

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

The Groveport Madison School District Board of Education
Special Meeting
July 19, 2023

The Board of Education of the Groveport Madison School District Board met in a special session on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The meeting was held at 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, LaToya Dowdell-Burger at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Responding to the roll call by Treasurer, Tonya Boyd, were LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, and Chris M. Snyder.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board President and recited by attendees.

Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

Recited by Board Vice President, Seth Bower.

24-006 Recess

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education retire to a five-minute recess, returning at 7:10 P.M.

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

24-007 Amend Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Seth Bower to amend the agenda by removing item E-1 and adding a new item, H-4 – Dissolving Board Policy Committee as board committee and establish it as a Superintendent committee.

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

24-008 Approve Amended Agenda

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower that the Board of Education approve the meeting agenda as amended.

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

Recognitions and Presentations

Recognize Director of Communication, Jeff Warner's Retirement

- *Superintendent Jamie Grube and the Groveport Madison Board of Education recognized Jeff Warner's retirement by highlighting many of his accomplishments while serving the staff, students, and community of Groveport.*

Safety Committee Update

- *Deputy Superintendent, Paul Smathers, provided the following update;*
 - *Next meeting will be held August 2, 2023 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the District Service Center Board of Education Room*
 - *The new weapons detection systems (installation and operation) will be discussed at the August 2, 2023 meeting*

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- *Additional members of the committee are being sought – highlighting more community members are needed*
- *The committee chairs will decide the method of selecting new members as well as the total number of members that will serve at one of its future meetings*

Board Items

Welcome New Treasurer

- *Board President LaToya Dowdell Burger and Superintendent Grube welcome Mr. Adam Collier as Treasurer of Groveport Madison Schools effective August 1, 2023 (serving as a consultant July 1, 2023-July 31, 2023 on a limited basis).*
- *Mr. Collier provided highlights of his career, serving most recently as Treasurer of Hamilton Local School District for nineteen years.*

Student Advisory Committee Update

- *Superintendent Grube stated that the building leadership teams will assist in the student application process for upcoming school year's Student Advisory Committee. He stated that adding the application to Final Forms is being looked at as an option.*

Education Trust

- *President Dowdell-Burger, proposed a small gala to raise funds for the trust that can be used to help with unpaid student meal debt. She suggested the gala be held during the month of November. President Dowdell-Burger solicited each member of the board for their ideas. Board members concurred with President Dowdell-Burger's recommendation.*

Change Board Policy Committee

- *President Dowdell-Burger authorized changing the Board Policy Committee from a board committee to a Superintendent Committee to allow the Superintendent-led committee to complete the work necessary to migrate Board Policies to Ohio School Board Policy framework (as previously approved by the Board of Education).*

Consent Agenda

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

- *Board Member Walsh requested items two, three, five and six be removed from the consent agenda to be voted on as standalone items. It was concluded that each item in the consent agenda would become a standalone item, allowing each to be discussed and voted.*

24-009 Approve the June (all) and July 7, 2023 Minutes [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2023 special meeting, June 14, 2023 regular meeting, June 21, June 28, and July 7, 2023 special meetings.

- *Mrs. Walsh stated that the minutes prepared for the June 14, June 28, and July 7, 2023 lack specific details of deliberation to support the Board's action.*
- *President Dowdell-Burger and members of the Board reminded Mrs. Walsh that board meetings are recorded, which provide specific details to meeting occurrences.*

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- *Vice President Bower called for question.*

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No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-010 Approve Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the certificated personnel items.

- *Mrs. Walsh asked questions specific to the hiring of Jana Alig-Mielcarek, Educational Consultant. In accordance with Board policy, the discussion led to Vice President Bower motioning for the Groveport Madison Board enter executive session.*

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M. Snyder, Seth Bower, Libby Gray

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-011 Executive Session

Motion by Set Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board adjourn to executive session at 7:43 P.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, discipline or demotion of a public employee of the School District, in accordance with ORC 121.22.

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M. Snyder

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Reconvene Open Session

The Groveport Madison Board of Education reconvened open session at 8:03 P.M

24-012 Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the non-certificated personnel items.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-013 Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement 2022-2024 School Year

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the payment-in-lieu of transportation reimbursement in accordance with O.R.C 3327.01.

- *Mrs. Walsh asked if families requested payment in lieu of transportation and if the district has transported to these locations in the past.*
- *Chris Reed, Director of Business Services confirmed that parents were not asked to participated and that he would have to verify if the district has transported to the specific locations in the past.*
- *Mrs. Grube stated that payment in lieu is being completed in accordance with the O.R.C. and that the transportation staff has worked rigorously to follow the regulations*

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prescribed by the O.R.C. and stated that the district identifies the students deemed impractical to transport and provides payment-in-lieu

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Chris M. Snyder, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-014 Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement Payments

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve, in accordance with O.R.C. 3327.01, a prorated amount based on the recommended \$1,077.09 be paid to each eligible student in the Payment-In-Lieu of Transportation Program for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-015 Approve On-Line Policy Manual Change – Second Read [Attachment](#)

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Chris M. Snyder that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve changes to Board Policy #5771 – Search and Seizure.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Superintendent's Agenda

