

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2022

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 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.

22-387 Amend Agenda

Motion by Libby Gray seconded by Seth Bower that the Board of Education amend the agenda by moving the Enrollment Update to item F(1).

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

22-388 Agenda

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

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

Presentations and Recognitions

22-389 Recognize September 15, 2022 to October 15, 2022 as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation to recognize September as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month.

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

22-390 Recognize September 11th as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the Superintendent recommendation to recognize September 11th as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

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

Introduce Interim High School Principal, Duane Bland

- *Duane Bland, introduced by James Grube, thanked the Board for approval as interim High School Principal. He expressed his excitement about the work ahead and had a great first week.*

Public Participation

- *Michelle Voyer addressed the Board and those present regarding the bus stop on Winchester Pike, questioning for any plans to move the stop.*

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- *Elizabeth Simcox addressed the Board and those present regarding the lack of a formal strategic plan. Elizabeth asked the Board to address facilities improvement and growth with a comprehensive plan to address all issues affecting the school.*

Superintendent Agenda

Enrollment Update

- *Mr. Smathers provided an update on enrollment. Mr. Smathers noted there are 656 enrollments pending, with 200 families to contact. Mr. Smathers explained the reasoning behind the high backlog and aggressive response plan to rectify the situation.*
- *Members of the Board questioned if there is a written plan for completion of the response plan and if additional staffing is planned for the future.*

Discussion by SHP on Levy and Bond Issue Timing

- *Josh Predovich, presented a timeline for the earliest opportunities for levy renewal and potential bond issue. Josh noted planning in Fall 2023 to be ready for ballot in Fall 2024.*
- *The Board discussed getting community involvement before getting to far into planning so communication is clear and everyone's input can be heard.*

Discussion of Revised Groveport Madison Local Schools Administrative Organizational Chart [Attachment](#)

- *Mr. Cygnor presented the Organizational Chart. Chris M. Snyder asked for the chart to be posted to the Board file. LaToya Dowdell-Burger noted she has additional questions and asked for the chart to be presented again on a future agenda.*

Review Pioneering Connections Proposal for Student Learning and Support Sessions [Attachment](#)

- *Contract for Wellness Wednesdays presented by Alyse Clark and Jana Alig.*
- *Mrs. Drummey confirmed contract is paid from ESSER funds.*

Transportation Update

- *Chris Reed provided the Board and those present an update regarding transportation. Mr. Reed noted total number of buses is now 59, all with working cameras. Zonar functionality is expected to be up and running within two weeks.*
- *Terry Thomas, CBS, spoke regarding operational issues and bus drivers. Mr. Thomas noted 53 drivers, with 23 trainees currently riding buses. He further explained why routes are going off course and procedures for accidents. Mr. Thomas mentioned that once Zonar is functional, route inefficiencies will be corrected automatically.*
- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger asked for a detailed report on all positions and status of responding to parent inquiries.*
- *Kathleen Walsh noted she has received multiple calls about stops, raising questions regarding ineffective planning. She expressed that these routes need to be fixed.*
- *Libby Gray noted that communication with parents is vital and someone must be present to answer phone calls from parents in the evenings.*

22-391 Approve the Contract with Lead the Way Learning Academy [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the contract with Lead the Way Learning Academy to provide classroom and work-based experiences, work-ready portfolio development and leadership services for high school students during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years at a cost not to exceed \$160,000 to be paid from ESSER III funds.

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

22-392 Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands [Attachment](#)

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Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands to implement and deliver the Mapping your Future program to middle school students at all three middle school 8th grade students during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years at a cost not to exceed \$100,500 to be paid from ESSER III funds.

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

22-393 Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with GMLEA regarding High School, Middle School, Elementary and Preschool Teachers Absorbing Students Into Their Classrooms [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the Superintendent recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with GMLEA regarding payment to High School, Middle School, Elementary and Preschool Teachers absorbing students into their classrooms.

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

22-394 Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with GMLEA regarding Bus Coverage Payments to Staff [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the Superintendent recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with GMLEA regarding Bus Coverage Payments to staff.

