

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, May 10, 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 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

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

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.

23-575 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

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

Public Participation

- *Ernest Lee raised a point for discussion regarding the Approval of Resolution of Necessity for a Renewal Operating Levy, urging the board to reconsider the renewal operating levy. Mr. Lee discussed reducing expenses as an alternative to seeking the renewal levy.*

Presentations & Recognitions

Columbus Metropolitan Library Presentation

- *Benjamin Reid provided an update on the existing partnership between Columbus Metropolitan Library and Groveport Madison Schools, highlighting the exceptional services offered by the library. He shared valuable information about the collaborative efforts and the range of services that benefit the school community.*

Recognize May as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, Older Americans Month and Jewish American Heritage Month [Attachment](#)

President Dowdell-Burger recommended that the Groveport Madison approve recognizing the month of May as Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage, Older Americans, and Jewish American Heritage month with her signature on the attached resolution.

Board and MORE Inc. Donation of Teacher Supplies

President Dowdell-Burger and members of the Groveport Madison Board of Education presented GMLEA with classroom supplies that were donated to help teachers fill the supply shortage gap that occurs as the school year comes to a close.

District Service Awards

- 20 years - RonnieAnn Thornton – Groveport Madison Middle School Central
- 25 years – Kimberly Richardson – Sedelia Elementary
- 25 years- Steve Berry – Madison Elementary
- 30 years- Janice Imwalle – Madison Elementary
- 30 years- Tina Villanueva – Groveport Madison High School
- 30 Years- Susan Harris - Little Cruiser Campus

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Groveport Madison Schools Cheer Competition Team

The Groveport Madison Cheer Competition Team achieved remarkable accomplishments this year, including being crowned Division Champions at the Buckeye Nationals, March Madness, and Sheridan Spirit competitions. They were also declared OCC Buckeye Division Champs and qualified for the State competition, where they secured an impressive 5th place. Additionally, the team achieved Division Champs status at The One Global Competition held in Virginia Beach.

Students Acquiring Industry Recognized Credentials – Health Sciences

Students are being recognized for completing of Industry Recognized Credentials in the field of Sports, Exercise, and Health Science. Students complete 50 hours of instruction outside of the classroom to complete these vendor skill assessments. The students have also earned articulated credit at Columbus State Community College, and some have taken and passed as many as seven courses and/or WebXams in sports, exercise, and health science during their time at GMHS.

Students have earned the following credentials:

- Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED Use
- Bleeding Control Basic Course
- Elder Care
- Leadership Excellence Credential
- Lean 6 Sigma- Yellow Belt Business Credential

Safety Committee Update Presentation

➤ *Kimyata Conwell presented important points during the meeting:*

- *Discussed suspension and expulsion processes, emphasizing transparency for parents.*
- *Emphasized proactive communication with parents.*
- *Reviewed discipline data related to violence and fighting.*
- *Explored ways to reduce violence and enhance safety.*
- *Discussed the district's safety plan and potential programs, including involvement from the Divine Eye Black Greek organization for mentoring high school students.*
- *Requested a new board member to fill Kathy Walsh's role due to scheduling conflicts.*
- *Board members expressed appreciation for the committee's work. Libby Gray volunteered to join the committee, and her participation was welcomed.*

Board Items

Student Advisory Committee Update

➤ *Board President Dowdell-Burger provided updates on two committee meetings: a meet and greet and a session during Cruiser Time to minimize student instruction disruption. The project's focus includes peer mentoring and strengthening student-teacher relationships. It was proposed to include the two non-senior members in next year's committee due to their significant contribution to framework development. Seth Bower highlighted the committee's eleven members, while Jamie Grube mentioned an upcoming meeting. The student group is highly dedicated and represents diverse backgrounds. Seth Bower emphasized the importance of fostering school spirit, improving staff-student relationships, and learning Robert's Rules of Order.*

23-576 Approval of Resolution of Necessity for a Renewal Operating Levy [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Resolution of Necessity for a Renewal Operating Levy.

