

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting – January 9, 2017

Budget Hearing

The 2017-2018 budget hearing began at 6:00 p.m. at the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center in the Grandview Heights High School. Treasurer Beth Collier presented to the Board of Education the 2017-2018 Alternative Tax Budget, as required by the Franklin County Budget Commission. The budget included a breakdown of taxes levied; statements of fund activity, which project revenues and expenditures of each levy fund; and a schedule of outstanding bonded debt.

Organizational & Regular Meeting

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session at the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center in the Grandview Heights High School. The audio recording of this meeting is on file at the office of the Board of Education.

Call to Order: President Pro Tempore Debbie Brannan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Debbie Brannan	
	Grant Douglass	
	Stephanie Evans	
	Melissa Palmisciano	
	Jesse Truett	

Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silent meditation was held.

Motion 17-065: (President) Mr. Douglass moved to elect Jesse Truett as President of the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education.

Mrs. Palmisciano seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Oath of Office – President

Treasurer Beth Collier administered the following oath of office to Board of Education President, Jesse Truett:

I, Jesse Truett, solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as President of the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools, Franklin County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office, and until my successor is elected and qualified.

Motion 17-066: (Vice-President) Mrs. Palmisciano moved to elect Stephanie Evans as Vice-President of the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Douglass seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Oath of Office – Vice-President

Treasurer Beth Collier administered the following oath of office to Board of Education Vice-President, Stephanie Evans:

I, Stephanie Evans, solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Vice-President of the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools, Franklin County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office, and until my successor is elected and qualified.

Motion 17-067 (2017 Meetings) Mrs. Evans moved to approve the following:

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.15 requires that at the time of the organizational meeting, each Board of Education shall fix the time for holding its regular meeting, such meetings to be held a minimum of once every two months;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools shall meet on the following dates during 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center located in the Grandview Heights High School at 1587 West Third Avenue, Columbus, Ohio:

Regular meetings: February 21; March 14; April 18; May 16; June 27; July 10; August 15; September 19; October 17; November 21; and December 19.

Work session: February 8, 2017, 8:30 a.m. (location to be determined)

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Brannan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 17-068 (Standing Resolutions) Mrs. Palmisciano moved to approve the following:

I. Resolution to Validate Treasurer's Bond

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code 3313.25 requires a faithful performance bond for the Treasurer; and

Whereas, the bond must be furnished for each term of office of the Treasurer;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this resolution shall serve notice that the Treasurer is bonded in the amount of \$20,000.00.

II. Resolution to Establish Service Fund

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3315.15 provides for the setting aside from the General Fund a sum not to exceed two dollars for each child enrolled in the District, or twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater, as the "service fund"; and

Whereas, this money is to be used for the payment of expenses of the members of the Board of Education or of their official representatives actually incurred in the performance of their duties and in attendance at meetings and conferences as delegates of the Board of Education;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools acknowledges account number 001-2310-439-0000-000000-055-00-000, "Service Fund", within the 2016-2017 appropriations in the amount of \$3,000.00, subject to modification by the Board of Education.

III. Resolution to Authorize Payment of Bills

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all bills, as they are duly presented, provided funds are available, and to report monthly those bills which have been paid.

IV. Resolution to Authorize Tax Advances from County Auditor

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 321.34 provides for the release of tax advances to a city board of education; and

Whereas, the County Auditor requires receipt of an authorizing resolution passed by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Education requesting the tax advances; and

Whereas, it is deemed to be financially advantageous for the Grandview Heights Schools to promptly receive the 2017 tax monies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools that the Superintendent and the Treasurer be authorized to request the tax advances for the year 2017.

V. ***Resolution to Authorize Investments of Interim Funds***

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 135.14 permits Boards of Education to make investments in certificates of deposit of banks, bonds, notes or other obligations to the United States; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools to invest funds not currently needed to meet operating costs in order to earn interest on these funds;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools that the policy for investment of cash not currently needed to meet obligations for short periods of time (less than two years) shall be one in which the cash balance remaining on active deposit be as low as is consistent with good business practice and the investment of cash be made according to the following principles: 1) Safety of principal; 2) Liquidity; and 3) Interest earnings.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to determine the amounts of cash not needed to meet current obligations and to invest in certificates of deposit with interest rates most advantageous to the Board of Education and other such investments as authorized under section 135.14 and 135.142 of the Ohio Revised Code.

