

## RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
February 22, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a special session on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The meeting was held at 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, LaToya Dowdell-Burger at 7:04 P.M.

### **Roll Call**

Responding to the roll call by Treasurer, Felicia Drummey, were LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, and Seth Bower. Chris M. Snyder was not present for roll call but arrived to the meeting at 7:09 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, Seth Bower.

### **23-525 Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education approve the agenda noting the following items re-sequenced:

- *Move item (D8) to (D4)*
- *Move item (D4) to (D5)*
- *Move item (D5) to (D6)*
- *Move item (D6) to (D7)*
- *Move item (D7) to (D8)*

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Presentation – O.S.B.A and Neola Weapons Detection Policy and Administrative Guidelines Review [Attachment](#)**

- Deputy Superintendent, Paul Smathers reviewed current NEOLA policy concerning weapons and metal detectors which was prepared by NEOLA.
- Neola representative, Janis Collette advised the board of a current board policy which allows the Superintendent to implement metal detectors. Ms. Collette suggested a review of administrative guidelines for the exact “How To” regarding implementation. Ms. Collette also answered questions presented by the board.
- Ohio School Boards Association (O.S.B.A) representative, Kenna Haycox stated that the sample templates provided by O.S.B.A are very similar to NEOLA and will work with school district legal counsel for specific policy language regarding search and seizure.

### **Presentation – Primary One and ADAMH [Attachment](#)**

- Deputy Superintendent, Paul Smathers introduced Primary One CEO, Charletta Charves who shared information regarding wrap around services that will be provided at the Primary One Wellness Center.
- Primary One Wellness Center construction is progressing nicely as the 3000 square foot health center designed to provide: medical, dental, and mental health services to accommodate the needs of all Groveport Madison Schools students, as well as the

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community as a whole. The center will be staffed with a certified nurse practitioner and support staff who will provide primary care services, same day medical doctor appointments, vaccinations, dental, and vision services. Translation/interpretation services will also be available. Ms. Charves confirmed care will be provided to both insured and non-insured patients. Mobile centers may also be deployed, if necessary.

- June 8, 2023, 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. is the scheduled ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the Primary One Wellness Center. All are invited to attend.

### **Presentation – Open Gate - Weapon Detection Attachment**

- *Open Gate is the next generation of active metal detection and can detect both ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The device allows for very fast processing (depending on the level of detection). Targeting firearms specifically, the device can handle one person per second. The device will also detect most small knives. In a school environment 1500-2000 students can pass through, per lane per hour (depending how well students prep and how well staff are prepared).*
  - *Units purchased directly from Open Gate are \$17,200 each and includes: software updates (no cost) through IOS/android app, and a two-year part and in-house labor warranty.*
  - *First event support with coaching is billed on a daily basis. The rate is \$50-\$100 per unit, per month for tech support which includes real time data and other report options.*

### **Presentation- Ohio Comprehensive School Safety Network Presentation Attachment**

- *Ohio Department of Safety representative, Nicole Miller presented safety information from the Ohio Department of Safety. The Ohio school safety center was developed in 2019 and its mission is to assist first responders and schools. The department recommends the adoption of a whole child model of education. House Bill 123, the "Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act," goes into effect March 24th, 2023. Students, Grades 6-12 must have a threat assessment team in place as a preventive measure. Access to Navigate 360 which monitors social media posts for threats to mobilize and assist schools. The services are provided free of charge. Grants are available to the district*

### **Safety Committee Meeting Report**

Deputy Superintendent, Paul Smathers introduced Co-Chairs Kimyata Cornwell and Joe Butts to provide an update. To date, three meetings have been held (December 2022, January 2023, and February 2023).

- *Kimyata Cornwell and Joe Butts shared that the December meeting focused on the message: "What happened and who has been contacted when an incident occurs." The January meeting focused on metal detectors pros and cons. The February meeting focused more on Evolv and the overall evaluation of metal detectors. The next scheduled meeting is focused on policies and procedures when students have a physical altercation. The safety chairs expressed interest in exploring volunteer parents who will visit the school buildings to establish relationships with students. The Safety Committee allows parents to voice concerns and come from all perspectives. In closing, Mrs. Gray thanked the Safety Committee for their participation and support because their input is so valuable.*

### **23-526 Recess**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray for a ten-minute recess at 9:12 P.M.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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### **Reconvene Open Session**

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 9:24 P.M.

### **Implementation Considerations on Schedules**

Discussion, questions, and answers led by Director of Business, Chris Reed.

- *Board Member, Chris M. Snyder expressed reservation about metal detectors preventing student fights. He much prefers what he heard about wrap around intervention services.*
- *President, LaToya Dowdell-Burger would like to see other options besides metal detectors.*
- *Vice President, Seth Bower wants wholistic approach with mental health services*

### **High School Survey Updates and Middle School Survey Review [Attachment](#)**

- *Director of Communications, Jeff Warner shared that 1,013 responses have been received from the Groveport High School Panorama survey. 517 parents, 352 students, and 144 staff. Mr. Warner stated that he is unable to share additional information as he is certain it will taint the final survey results. The Groveport Madison High School survey closes end of day March 1st, 2023.*
- *Mr. Warner confirmed that the Groveport Madison middle school survey questions have been shared with board and requesting readiness to move forward. Seth Bower advised that the board is ready to move forward as the deadline for the Board of Education to review and submit feedback was February 15, 2023.*
- *Board member, Kathleen Walsh shared her disappointed that no questions about social economic status and disabilities.*

### **Staffing Requirements and Consideration [Attachment](#)**

Gary Segrest , retired teacher and law enforcement officer, discussed contracted security staffing options from three vendors.

### **Financial Impact and Consideration**

Treasurer, Felicia Drummey, modeled financial projections of the various metal detection options that have been presented.

- *President, LaToya Dowdell-Burger asked the Board of Education to revisit Board Policy 7440(B) - Procedures to determine preferences to guide administration on weapons detection.*

### **Board Items**

#### **23-527 Approve February 8, 2023 and February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M. Snyder to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the minutes for the Special and Regular February 8, 2023 and Special February 15, 2023 Meeting.

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

#### **23-528 Authorize the Establishment of a Board Policy Committee and Define Roles/Responsibilities**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approves the resolution authorizing the establishment of a Board Policy Committee and to define the roles and responsibilities of that committee.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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**23-529 Authorize the Establishment of a Student Advisory Committee and Define Roles/Responsibilities**

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approves the resolution authorizing the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee and to define the roles and responsibilities of that committee.

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

**23-530 Executive Session**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to approve the President recommendation that the Board of Education enter executive session at 11:46 P.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee of the school district, and to confer with an attorney for the board of education concerning disputes involving the board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action as defined by O.R.C. 121.22.

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

**Reconvene Open Session**

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 12:52 A.M.

**23-531 Adjournment**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 A.M.

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

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President

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Treasurer