
- *Mrs. Walsh shared that her research indicates that propane would be a good thing and there is a Honda Grant that reduces the conversation cost. Mrs. Walsh encouraged the Board and Administration to look into this alternative to have a greener approach. She stated that propane reduces diesel fumes that have a negative impact on students and drivers are more satisfied driving a propane bus. She suggests that might help attract and retain drivers since the air is cleaner and the bus is quieter and the maintenance cost is*

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- *less expensive. Mrs. Walsh thinks it would be a good move for the District to consider propane for the long term because the fueling station is less expensive to build than diesel and buses can be converted. She shared that some of the propane companies will even build the fueling station in exchange for a five-year contract. The cost to convert actually pays for itself in 5-7 years.*
- *Mrs. Gray expressed concern that the cost to convert to alternative fuel buses would be transferred to the District by the company hired to provide transportation since that company owns the buses.*
- *Mr. Grube shared that the RFP for transportation services was approved at the last board meeting and has been published with bids due back on 22nd of March.*
- *Mr. Snyder summarized that alternative fuel considerations merits further exploration down the road and advised to keep this option in mind as an alternative moving forward.*
- *Mrs. Ogden explained that perhaps the current bidders might even have alternative fuel options that might be offered as part of the RFP.*
- *Mrs. Walsh agreed and advised that alternative fuel options could be bid as a value-added option for consideration as an addendum to future bid packages.*

### **21-231 - Approve Contract with SHP for Limited Professional Consulting Services and Limited Professional Services - Educational Visioning**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Kathleen Walsh to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the contract with SHP for Limited Professional Consulting Services and Limited Professional Services - Educational Visioning [Attachment](#)

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger Chris M Snyder, Seth Bower.  
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### **21-232 - Discuss Phase III of District's Asphalt and Paving Project and Approve Contract with VSWC**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the VSWC Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services to provide construction documents and construction administration for the Phase 3 Asphalt Overlay/Replacement Project at the DSC, Lil Cruisers, and Sedalia Elementary school at a fixed fee of \$6,000. [Attachment](#)

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh.  
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### **21-233 - Approve Resolution naming Setterlin Building Company as most qualified to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services based on RFP for the Capital Improvements Project**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve using Setterlin Building Company as the most qualified firm to serve as the construction manager at risk and provide construction management services for work on its Capital Improvements Project. [Attachment](#)

- *Mrs. Walsh inquired if voting on this locks in the location of bus garage.*
- *Mrs. Grubb said technically no, but it would take extreme circumstances to change since the pre-work has been done.*
- *Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Dowdell-Burger stated that it was already voted upon with the ESSER grant project without starting over with new motions and risk missing the deadlines required to spend ESSER funds.*

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### **Presentation: Review K-12 Math Program**

Presented by Alyse Clark [Attachment](#)

### **21-234 - OFCC Funding**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education not accept the OFCC's offer for the District to participate in this year's Classroom Facilities Assistance Program to allow for proper facilities planning and community engagement before engaging in the program.

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

No: Kathleen Walsh

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### **21-235 – Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

- Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes for the February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes for the February 23, 2022 Special Meeting [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes for the February 23, 2022 Regular Meeting [Attachment](#)
- Approve Jazz Band trip to Jazz Festival at Ohio University [Attachment](#)

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

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### **Future Action Items**

First Reading of Online Policy Manual Changes [Attachment](#)

### **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.

- Superintendent Garilee Ogden announced that she is proud of social worker Melissa Niemie Nathan for her partnership with the Sexual Assault Response Network of Ohio to offer a series of parent workshop to help their children develop healthy relationships.
- Mrs. Walsh announced that she has attended three classes and received 13 contact hours of board training. The three classes are as follows; 1) Deeper Dive, 2) Valuing Evaluations, 3) School Finance. The Deeper Drive workshop encouraged Boards to conduct annual brainstorming which is coming up at the retreat as well as having a board handbook to assist new members. Other suggestions included meeting personally with the Superintendent to foster the relationship as well as holding a town hall once a month to get out into the community. This town hall might be a good approach to guide the project and get more support. She also stated that blended learning is to be a part of policy and when offering online school that should be listed as a separate school.
- Mrs. Gray asked about the details for graduation. Mrs. Ogden shared that it was just discussed today and is scheduled for Friday, May 27th a 6 pm at World Harvest.
- Mrs. Dowdell-Burger - shared that the Groveport Independence Day Parade registration is coming up soon. She encouraged the board to consider participating. She also shared that both she and Mr. Snyder attended the same Veteran Board Member 201 Class as Mrs. Walsh and expressed appreciation to her for providing the update to the Board and Community of this information.

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**Adjournment**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray to Adjourn at 9:20 PM.

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

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President

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Treasurer