

## RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, July 27, 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 7:00 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. Chris M. Snyder appointed Vice President LaToya Dowdell-Burger to preside the remainder of the meeting due personal illness following Board Agenda item E (1).

### **Amend Agenda**

Motion by Kathleen Walsh to amend the agenda by moving current Board Agenda item E (1) Authorize the Employment of District Superintendent to E(2) then add new Board Agenda item E(1) Discussion and Review of Groveport Madison Board of Education Board Policies (1220) and (1422).

Motion died due to lack of a second.

### **22-348 Agenda**

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

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

No: Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

### **Public Participation**

- *Shirley Whitetsel addressed the Board and those present regarding the student transportation services contract. Mrs. Whitesel expressed her concerns and disappointment in Commercial Bus Services hiring practices of former Petermann bus drivers.*

### **Board Agenda**

#### **22-349 Authorize Employment of Superintendent**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Board of Education President recommendation to approve James C. Grube as Superintendent of Groveport Madison School District for a term of three years starting August 1, 2022 pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the employment contract.

- *Kathleen Walsh led discussion surrounding her concern of Board Policy (1227) not being followed. President Snyder and Vice President LaToya Dowdell-Burger addressed Mrs. Walsh's concerns by citing a statement from the Board of Education Attorney which details the action being taken as lawful.*

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

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### **Superintendent Agenda**

#### **Capacity and Utilization Update – Cropper GIS** [Attachment](#)

- *Matthew Cropper presented details of the Capacity, Demographics, and Utilization studies their firm conducted within the boundaries of Groveport Madison School District. The study concluded that some of the school buildings within our footprint are at capacity or exceeding capacity. The Board of Education shall further review this information along with the Board's Facility Planning Committee.*

#### **Facility Update** [Attachment](#)

- *Chris Reed presented the Board and those in attendance a Facilities Update. The update highlighted projects completed during the 2022 Summer which includes: roofing, paving, interior remodeling (addition of walls and flooring)) and securing of new furniture. Mr. Reed expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the maintenance and custodial staff for their role in securing the furniture from neighboring Southwestern City Schools.*

#### **22-350 2022-2023 Franklin County Juvenile Court Truancy Intervention/Prevention (TIPP) Contract** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the TIPP Contract for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$44,932.00. The contract amount represents 50% of the salary for (2) Truancy Officers.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

#### **23-351 2022-2023 City of Groveport SRO Contract** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 SRO Contract between Groveport Madison Local School District and the City of Groveport.

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

Abstain: Seth Bower

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

#### **23-352 2022-2023 I Am Boundless Contract** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 I Am Boundless Contract.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

#### **23-353 Rescind Mindset Contract**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to rescind the contract between Groveport Madison Local School District and Mindset, Inc. which was approved by the Board of Education at the June 8, 2022 Regular meeting. Mindset has been contacted in regards to negotiating a contract with fewer services, resulting in less costs being charged to ARP ESSER, resulting in those funds being redirected towards other student needs.

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

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### **Treasurer Agenda**

#### **Series 2014 Bond Advanced Placement Closed** [Attachment](#)

- *Felicia Drummey, Treasurer, shared details of the Series 2014 Bond Advanced Placement being closed July 6, 2022. Mrs. Drummey highlighted the \$1,700,628 savings passed directly to constituents.*

#### **Moody's Rating Presentation and Resulting Credit Opinion** [Attachment](#)

- *Mike Burns, Managing Director, Robert W. Baird & Co, Inc. shared with the Board and those present that after a presentation by Mrs. Drummey, Ms. Boyd and himself that the district received a single notch credit rating upgrade from Moody's from A2 to an A1 rating. Mr. Burns congratulated Mrs. Drummey and the Board of Education for achieving this rating factor. Mr. Burns stated that with continued fiscal responsibility additional upgrades may be awarded in future years. He reminded the Board of the significance of this higher credit rating for future bond issues.*

#### **22-354 Approve Note Resolution (Acquiring School Buses)** [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the Note Resolution authorizing the issuance of notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,050,000 for the purpose of acquiring school buses.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

#### **ESSER Grant Update** [Attachment](#)

- *Tonya Boyd, Assistant Treasurer, provided the Board an update on sources, uses and remaining balances for each of the ESSER Grants. Paul Smathers and Chris Mosure provided the Board a list of priorities identified by Principals and Directors for use of the remaining funds.*

#### **22-355 Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Treasurer recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve the minutes for the June 21, 2022 Special Meeting, and the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting [Attachment](#)

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

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.

- *Superintendent James Grube congratulated Scott Sibberson on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his outstanding service to Groveport Madison School District.*
- *Superintendent James Grube stated the start and end times for the school day are incorrect in the Student Handbook, requesting guidance from the Board on correcting and ratifying at a future meeting.*
- *Libby Gray resigned from the "Advisory" Facilities Committee.*
- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger confirmed Burger Books Scholarship recipient checks will be distributed to the students awarded during the week of August 1, 2022.*

#### **22-356 Executive Session**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower, to accept the Superintendent recommendation that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 9:48 P.M.

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to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property, if premature closure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to general public interest, in accordance with ORC 121.22.

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

**Reconvene Open Session**

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education reconvened open session at 10:06 P.M.

**22-357 Adjournment**

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 P.M.

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

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President

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Treasurer