

## RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 7, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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 7:02 P.M.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Board President and recited by attendees.

### **23-532 Treasurer Pro-Tempore**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Chris M Snyder to appoint Seth Bower as Treasurer Pro-Tempore

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Recited by Board Vice President, Seth Bower.

- Following Vice President Bower reviewing the belief statement and norms, President Dowdell-Burger addressed the concerns regarding accommodations being needed for the hearing impaired. She confirmed the Board is working with local agencies to ensure the Board is meeting the needs of the hearing impaired.

### **23-533 Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Public Participation**

- Ms. Jane Deckard addressed the Board and those in attendance regarding student discipline at all grade levels.

### **Recognitions**

#### **Groveport Madison High School Model United Nations Program [Attachment](#)**

Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Smathers introduced Ray Murtz, Model United Nations Advisor. Mr. Murtz presented a slide show and shared information regarding the competition in which twenty students participated. Three teams presented resolutions the first day of the competition. One of the teams, Team Somalia, was the only group to present on the second day. Amina Sow was awarded the Best Delegate award.

#### **Groveport Madison Local School District Recognizes Elizabeth “Libby” Gray’s 10-year commitment as a Board Member for the Groveport Madison School District.**

Superintendent, James Grube delivered the special recognition of Board Member Libby Gray for 10 years of service on the Groveport Madison Local Schools Board of Education. Mrs. Gray will

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receive a certificate of this achievement from the Ohio School Boards Association in a special event Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

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

Superintendent, James Grube read the declaration to recognize March as National Women's History Month and Irish-American Heritage Month.

### **23-534 Executive Session**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education enter executive session at 7:27 P.M. For the purpose of considering the purchase of property for School District purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding, since disclosure at this time would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to person(s) whose personal, private interests are adverse to the general public interest, and 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.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Reconvene Open Session**

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 8:03 P.M.

### **Board Items**

#### **Special Meeting**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the auditorium of Groveport Madison High School to discuss future district operations

#### **Educational Trust**

President Dowdell-Burger introduced information regarding a trust that will benefit Groveport Madison students in need. Present Dowdell-Burger and Board Member Chris M. Snyder are currently working with district legal counsel and OSBA on the specifics of the trust. Chris M Snyder will work with legal counsel to present at the April Board Meeting.

#### **Board Handbook [Attachment](#)**

The Board is currently working with OSBA to create a board handbook. Board members are requested to prepare their assigned sections in draft form and send to LaToya Dowdell-Burger on or before March 27, 2023.

*Assignment are as follows:*

- *Chris M Snyder- District and Board of Education*
- *Latoya Dowdell-Burger-Operations and Board Meetings*
- *Sunshine Laws and Public Records- Seth Bower*
- *Libby Gray- Bond Issues*

### **Superintendents Agenda**

#### **District Safety Committee Update [Attachment](#)**

Deputy Superintendent Paul Smathers shared that the fourth meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 and discussed the planned agenda for the meeting.

#### **Student Advisory Committee Update**

Superintendent James Grube asked for confirmation from Board Members on days or dates for the committee meeting to be scheduled. President Dowdell-Burger prefers hybrid meetings to

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allow more students to participate and requested the kickoff meeting prior to State of Schools, March 22, 2023 or March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Facilities Update**

Director of Business, Chris Reed provided a facility update to the board. He highlighted that Primary One Health Center is progressing as planned. Mr. Reed also stated that item 8 on the Superintendent Agenda is not the actual GMP, but just authorization from the Board to allow the Superintendent and Treasurer to approve the GMP once it is ready as opposed to having to wait for a scheduled board meeting to approve the GMP.

### **Human Resources Update**

- Director of Human Resources, Matt Cygnor and Director of Business, Chris Reed shared the updated list of available positions. Mr. Cygnor confirmed first job fair was last week at Otterbein University. Upcoming job fairs include Cincinnati, Ohio University, Ohio State, and an event in Akron. LaToya Dowdell-Burger questioned the process of a student teacher becoming a permanent staff member. Mr. Cygnor confirmed that student teachers are a great recruiting source and that several student teachers have accepted permanent positions at our district.
- Mr. Cygnor also confirmed that he provided the expulsion data requested by board member Libby Gray. She confirmed it is what she expected and appreciated it.
- Mr. Chris Reed provided an update regarding classified staff.

### **Transportation Update**

Director of Business, Chris Reed and CBS CEO, Terry Thomas provided an update to the board regarding transportation.

Mr. Thomas spoke briefly of the ODE non-compliance fees that have been assessed and that CBS will be disputing the fines with ODE.

### **Chartwells Presentation on Universal Lunch [Attachment](#)**

William King, Paul Kendall and Dan Magee addressed universal meal eligibility. The board was advised that universal meal eligibility would be financially detrimental to the district. Board member Libby Gray asked if the same data (pre-pandemic) could be provided. It was stated that information could be compiled and shared.

### **Discuss Charging Students for Chromebook Repairs**

Director of Technology, Nate Saum provided discussed Chromebook damages and alternatives for offsetting the repair costs. Mr. Saum discussed how warranty repair work is handled and an alternative method that will begin next school year.

### **23-535 Approve Resolution for GMP Amendment No. 2 for Security Upgrades to CMR Agreement for ESSER Capital Improvements Project [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with legal counsel, to negotiate and execute GMP Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with the CMR in an amount not to exceed \$1,618,727.78, and any other related documents consistent with the intent of this resolution.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **23-536 Approve the Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools Agreement(s) [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools Satellite Program Unit Agreement and Satellite Program and Academic Coursework Agreement.

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### **Treasurer's Agenda**

#### **Monthly Financial Reports [Attachment](#)**

*Presented by Assistant Treasurer, Tonya Boyd*

#### **23-537 Approve Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education Approve the Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by The Franklin County Budget Commission for tax year 2023 (collected year 2024)

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

#### **23-538 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

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

#### **23-539 Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Non-Certificated Personnel Items:

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

#### **23-540 Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Certificated Personnel Items:

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

#### **23-541 Approve Afterschool Math Professional Development Payment(s)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Board of Education authorize the payment of \$25 per hour to ten (10) teachers and four (4) administrators who participating in afterschool math professional development to deepen content knowledge and instructional practice.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.  
Yes: Libby Gray, Chris M Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Seth Bower.  
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**23-542 Approve High School Marching Band Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio [Attachment](#)**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M Snyder recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the High School Marching Band Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio on Saturday, April 29, 2023, returning Sunday April 30, 2023

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**23-543 Approve the Board Meeting Minutes [Attachment](#)**

The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the minutes for the February 22, 2023 Special Board Meeting, and the February 28, 2023 Special Board Meeting.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**23-544 Approve Online Policy Manual Changes - First Read [Attachment](#)**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the revisions to Board policy

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**23-545 Executive Session**

It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education enter executive session at 9:09 P.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official in accordance with ORC 121.22.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

**Reconvene Open Session**

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 9:41 P.M.

**23-546 Adjournment**

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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President

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Treasurer