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

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Policy Update

LaToya Dowdell-Burger informed the board that policy work is currently in progress and requested a replacement for Mrs. Walsh, who resigned. Chris Snyder was recommended to fill

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the committee vacancy. The committee has scheduled meetings on June 12, July 17, and July 31, 2023 with each meeting running from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Discuss Board Meeting Length, Frequency and Location

- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger highlighted the importance of sharing schools' great work with the community. The discussion shifted to meeting length, with Kathleen Walsh suggesting quarterly awards in communities.*
- *Meeting durations from previous sessions were mentioned.*
- *Chris M. Snyder provided statistics on meeting averages, while Libby Gray emphasized the commitment required as a board member.*
- *Seth Bower expressed that despite the time commitment, the accomplishments are worthwhile.*
- *President Dowdell-Burger suggested one meeting per month and requested questions to be submitted in advance. Chris M. Snyder supported pre-submitted questions and appreciated inviting students to meetings.*

Superintendents Agenda

Business Services & Facilities Update

Chris Reed, Director of Business Services, provided updates on both facility-related matters and the classified staff.

- *Primary One Health Center grand opening is scheduled for June 1st, 2023.*
- *4500 South Hamilton Road has been acquired by the district - purchased as part of the approved ARP ESSER funding.*
- *Construction for safer entries will commence following the end of the school year*

The classified update for the month of May included details regarding resignations, retirements, volunteers, and contract renewals.

Human Resources Update [Attachment](#)

Assistant Superintendent, Paul Smathers, delivered an update on behalf of Director of Human Resources, Matt Cygnor.

- *There are still some unfilled vacancies within the district.*
- *There are 30 resignations and 7 retirements that need to be filled for the upcoming school year.*

Transportation Update [Attachment](#)

Community Bus Service, Chief Operating Officer, Terry Thomas, provided an update on transportation.

- *Mr. Thomas noted that attendance continues to be a challenge; however, there are currently fifteen more drivers than routes available. This allows focusing on training and recruiting new drivers.*
- *Mr. Thomas expressed appreciation for the collaboration with district staff, highlighting the positive working relationship.*

23-577 Approve List of Candidates for Graduation [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the attached list of candidates for graduation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

23-578 Approve Job Description for the Director of Innovation and Accountability [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Director of Innovation and Accountability Job Description

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23-579 Approve Pre-Engineered Metal Building GMP Attachment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer, working with legal counsel to negotiate and execute GMP Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with the CMR in an amount not to exceed \$181,849.21, and any other related documents consistent with the intent of this resolution.

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

23-580 Approve High School Summer Credit Recovery Stipends Attachment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation Education to approve the High School Credit Recovery Coordinator receive a \$2200 stipend, and the High School Credit Recovery Teachers receive a \$1500 stipend.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

23-581 Food Service Management - Compass/Chartwell 2023-2024 Contract Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Compass/Chartwell contract for 2023-2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

23-582 Stone Security Contract Attachment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the contract with Stone Security for the lease of Evolve Express Weapon Detection Systems.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Treasurer's Agenda

Monthly Financial Reports Attachment

➤ *Presented by Treasurer, Felicia Drummey*

23-583 Approve Five-Year Forecast Attachment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the Five-Year Forecast

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

23-584 Approve Certificate of OFCC Project Completion Close Out Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the Resolution and Certificate of Project Completion to close out the 2014 Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Consent Agenda

23-585 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation that Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting [Attachment](#)
- Approve the 2023-2024 Student Handbook – Second Read [Attachment](#)
- Approve Payment In Lieu of Transportation
- Approve Groveport Madison High School Boys Basketball Trips [Attachment](#)
- Approve Groveport Madison High School Cedar Point Trip [Attachment](#)
- Approve Groveport Madison High School Girls Basketball Trip [Attachment](#)
- Approve Groveport Madison High School Esports Team Trip [Attachment](#)

23-586 Executive Session

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to enter executive session at 9:29 P.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, and to meet with 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, Seth Bower, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Reconvene Open Session

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 10:19 P.M.

Comments, Announcements and Other Business

23-587 Approve Resolution for Administrative Contract Suspension (RIF) Attachment

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Resolution for Administrative Contract Suspension (RIF) in accordance with GPM Board Policy 1540 and ORC 3319.171, and hereby suspends five (5) administrative contracts, in accordance with the Superintendent's operational needs assessment and recommendation, such contract action to be effective July 31, 2023

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

Board Member Comments and/or Special Announcements

- *Libby Gray expressed her admiration for a video shared by Jeff Altman, encouraging everyone to watch it.*
- *Superintendent Grube requested to reschedule the July 12th Board meeting, suggesting a new date of July 19th.*
- *The board discussed participation the Independence Day Parade.*
- *President Dowdell-Burger advised that the application for Burger Books scholarships open, and will remain open through the date of commencement of Groveport Madison High School Seniors.*

23-588 Adjournment

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 P.M.

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

President

Treasurer