

Board of Education Regular Meeting (Wednesday, November 15, 2023)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

A. Opening Items

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Action: 2. 2024-071: Appoint Treasurer Pro-Tem

In accordance with ORC Section 3313.23, given the temporary absence of Treasurer Adam Collier from tonight's Board meeting, the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education hereby appoints board member: Seth Bower to serve as Clerk/Treasurer for this meeting only. Such appointment to expire automatically upon this board meeting's adjournment.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Chris M Snyder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Discussion: 3. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Procedural: 4. Roll Call

Discussion: 5. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

B. Agenda Approval

Action: 1. 2024-072: 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, Chris M Snyder, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower

C. Call to Order

D. Recognitions and Presentations

Recognition: 1. Recognition of Veterans Day observed on November 11th, celebrating the service of all U.S. military veterans

Action: 2. 2024-073: Adopt Resolution to Honor Native American Heritage Month

The Board President recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education recognize November as Native American Heritage Month.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 3. 2024-074: Approve Proclamation to Recognize Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approves the Proclamation to Recognize Ohio Public Education Appreciation Week

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Recognition: 4. Recognize Outstanding Bus Driver Mr. Lewis and Bus Aide, Mr. Elson
The Bus Drivers were not in attendance. This recognition will be at a future meeting.

Presentation, Report: 5. Safety Committee Update

Committee Chair, Kimyata Conwell stated the Safety Committee is currently working on messaging sent to parents regarding building incidents. In addition, the committee would like to recognize what is going well in the district in regards to safety. Ms. Conwell stated that Safety Committee meetings are consistently attended by the core members and that new parents may attend. The committee welcomes parents and community members to attend.

E. Board Items

Report: 1. Student Advisory Committee Update/ Application Review and Selection

President Dowdell-Burger provided Board Members with the student applications that were submitted.

President Dowdell-Burger thanked all of the students who completed and submitted an application.

HS Selections: 12th Grade - Student #34 and #36, 11th grade - 2 vacant seats, 10th grade - Student #39 and #43, 9th grade - student #40, 1 seat vacant

MS Selections: 8th MSS - Student #20 & #23, 7th MSS -2 vacant seats , 6th MSS - Student #18 & #24, 6th MSN - Student #14 & #15, 8th MSN - Student #16 & #17

Elementary - DUN 4th Gr - Student# 1&2, GPE 4th Gr - Student #13, DUN 5th Gr -Student# 7 & 9
Only 4th & 5th Grades are part of the committees at this time.

Action: 1. 2024-075: Approve Student Advisory Committee Selections

Motion by Seth Bower, second by Libby Gray

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 2. 2024-076: Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower to retire to a 10 minute recess at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Reconvene from recess 7:49 p.m.

President Dowdell-Burger confirmed with Legal Counsel that Ohio Sunshine Law supports Superintendent Grube providing info to Board Members while recessed.

Presentation: 2. Parent Advisory Council Update/ Application Review and Selection

- Mr. Grube confirmed 13 applications have been received for this committee. The application deadline has been extended to Friday, Dec 1.

Discussion: 3. Educational Trust

President Dowdell-Burger recommended moving the gala to January as opposed to December. As Jan dates are being considered, it should be noted January 13, 2024 is not available due to GHS already being in use. President Dowdell-Burger recommended the tentative date will be January 19, 2024.

President Dowdell-Burger requested Board Members provide their suggestion for a vision/mission statement for the Educational Trust to her via email prior to December 1, 2023.

Discussion: 4. First Read of OSBA Policies/Policy Review and Input

OSBA representative, Kenna Haycox, provided an update to the Board on the migration to OSBA Board Policy Manual.

Board Members should email Kenna Haycox and Supt Grube prior to 4:30p.m., Monday, November 27, 2023 with recommended policy changes.

President Dowdell-Burger states that the policy changes must be voted on at the December 2023 meeting, due to the existing policy provider's contracting ending as of December 31, 2023. Mrs. Haycox will be available on November 27, 2023 for board members to ask questions of her.

F. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 2024-077: 1. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Board Member Walsh requested Consent Item G5 removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on as a stand alone item. The new item is H1.

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 Seth Bower, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent),Minutes: 2. Approve the Meeting Minutes

Resolution: The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the minutes for the October 11, 2023 regular Board meeting.

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

Motion by Seth Bower, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 3. Approve Certificated Personnel Items

Action: 4. Approve Non Certificated Personnel Items

Action: 5. Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement

Action: 6. 2024-078: Motion to move Consent Item G5 to H1

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Superintendent's Agenda

Presentation: 1. Gifted Services Video Presentation

Report: 2. Business Services Update

Mr. Reed provided an update regarding CEP (Community Eligibility Program) and uncollected lunch account balances. In addition, Mr. Reed updated the Board on the status of pending construction projects. Mr. Reed provided an update on transportation stating that additional buses are needed to accommodate the number of riders and to increase the number of spares.

Report: 3. Facilities Update

Report: 4. Human Resources Report

Dr. Green summarized the items in the attached report. In this summary he stated that building the applicant pool for certified teaching positions continues to be a challenge.

Presentation: 5. Extracurricular Activities Presentation

President Dowdell-Burger questioned the possibility of middle school Theatre and middle school ESports. Mr. Martin stated that the advisors of those programs would be glad to work with the middle school staff to assist them with starting programs at the middle school level.

Action: 6. 2024-079: Approve Adult Student to receive her diploma

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve adult student (named below) to receive a diploma. She has fulfilled the requirements for graduation and is ready to be issued a diploma and official transcripts through a program sponsored by Columbus State Community College.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 7. 2024-080: Resolution Approving Contract for School Buses

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution authorizing an agreement with Rush Truck Centers of Ohio, Inc. for the purchase of three new school buses.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: 8. 2024-081: Resolution Approving RFP for Natural Gas Service

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution with META for natural gas service. The School District is a member of META Solutions, who will conduct a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for competitive natural gas service commencing on or about mid-February 2024;

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. Treasurer's Agenda

Procedural: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Presentation: 2. District Savings Report

I. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Discussion: 1. Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business. Possible items to be added to next meeting's agenda.

Supt Grube - Provided brief update on Capital Conference and extended prayers to Tusky Valley School District. Supt Grube stated that the levy passage assure programming to continue to our students. The High School Fall Play is the weekend of 11/17/23 - 11/19/23.

Supt Grube congratulated President Dowdell-Burger on many accolades for leadership.

President Dowdell- Burger highlighted her experience at OSBA Capital Conference.

J. Executive Session

Action: 1. 2024-082: Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session @ 10:53 P.M.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline or demotion of a public employee, meeting with the Board's legal counsel to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, in accordance with ORC 121.22

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Reconvene Open Session

Information: 1. Reconvened Open Session at 12:12A.M.

L. Adjournment

Action:2024-083: 1. Motion to Adjourn at 12:12A.M.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Attest: _____
Treasurer

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President