VI. ***Resolution Authorizing Application for Local, State and Federal Funds***

Whereas, Local, State and Federal Funds are made available to Grandview Heights Schools through the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP), etc.;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Superintendent is authorized and duly directed to make application for Local, State and Federal Grants and create funds as necessary.

VII. ***Authorize Signature on Checks***

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign all checks drawn on bank accounts of the school district as provided for in Section 3313.08, Ohio Revised Code.

VIII. ***Appointment of Tax Incentive Review Council Representative***

The Treasurer is hereby authorized to represent the Board of Education on the City of Grandview Heights Tax Incentive Review Council.

IX. ***Resolution for Waiver of Reading Minutes***

Board Policy provides that each board member receive a copy of the previous meeting's minutes prior to voting on their acceptance. Accordingly, it is not necessary for the Treasurer to read the minutes of previous meetings prior to approval by the board. It is recommended that the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 3313.26, Ohio Revised Code, waive the reading of minutes from previous meetings.

X. ***Resolution to Appoint Superintendent of Schools as Purchasing Agent***

Be it resolved that the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee be appointed to serve as purchasing agent for the Board of Education on behalf of the school district.

XI. ***Resolution Listing Legal Counsel***

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.35 outlines authority for boards of education to hire legal counsel; and

Whereas, from time to time it is necessary for boards of education to engage legal counsel to represent the school system;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the firms of Bricker and Eckler; Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff LLP; and Scott Scriven LLP be named as legal counsel;

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that the Superintendent, Treasurer and School Board President are authorized to obtain legal counsel.

XII. ***Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Make Offers of Employment Pending Board Ratification***

Whereas, on occasion it becomes necessary for the Superintendent to make employment decisions during periods when this Board is not in session;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the board authorizes the Superintendent to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to successful background checks and receipt of necessary documentation, and a subsequent vote of ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer. Nothing in this resolution shall require the Board to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of the Board.

XIII. ***Resolution Authorizing Superintendent to Accept Resignations***

Whereas, on occasion it becomes necessary for the Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations that have been submitted by employees during times when the Board is not in session;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the board authorizes the Superintendent to accept resignations that have been submitted subject to ratification by the Board. Upon ratification by the Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect until withdrawn by formal action of the Board.

XIV. ***Bobcat Booster Athletic Passes***

Whereas, the Board of Education recognizes the support of the Bobcat Boosters to students in the Grandview Heights Schools;

Whereas, the Board of Education acknowledges the generous financial contributions made by the Bobcat Boosters to the School District's student activity funds;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education continues to authorize the issuance of annual athletic event passes to qualifying Bobcat Club members by the Bobcat Boosters.

Mrs. Brannan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 17-069 (OSBA Legislative Liaison) Mrs. Evans moved to approve the following:

I. Resolution to Appoint Legislative Liaison to O.S.B.A.

Be it resolved that Melissa Palmisciano, Member of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, be appointed Legislative Liaison/Delegate to the 2017 OSBA Capital Conference, and that Grant Douglass be appointed as an Alternate Delegate.

Mrs. Brannan seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 17-070 (Standing Resolutions) Mrs. Palmisciano moved to approve the following:

I. Resolution to Continue Audit Committee

Be it resolved that all duly elected members of the Board of Education shall continue to serve as the School District's Audit Committee.

II. Resolution to Appoint the Board Public Records Training Designee

Be it resolved that, Hayley Head, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, be authorized to represent the Board of Education as their public records training attendee for the 2017 year as required by House Bill 9.

Mr. Douglass seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation - School Board Recognition Month, January, 2017

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Andy Culp read the following:

Good Evening Board members, staff, and community members. January is officially Board Recognition month. In an effort to bring relevancy, earnest appreciation and deserved and sincere gratitude to this occasion, I have prepared a few words for our collective board to capture our appreciation for their selfless leadership and service!

