

**Board of Education Regular Meeting (Monday, January 13, 2025)***Generated by Kimberly Grilli on Wednesday, January 15, 2025***Members present**

LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM****A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

Discussion: 2. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Procedural: 3. Roll Call - Mr. Kershner is on via Google meet. Ms. Walsh is absent.

Discussion: 4. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

**B. Agenda Approval**

Action 2025-29: 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, Seth Bower

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

Information: 1. Guidelines for Public Participation Edward Copley - I have no kids or relatives in the district. I have been fortunate enough to have been involved in high school. I want to speak about new buildings and new bond. Concern he is hearing is that public involvement was not asked for input in these new buildings. That is NOT true. I have all the emails that the district sent out on my ideas and concerns for the new buildings. Communications were excellent in trying to get public ideas and support. I have the emails asking for public participation. I went to a lot of the events in the schools. Sometimes not many people showed, but you all did an excellent job in keeping the community involved.

**E. Recognitions and Presentations**

Presentation: 1. Student Council Presentation - Pres and VP of student council gave a presentation. Did homecoming theme of "Enchanted Forrest". They donated \$2,538 for Groveport Human Needs and Student Council matched!!! Valentines Day is coming up next :)

**F. Board Items**

Discussion: 1. Schedule Evaluations for Superintendent and Treasurer for Eval in Feb mtg and then Supt eval in March

**G. Superintendent's Agenda**

Action 2025-30: 1. Approve Certificated Personnel Items

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2025-31: 2. Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items

Resolution: 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, Seth Bower

Action 2025-32: 3. 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 Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.  
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
 Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

Action 2025-33, Discussion: 4. HS Track Replacement-Letter of Recommendation  
 Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve high school track replacement:

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

## **H. Treasurer's Agenda**

Discussion, Presentation: 1. Facility Master Planning BOE Update - Josh Predavich and Mark Weekly were here to present. This is segment 2. We had many meetings during Jan thru April 2024. We invited the public and had presentations at each Elem building to talk with community members. Remember you are 53% State funded and 47% Local funded. We can get that money in May 2025 or Nov 2025 and that is it. Mark Weekly - Baird talked about how much it will cost. For \$100,000 appraised value would be \$81.55 annual. The Cost per avg home (from the US census) in Groveport is \$166,200 and that is \$135.54 per year.

Action 2025-34, Discussion, Presentation: 2. Resolution to Proceed for the Bond Levy  
 The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution to Proceed with the Bond levy.

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

Procedural: 3. Treasurer's Reports

Presentation: 4. Savings Update

Action 2025-35, Discussion: 5. Franklin County Tax Budget

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

## **I. Executive Session**

Action 2025-36: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:17 pm. Ms. Walsh and Mr. Kershner joined executive session via zoom. Mr. Kershner left executive session before it was over. The three board members who were present returned from executive session at 8:11 pm.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, in accordance with ORC 121.22

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

## **J. Reconvene Open Session**

## **K. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

Information: 1. Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business. Possible items to be added to next meeting's agenda. LaToya - Congrats to Cheer Comp team and other Board members agree

## **L. Adjournment**

Action 2025-37: 1. Motion to Adjourn  
 Adjourn 8:12

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