

**Board of Education Regular Meeting (Tuesday, March 11, 2025)**

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**Members present**

LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

**Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM****A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm

Discussion: 2. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Procedural: 3. Roll Call - All present

Discussion: 4. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

**B. Agenda Approval**

Action 2025-57: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: John Kershner

Discussion: 2. Ms. Walsh asks for clarification on the Ohio Fair Funding Plan resolution that's being added to the agenda and why it can not wait until the next meeting. Ms. Dowdell-Burger explains reasons for wanting to add it today. Ms. Walsh is curious about how things get added to the agenda and who makes the decision to add things after the draft agenda goes out. Mr. Bower explains what was added. Ms. Walsh does not understand why her request to have the topic of the Treasurer's contract added again to this agenda was not granted. Mr. Kershner expresses concern about that as well.

Action 2025-58: 3. Add Resolution under F1.

Move that the Board of Education add Resolution under F1 about Fair funding formula.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner

No: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2025-59: 4. Postpone F3 until April Meeting

Move that the Board of Education postpone F3 to April

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. Call to Order****D. Public Participation**

Information: 1. Public Participation - NONE

**E. Recognitions and Presentations**

Recognition: 1. Recognition of National Women's History Month and Irish-American Heritage Month

Recognition: 2. Recognition of 2025 OSBA Training Award Recipient LaToya Dowdell-Burger

Presentation: 3. Ohio Model United Nations Presentation

**F. Board Items**

Action 2025-60: 1. Resolution to Approve the Ohio Fair Funding Plan

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Action 2025-61: 2. Move to make this a first read.

Motion by John Kershner, second my Kathleen Walsh  
Final Resolution: Motion Failed  
Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner  
No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

Discussion: 3. Discussion of Recordings of Board of Education Meetings Retention Schedule

Action 2025-62: 4. Move to Amend to Incorporate MP3 audio files to permanent.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Seth Bower  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-63: 5. Move to make records permanent.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Discussion: 6. Discussion of Open Checkbook - Treasurer spoke and not one school district in Franklin Co uses the this. Not even Franklin Co itself. But then corrected himself and noted Southwestern just started using it after checking the website again. Kathy agreed with him only Southwestern is currently using it. Other schools used it briefly in the past but stopped using it for it being time consuming and troubling and causing more headaches.

Discussion: 7. Diversity Training - Postponed

Discussion: 8. Boardsmanship Training Update - They discussed dates for the Board to go to the training.

#### **G. Superintendent's Agenda**

Discussion: 1. Department Reports- CBS - doing good. Have enough drivers. Talked about events coming up. OASP - Having summit.

Action 2025-64: 2. Groveport Madison High School Program of Studies - Second Read  
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Groveport Madison High School 2025-2026 Program of Studies

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

Action 2025-65: 3. Approve the Minutes for the January 27, 2025 Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education to accept the minutes for the Parent Advisory Committee meeting on January 27, 2025.

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

Action 2025-66: 4. Approve the minutes for the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting  
The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the minutes for the regular Board meeting on February 11, 2025.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower  
No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Action 2025-67: 5. Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement  
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve payment-in-lieu of transportation reimbursement. The Ohio law allows for public school districts to determine the impracticality of transporting resident students attending schools not located within the district after consideration of a number of factors. Upon that determination, the school district is permitted to offer payment-in-lieu of transportation to the parent/guardian. The Transportation Department has completed studies and residents in affected areas will be offered payment-in-lieu of for the 2024-2025 school year. The initial list of families being offered payment-in-lieu-of transportation is attached as Executive Content since it lists students' names.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by John Kershner.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner  
No: Kathleen Walsh

**Action 2025-68: 6. Approve Certificated Personnel Items**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Certificated Personnel Items:

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-69: 7. Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Non-Certificated Personnel Items:

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-70: 8. Approve Special Education Contracts**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Special Education contracts with Soliant and Amendment to the Original Agreement with I Am Boundless, Inc.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-71: 9. Approve High School Track Trip**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Track Trip to Springfield School as indicated on the attached form.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-72: 10. Approve Ohio HOSA-SLC Health Sciences Pathway Overnight Trip**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Ohio HOSA-SLC Health Sciences Pathway Overnight Trip as indicated on the attached form.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-73: 11. Approve Boys Basketball/Cheerleading Trip March 4, 2025**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Boys Basketball and Cheerleading Trip to Wittenburg University March 4, 2025.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner

No: Kathleen Walsh

**Action 2025-74: 12. Approve Boys Basketball Trip March 7, 2025**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Boys Basketball Trip to Wittenburg University March 7, 2025.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-75: 13. Approve Boys Basketball/Cheerleading Trip March 8, 2025**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Boys Basketball and Cheerleading Trip to Wittenburg University March 8, 2025.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action 2025-76: 14. Approve Senior Class Trip to Kings Island**

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Senior class trip to Kings Island.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2025-77: 15. Approve Choir Trip to Princeton High School and Kings Island

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Choir Trip to Princeton High School and Kings Island.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## H. Treasurer's Agenda

Procedural: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Action 2025-78: 2. Approve Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates

The Treasurer Recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education Approve the Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates As Determined By The Franklin County Budget Commission.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## I. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Information: 1. Meeting lengths - Mr. Kershner - need them to be shorter. Treasurer contract needs talked about again. Student was threatened with gang-rape and I have concerns. Board needs to review this case and we have policy that states it. I think reporting was incomplete and Title IX was not followed. I would like Board to do independent investigation on this issue. I would like to do a motion for this complaint and issue. John - 1st and Kathy - 2nd Mr. Grube - Momentum rewards were given to some of our elementary schools. Manely news was great. State of the Schools was great, very nice turnout. Black History month celebrations were fantastic. Book mobile is being done by Mr. Gibbs class. I would urge Board to go back to Consent agenda on some items, that would help shorten meetings. John - Board committees are needed to do work. Board policies need to be worked on, like give page numbers and paragraphs. Policy committee is needed to help. Ms. Walsh agrees. She would like move resolutions on committees. SAC for Elem. school - I-ready vs Amplify..the students did not like Amplify but not really because it was 2 clicks only. Students went from I-ready to Amplify and all but 1 said their grades improved and they felt better. Great BIG shout out to Boys Basketball team to get to Elite 8..first time in over 50 yrs we made it that far. Mayor Westkamp came to every game and THANK YOU. Cruiser pride is at heights right now. Madison Township police and fire and Groveport police escorted bus to the highway. AWESOME

Action 2025-79: 2. Move to take a 5-minute recess

Motion by Seth Bower, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2025-80: 3. Move that the Board move to an independent investigation on a student matter.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2025-81:4. Move to reinstate the Consent Agenda

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

Abstain: John Kershner

## J. Adjournment

Action 2025-82: 1. Motion to Adjourn

Adjourn at 9:18 pm.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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