

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 11 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 6:55 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.

Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

Recited by Vice President LaToya Dowdell Burger

22-275 Agenda

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

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

Public Participation

- Frances Braswell – A Petermann Bus Monitor expressed concerns and fear for her job given the Board is changing transportation companies.
- Diana Fluck – A Petermann Bus Driver shared that bus drivers are in limbo because they don't know what new company will offer and are very stressed out about the change in transportation companies.
- Shirley Whightsel – A Petermann Bus Driver for 31 years is not speaking to praise or condemn. Instead she encouraged the Board to ask CBS to recognize the Teamsters. All the Drivers and Monitors want is to provide for their families and have affordable health care while they haul precious cargo.
- Jody Martin Oiler – A Petermann Bus Monitors for 18.5 years but then COVID hit and Petermann has been dealing with illness, deaths and national shortage. She said Petermann has offered many perks to recruit but still no new employees.
- Delmer McKnight – Resident encouraged the board to bring transporation back in house instead of getting new company.

Recognitions

22-276 Approve Recognition Resolution

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the resolution to recognize the month of May as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, Older Americans Month and Jewish American Heritage Month. [Attachment](#)

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

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Presentation of Service Awards for Outstanding Service to the District

Recognize Jeff Warner, Communications Director, and Nancy Daly, Communications Specialist, for the OHSPRA Best Quality Profile/Annual Report

Superintendent's Agenda

22-277 Consider Administrative Guideline 5421

Motion by Libby Gray, to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the changes to Administrative Guideline 5421 regarding Grading Criteria and Grade Reporting. [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, No second.

Final Resolution: Motion Dies.

22-278 Approve the List of 2021-2022 Groveport Madison Schools Graduation Candidates

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following 2019-2020 Groveport Madison High School Graduation Candidates: [Attachment](#)

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Treasurer's Agenda

Monthly Financial Reports [Attachment](#) & Five-Year Forecast Review [Attachment](#)

➤ *Presented by Felicia Drummey, Treasurer*

22-279 Approve 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 Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
 - Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
 - Approve the minutes for the April 27, 2022 Special Meeting (Work Session) [Attachment](#)
 - Approve the minutes for the April 27, 2022 Regular Meeting [Attachment](#)
 - Approve Girls HS Basketball trip(s) to the Shoot Out Event [Attachment](#)
- *Mrs. Walsh noted that the word **will** should be replaced by **may** in the last sentence of the April 27th regular meeting resolution #21-273 and should read as follows: "The contract **may** be approved during the May Board of Education meeting." This change shall be reflected in the minutes.*

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. Ogden offered a welcome Katie Van Schoyck, the new principal of Sedalia. Mrs. Van Schoyck shared that as a lifelong cruiser she is thankful for the opportunity.*
- *Mrs. Ogden asked for direction and clarification from the Board regarding the Grading Criteria and Grade Reporting. President Snyder stated the Board voted against the grading criteria last year and is disappointed that it was brought before the Board again.*

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22-280 Hold Grading Criteria and Reporting Presentation

Motion by Libby Gray and second by Seth Bower that the Board hold the grading presentation.

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

- *Presentation by Superintendent Ogden [Attachment](#)*

22-281 Consider Administrative Guideline 5421 Grading Criteria and Reporting

Motion by Libby Gray and second by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the changes to Administrative Guideline 5421 regarding Grading Criteria and Grade Reporting.

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower.
No: Kathleen Walsh, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M Snyder.
Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Continuation of Comments, Announcements and Other Business

- *Mr. Snyder asked that the Board discuss the date of the next Board retreat before it becomes summer. He also wanted to know if information is available on July 4th parade.*
- *Mrs. Walsh suggested that perhaps during retreat the Board could visit a school facility out of District as part of the facility planning.*
- *Mr. Gray expressed her disappointment in the Board votes on the grading system and wants to know the intention of the Board.*
- *Mrs. Dowdell Burger shared that her concern is that case studies do not match the Groveport demographic leaving it unclear how the change would impact minorities.*
- *Mrs. Walsh needs more data on methodology and control groups. She also suggested introduction of the change at a slower pace.*
- *Mrs. Bok explained that last year teachers were only requesting more time for PD during a difficult year because of Covid-19 and are now in support of the change.*
- *Mrs. Gray believes the Board should rely on the experts and educators by trusting their recommendation.*
- *Mrs. Walsh objects to the expert cited in the study because he is a convicted felon and misleads clients.*
- *Mrs. Dowell-Burger is open to reconsidered in the future with answers to her questions.*
- *Mr. Snyder summarized that the Board is not against the grading criteria in concept but needs more information to make an informed decision.*
- *Mrs. Ogden explained this is good for students because it gives them more opportunities for success and there really isn't any more information or data available that has not already been presented.*
- *Mrs. Walsh suggested that absent other data, consider presenting the Groveport pilot group results.*

22-282 Adjournment

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

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