

**Board of Education Regular Meeting (Wednesday, July 10, 2024)**

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**Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:59 PM****A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance at 7 pm.

Discussion: 2. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Procedural: 3. Roll Call - All here

Discussion: 4. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

**B. Agenda Approval**

Action 2024-257: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda  
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

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 2024-258: 2. Motion to move Board items N to Board items F

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2024-259: 3. Motion to combine the executive sessions in place of three separate executive sessions.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

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

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

Procedural, Information: 1. Guidelines for Public Participation - NONE

**E. Recognitions and Presentations**

Discussion: 1. Recognize Bus Driver Jered Winnestaffer - AWESOME JOB!!!

**F. Board Items**

Discussion: 1. Obetz Request for Territory Transfer - Presentation by Adam Miller from Kegler-Brown-Hill and Ritter

Action 2024-260: Discussion: 2. Student Advisory Committee

It is recommended that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Student Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (as attached).

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Discussion: 3. Educational Trust - Thank you to everyone that supported the Golf outing and came out. Shout out to Mr. Collier for all the hard work.

Discussion: 4. Accessibility of Board Meetings for the Hearing Impaired - It is important. Captions we have now need improvement and need to be better. Use Google meets so speaker is identified. Mr. Saum talked about how Google Meets would not work. Mr. Kershner asked for better mics or camera, instead of a laptop that the camera is not good. Ms. Dowdell-Burger stated we meet standards and looking to get grant funding for additional equipment that Board members are requesting.

Discussion: 5. Cell Phones - Ms. Walsh - Better to have a cell phone owned by district and not cell phone that is personal. Ms. Walsh wants Board provided cell phones at Board cost. Her attorney asked for it. Mr. Kerschner is asking to get advice by counsel, although he might not want another cell phone though. Ms. Gray and Ms. Dowdell-Burger does not want another cell phone also.

Discussion: 6. Board Meeting Materials - Ms. Walsh the Board material needs to be legible and timely. Boarddocs does not work all the time. Ms. Dowdell-Burger said maybe put a box outside the DSC office and keep it locked and then Ms. Walsh and Mr. Kerschner can pick them up at anytime. Mr. Grube talked about being very sincere in trying to get Board agenda out Friday before Board meeting. If vendors get stuff late than we add it late.

Discussion: 7. Executive Session Materials - Ms. Walsh - Need materials ahead of time 48 hrs. Mr. Kerschner worried about who can see his emails.

Discussion: 8. Regular Board Meetings vs. Special Board Meetings - Ms. Walsh wants to know who is signing for Special Board meetings

## **G. Executive Session**

Action 2024-261: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 9 pm  
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with the Board's legal counsel to discuss disputes involving the District that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, in accordance with ORC 121.22

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **H. Reconvene Open Session**

Information: 1. Reconvene Open Session at 9:19 pm.

## **I. Consent Agenda**

Action 2024-262(Consent): 1. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda - Mr. Kerschner asked to have 6, 7 and 8 pulled off and voted separately.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

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Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2024-263: 2. Approve the minutes for the June 5, 2024 Special Meeting and June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the minutes for the June 5, 2024 Special Meeting and June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2024-264(Consent): 3. Approve Certificated Personnel Items

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

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2024-265(Consent): 4. Approve Non Certificated Personnel Items

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

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2024-266(Consent): 5. Approve Local Education Agency Agreement with Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Local Education Agency Agreement with Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Abstain: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2024-267: 6. Approve New Story Contract for Special Ed Services

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the New Story Contract for special education services.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2024-268: 7. Approve Empower Behavioral Health & Intervention Contract for Special Ed Services

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Empower Behavioral Health & Intervention contract for special education services.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action 2024-269: 8. Approve Buckeyes Best Transport Contract for Special Ed Services

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Buckeyes Best Transport contract for special education services

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda according to recommended action.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **J. Superintendent's Agenda**

Presentation, Report: 1. Business Services Update

Report: 2. Diversity, Engagement and Human Capital Report

Presentation: 3. Communications Update

Action 2024-270: 4. Approve Food Service Management Company (Compass/Chartwell) Contract Renewal Document for 2024-2025

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Compass/Chartwell Renewal Document for 2024-2025

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 2024-271, Discussion: 5. Approve Ohio School Plan Insurance Renewal

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Ohio School Plan Insurance Renewal as attached.

Motion by Seth Bower, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **K. Treasurer's Agenda**

Procedural: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Presentation: 2. District Savings Report

Action 2024-272, Discussion: 3. Resolution of Necessity for Bond Levy

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Bond issue in the amount of \$78,305,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping three new 5-8 middle schools with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping an addition to Groveport Madison High School, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; abatement and demolition of existing facilities; improving, renovating, furnishing, and equipping existing facilities; and replacing existing equipment and constructing various permanent improvements school district-wide

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

Action 2024-273: 4. Authorize Submission of the FY24 Final Appropriations and FY24 Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources to County Auditor

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to submit to the Franklin County Auditor the FY24 Final Appropriations and FY24 Final Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources as of June 30, 2024.

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. Executive Session**

Action 2024-274: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 10:47 pm.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees, in accordance with ORC 121.22

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. Reconvene Open Session**

Information: 1. Reconvene Open Session at 12:06 am

#### **N. Board Items**

#### **O. Executive Session**

Action 2024-275: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 12:07 am

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to enter into an executive session for matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes IAW ORC 121.22 (G) (5). That section provides the legal umbrella for a discussion of a confidential student investigatory matter, required to be kept as such by (FERPA).

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **P. Reconvene Open Session**

Information: 1. Reconvene Open Session at 12:33 am.

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

Information: 1. Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business.

#### **R. Adjournment**

Action 2024-276: 1. Motion to Adjourn at 12:45 am.

12:45 am.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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