Business Services Update

- *Mr. Terry Thomas, CEO CBS, confirmed that the report that was submitted is the standing update. He stated that the only challenge that transportation faces is bus parking, because the buses will not be in one lot. Reminded that the ice cream social will be held in August...same day as the Groveport Madison Board of Education meeting.*
- *Mr. Reed, Director of Business Services reminded the board how far transportation has come in only one year. Mr. Reed stated that Dan Magee is moving forward to assure a successful year. Mr. Grube added that Final Forms is being updated to require parents to either apply or waive filling out the free or reduced lunch application.*

Facilities Update

- *Mr. Reed, Director of Business Services, confirmed the safer entries project is moving forward - we are still on track for all six buildings entries to be completed before the start of school.*
- *Mr. Reed provided an update on the 4500 Building – we are awaiting city approval of the engineering drawings - once approved, construction will continue.*
- *Mr. Reed confirmed that each of the school buildings are being prepped and will be in great shape for the upcoming school year.*
- *Mr. Reed provided information about the Ohio School Plan item being voted on and shared that the Veregy contract will be brought to the board at the next regular meeting. Mr. Reed shared additional information on the resolution of necessity and spoke about*

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the MOM contract (highlighting the values and perks of the contract) --the contract provides savings to the district over the current contract in addition to products that are faster and handle a larger volume.

- *Mr. Reed shared a video highlighting the Primary One ribbon cutting ceremony. The video is available on the school's You Tube Channel.*

Human Resources Update Attachment

- *Mr. Smathers provided information on the district fulfilling position vacancies.*
- *Mr. Smathers extended gratitude to Amy Davidson and Elaine Dawson for the work they have done during the transition of the HR Director.*
- *Mrs. Gray asked for additional information regarding the fifty-six resignations (leaving education, going to a new district, etc.). Mr. Smathers will check and provide at a later time.*

24-016 Adopt Ohio School Plan Member Model Resolution Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to adopt the Ohio School Plan Model Resolution.

- *Mr. Reed confirmed for the Board of Education that this resolution pertains to his position in the district and that the new Treasurer will secure such a bond as well.*

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

24-017 Approve Empower Behavioral Health & Intervention Contract Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Empower Behavioral Health & Intervention contract.

- *Mitzi Boyd, Director of Special Education, shared details on each of the contracts being approved. In addition, she shared information regarding the number of students utilizing the services provided.*

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

24-018 Approve The Learning Spectrum Contract Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve The Learning Spectrum contract.

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

24-019 Approve Dreams On Horseback Contract Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Dreams on Horseback contract.

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, Kathy Walsh, Chris M. Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger
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24-020 Approve Specialized Speech Technologies Contract Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Specialized Speech contract

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries

24-021 Approve Urgent Necessity of Work – Electrical Contract [Attachment](#)

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Urgent Necessity of Work.

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

24-022 Approve Modern Office Methods, Inc. (MOM) Contract [Attachment](#)

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Superintendent recommendation to approve the Modern Office Methods, Inc. (MOM) contract.

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

Treasurers Agenda

Monthly Financial Report [Attachment](#)

Provided by Interim Treasurer, Tonya Boyd

E.S.S.E.R. Update [Attachment](#)

Provided by Interim Treasurer, Tonya Boyd

24-023 Ratify Fiscal Year 2023 Final Appropriations [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to ratify the Fiscal Year 2023 Final Appropriations.

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

24-024 Accept Donation for Scholarships [Attachment](#)

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to accept the donation of \$25,000 for the Timothy Michael scholarship for distribution to Groveport Madison scholarship recipients.

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

24-025 Ratify MOU between the ESCCO and Groveport Madison Local School District for Summer Camp [Attachment](#)

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the ESCCO and Groveport Madison Local School District.

Yes: Seth Bower, Libby Gray, Chris M. Snyder, LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Kathy Walsh
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24-026 Funds Transfer Attachment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray that the Groveport Madison Board of Education approve the Treasurer recommendation to approve the transfer from the general fund to the food service fund for unpaid student lunches.

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

24-027 Motion to Censure

Motion by LaToya Dowdell Burger, second by Seth Bower to impose censure on Board member Kathleen Walsh for failure to maintain confidential board of education matters. Ohio Revised Code authorizes the local body to conduct certain types of discussions and deliberations in executive session, as such discussions and deliberations are confidential in nature. In the event further breach occurs the matter will be referred to the Ohio Ethics Commission for investigation.

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

Comments, Announcements, and Other Business.

- *President Dowdell-Burger shared the success story of four students that were part of Lead the Way. Each of the four students are gainfully employed, earning wages that are considerably more than minimum wage.*
- *Mr. Grube stated that the 4th of July parade was a great success – over 10,000 pieces of candy were given away!*
- *Mr. Smathers confirmed that there will be between 5-8 Summer graduates.*

24-028 Executive Session

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower that the Groveport Madison Board of Education adjourn to executive session as recommended by the Superintendent at 9:15 P.M. for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee of the School District, and for the purpose of preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, in accordance with ORC 121.22.

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

Reconvene Open Session

The Groveport Madison Board of Education reconvened open session at 9:30 P.M.

24-029 Adjournment

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Chris M. Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

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

President

Treasurer