➤ *Mr. Grube explained to the Board that this expense will be reimbursed by CBS.*

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

22-395 Approve Two (2) Contracts for Services for the 2022-2023 School year with New Story Schools Ohio for Special Education Services [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve two (2) contracts with New Story Schools Ohio.

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

22-396 Approve The Buckeye Ranch Contract for Day Treatment Services for the 2022-2023 School Year [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve The Buckeye Ranch contract for Day Treatment Services for one student for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

22-397 Approve the Scope of Work with The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Scope of Work with The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio to provide technical assistance and professional development support provided by the College & Career ESCCO team in the development of pathways and CTE programming. during the 2022-23 school years at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 to be paid from ESSER III funds.

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, Kathleen Walsh, Chris M. Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger.
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22-398 Approve Agreement for the Collection, Transportation and Delivery for Disposal or Processing of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Agreement for the Collection, Transportation and Delivery for Disposal or Processing of Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials with Rumpke of Ohio as part of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio's (SWACO) School Consortium. This Agreement is for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2025; with renewals for two additional consecutive one-year periods.

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

22-399 Approve Resolution to Repurchase Laptops [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Superintendent recommendation to authorize the contract with X-Tek Partners for the purchase of 125 laptops at a total cost of \$135,125 being paid out of ESSER funds.

- *Kathleen Walsh asked if there was a competitive bid. Nate Saum explained there were 5 quotes from 3 companies.*

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

22-400 Staffing Update

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Libby Gray to table item F(15) until the September 28, 2022 meeting.

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

Consent Agenda

22-401 Amend Consent Agenda

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Libby Gray to remove Item G(4) and G(5) from the Consent Agenda due to questions and hold separate votes.

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

22-402 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 amended Consent Agenda.

- Approve Payments to Teachers for Trauma Informed Practice and SEL Training
- Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)
- Approve the Minutes for the May 12, 2022 Facility Advisory Committee Meeting [Attachment](#)

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

22-403 Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve all Certificated Personnel Items.

- *Kathleen Walsh questioned why there was a high increase in the High School Football staff that could be spent on students.*
- *Libby Gray and Joy Bock explained that staff receive step increases and that some positions are not filled on occasion.*

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Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Seth Bower, Kathleen Walsh, Libby Gray, Chris M. Snyder.
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22-404 Approve the Minutes for the August 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, August 21, 2022 Special Board Meeting, and the August 24, 2022 Special Board Meeting [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, seconded by LaToya Dowdell-Burger to approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the minutes for the August 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, August 21, 2022 Special Board Meeting, and the August 24, 2022 Special Board Meeting.

- *Kathleen Walsh raised concerns over no discussion documented in the August 17, 2022 minutes regarding the reasoning for postponing the item until August 28, 2022.*
- *Seth Bower noted the limited documented discussion follows Board policy and all meetings are recorded and available on YouTube.*
- *LaToya Dowdell-Burger asked that any future changes be sent to the Treasurer prior to the meeting so the minutes can be adjusted appropriately.*

Yes: Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Seth Bower, Chris M. Snyder.
No: Kathleen Walsh.
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.

- James Grube introduced Nate Saum as new Chief Technology Officer.
- James Grube started discussion surrounding moving certain Superintendent Agenda items under the Consent Agenda. Mr. Grube will gather the rules of which items can be included and bring a proposal forward.
- There will be a Facility Advisory Committee presentation at the next meeting.
- LaToya Dowdell-Burger announced a mental health group (ADAMH) is offering youth health first aide training, focusing on suicide and depression. All trainings are free and open to the public.
- Kathleen Walsh thanked David Williams and his wife for donating hundreds of book bags. Kathleen also thanked the safety patrol for all their hard work and requested a copy of admin guidelines for the safety patrol.
- Seth Bower announced he served with LaToya Dowdell-Burger on August 30, 2022 with Eastgate Church for their back to school drive.

22-405 Adjournment

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, seconded by Seth Bower to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

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

President

Treasurer