

## RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
November 22, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a special session on Tuesday, November 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 6:00 P.M.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Board President and recited by attendees.

### **Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms**

Recited by Board Vice President, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

### **Roll Call**

Responding to the roll call by Treasurer Pro-Tempore, Nathan Hilborn, were LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Chris M. Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, and Seth Bower.

### **22-443 Treasurer Pro-Tempore**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to appoint Nathan Hilborn, Fiscal Specialist as the Treasurer Pro-Tempore.

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

### **22-444 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.  
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### **Superintendent Agenda**

#### **Discuss Communications between Superintendent and Board**

- *Discussion surrounded how Board members receive communications from the Superintendent and the timing of those communications.*
- *Libby Gray suggested adding an item for the Board Strategic Planning Session to discuss Superintendent expectations.*

#### **Discuss Scheduling a Meeting with Students**

- *The Board discussed scheduling small group meetings with a diverse makeup of students.*
- *Seth Bower, Kathleen Walsh, and LaToya Dowdell-Burger noted they are available to meet students in break-out groups on November 28<sup>th</sup>.*

#### **Discuss Creating a Student Board Advisory Council**

- *The Board discussed establishing a Student Advisory Council that would be able to report on important items in the eyes of students during Board meetings.*

#### **Discuss Creating a Parent Board Advisory Council**

- *The Board discussed establishing a Parent Advisory Council that can report important items during Board meetings.*
- *Kathleen Walsh further discussed restarting the Administrative Safety Committee.*
- *Paul Smathers noted the Safety Committee is being started back up.*
- *Kathleen Walsh and Seth Bower noted they would like to join the Safety Committee.*

#### **Discuss Safety Survey**

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- *The Board discussed developing a Safety Survey to send to students and parents. The Board also discussed the different mediums that the survey can be administered to reach the largest and most diverse population.*

### **Discuss Items from last Board Meeting Concerning Safety Options**

- *James Grube noted that there was a letter sent out November 22, 2022 to highlight what the District is doing to help the situation immediately as well as planning for the future. He further noted that the possibility of buying metal detectors raises the question of how they will be operated.*
- *Libby Gray encouraged that communications such as the letter should be sent out more often to keep the community updated.*
- *The Board discussed the different possibilities of full metal detectors versus wands. The Board also discussed the possibility of adding additional SROs.*
- *Further discussion was held regarding hybrid learning versus adding more modular units or restarting Cruiser Academy. LaToya Dowdell-Burger and Libby Gray noted various locations that could be considered to lease for Cruiser Academy.*
- *Nate Saum, Chief Technology Officer, explained that the current door system that tracks if doors are open is for managing the doors as a whole, not for monitoring each individual door.*

### **Discuss Short-Term, Medium-Term, Long-Term Safety Plans**

- *James Grube noted that there are a lot of plans in place already for short term. He noted that the goal is to move quickly but make informed decisions using feedback from the new committees.*
- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger asked for pricing on metal detector wands.*
- *Chris M. Snyder requested information on support staff options for different companies to figure out long term solutions.*
- *Kathleen Walsh noted she would like to review the firearm policy at the next Board meeting. Libby Gray and LaToya Dowdell-Burger proposed considering a firearm policy and a weapon policy as separate policies.*
- *Paul Smathers explained the usage of the Smart Lab and Calming room in GMHS.*

### **22-445 Recess**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to take a five-minute recess at 8:29 P.M.

- Returned to open session at 8:45 P.M.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Board Items**

#### **Discuss Board Retreat**

- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger noted that the Retreat is more of a Strategic Planning Session.*
- *The Board discussed topics to be included and plan for length of each day. The Board requested each department prepare a short presentation that outlines the personnel in the department and the duties they perform.*
- *James Grube reiterated that this is not a one and done but should be a semi-annual session to monitor district goals on a continuous basis.*

### **22-446 Adjournment**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 P.M.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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President

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Treasurer