

**Board of Education Organizational Meeting (Wednesday, January 10, 2024)**

Generated by Tara Blackburn on Thursday, January 11, 2024

**Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM**

## A. Opening Items

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Roll Call

Procedural: 3. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Board Members

## B. Agenda Approval

Action: 2024-100 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda  
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Seth Bower, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## C. Call to Order

## D. Election of Board of Education Officers

Action: 2024-101 1. Election of Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education Board President  
Election of Board of Education President. - Mrs. LaToya Dowdell Burger

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: 2024-102: Election of Board of Education President. - Mrs. Kathleen Walsh

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

Action: 2024-103: Election of Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education Board Vice President  
Election of Board Vice President - Mr Seth Bower

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: 2024-104: Election of Board Vice President - Mr. John Kerschner

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

## E. Administer the Oath of Office.

Procedural: 1. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected President.

Procedural: 2. Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Vice President.

#### F. Ethics Review

Discussion: 1. Discussion of Groveport Madison Local School District's Board of Education Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct for Groveport Board members (annual requirement).

Action: 2024-105: Motion to Amend Title "Board Members Code of Ethics" to "BBF-Board Member Code of Conduct"

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

Discussion: 2. Effective Board Member Governance Techniques

Action: 2024-106 3. Board of Education Norms of Operation Pledge

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopts the Board of Education Norms of Operation Pledge

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopts the Board of Education Norms of Operation Pledge

Action: 2024-107 4. Motion to Remove #7 from the Board of Education Norms of Operation Pledge

Motion to remove "After a vote is cast, leave meetings united as one voice, no matter the outcome."

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

No: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

#### G. Establish Meetings for 2024

Action: 2024-107 1. Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2024

Recommend that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached meeting dates for calendar year 2024.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No: Kathleen Walsh

#### H. Resolution Establishing Board Service Fund

Action: 2024-108 1. Establishing Board Service Fund

In accordance with Section 3315.15 ORC, it is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education establish a service fund beginning July 1, 2024 a sum not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) for each child enrolled in the district, or twenty thousand dollars, whichever is greater.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### I. Memberships

Action: 2024-109: 1. Membership in the Ohio School Board Association

Renewing Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education membership in OSBA, including subscriptions to the Annual OSBA Briefcase (electronic issues only) and Annual School Management News (electronic issues only).

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 2024-110: 2. Membership in Legal Assistance Fund**

It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education join the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund at a cost of \$250. (Resolution language is below).

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: 2024-111: 3. Membership in the Ohio Education Policy Institute**

It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education activate its membership in OEPI (Ohio Education Policy Institute) at a cost of \$1500.

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 2024-112: 4. Membership in the OABSE (Ohio Alliance of Black School Educators)**

It is recommended that the Groveport Madison School Board renew its membership with the Ohio Alliance of Black School Educators (OABSE) at a cost of \$1000.

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**J. Resolution for Waiver of Reading Minutes****Action: 2024-113: 1. Reading of Minutes**

In accordance with Section 3313.26 O.R.C., waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings

Motion by John Kershner, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. Adopting Standing Authorizations****Action: 2024-114: 1. Adopting Standing Authorizations**

To enable the Treasurer and Superintendent to carry out necessary duties involving operations, finances, and purchasing.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. Annual Appointments****Action: 2024-115: 1. Appoint Delegates to the Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference.**

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education appoint a Delegate and Alternate for the Annual Business Meeting at the OSBA Capital Conference scheduled November 2024. The annual business meeting is usually held prior to the start of the conference. LaToya Dowdell-BURger as Delegate and Seth Bower as Alternate

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: 2024-116: 2. Appoint Legislative Liaison and Student Achievement Liaison to OSBA for 2024.**

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education appoints the following Board members to serve as the Legislative Liaison and Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio Schools Boards Association. Libby Gray as Liaison and Kathleen Walsh as Student Achievement Liaison

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Action: 2024-117: 3. Appoint Legal Counsel.**

A resolution authorizing the Superintendent, the Treasurer, and/or school officials as authorized by the Superintendent, to seek legal advice on matters affecting the day-to-day operations and labor negotiations of the school district.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

M. Adjournment

Action: 2024-118: 1. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting 7:56 pm.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Treasurer**

**President**