First, on behalf of the entire Grandview Heights School District's students and staff, Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff community THANK YOU to each one of you for your service, your courage, your leadership, and your service to our district!

Each one of you should feel so very proud of yourself for the time, commitment, dedication, and leadership that you have shown individually and collectively as a governance team to this district, this community, our staff, and our students. Serving on a school board is not without its challenges. This is especially true when you are showing needed leadership as a team and individually in trying to actualize our authored mission: "To maximize and personalize every student's learning."

Leadership in public education is needed across our nation and the same is true for Grandview Heights Schools. I count myself lucky to be able to serve as your superintendent with and for each one of our parents, community members, staff and most importantly our students. Leadership requires vision and the ability to foster relationships with a broad range of our community with varying views. It requires integrity and focus----- to stay the course and be a part of something bigger than any one person. Each of you serves as an example of what true leadership looks like through your service and work on Grandview Heights Board of Education.

Service Above Self is another theme that embodies this board of education. Each person on this board serves a higher purpose than their own self-interest and it is that guiding principle that helps make this board of education successful not only for today's students but also for tomorrows!

Students first. It is this lens through which, in the end each decision, objective, tough decision is made. "Students first" is not just a catch phrase, but the heartbeat of the board that, in the end, guides, our most challenging decisions. This board prides itself on always putting students first. I applaud them for constantly keeping students at the center of the hard decisions.

It has been a true dream come true to serve as your superintendent and therefore it is with great humility that I thank each one of you for your service to this community, this district, our parents, and most important of all, our students!

Thank you for your leadership and service above self such that Grandview Heights Schools is truly a SMALL PLACE TO DREAM BIG!

Presentation

Marc Alter presented to the Board of Education on "21st Century Learning: Where We Are and Where We Are Going".

Motion 17-071 (Treasurer's Reports) Mrs. Evans moved to approve the December, 2016 Treasurer's reports and accept payment of the December bills totaling \$1,529,821.93 for all funds.

Mr. Douglass seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Reports

Permanent Improvement Committee – Mr. Jesse Truett reported that the District held a public auction on Saturday, January 7, 2017 to sell a district-owned Ford F-350 truck. No interested parties submitted a bid, so the district now has flexibility to seek an interested buyer to sell it.

Facilities – Mr. Andy Culp reported that the district, in collaboration with Frank Locker Educational Planning, will be hosting two educational visioning sessions on January 14 and January 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Approximately 55 community members have RSVP'd for these events.

Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation – Mrs. Stephanie Evans reported that the Education Foundation is meeting this evening in preparation for the upcoming annual gala, which is scheduled for February 18, 2017.

OSBA Legislative Liaison – Mrs. Melissa Palmisciano reported that Governor Kasich recently signed into law an opioid abuse prevention law that will take effect after 90 days. The legislation, in part, allows schools to keep naloxone on site.

Permanent Improvement Committee – Mr. Grant Douglass also reported on the status of the turf field installation. He indicated the district will likely need to approve extending the time for completion of the project due to weather conditions.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Andy Culp reported that an additional building tour of Stevenson Elementary is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 to allow interested community members another opportunity to see the facility.

Recommendations from Superintendent to the Board of Education:

Motion 17-072 (Board Policy) Mrs. Brannan moved to approve the following:

1. Board Policy (Final Reading)
Recommend the board approve the following policies on final reading:
 - a. JHCB – Immunizations
 - b. AC – Nondiscrimination
 - c. ACA-ACAA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex/Sexual Harassment
 - d. ACA-R/ACAA-R – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex/Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures
 - e. JFCF-R – Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)

Mrs. Palmisciano seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 17-073 (Business and Finance) Mrs. Palmisciano moved to approve the following:

1. Resolution to Approve Tax Budget

Whereas, Section 5705.28e of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the adoption of the tax budget on or before January 15th; and

Whereas, the Treasurer has prepared the tax budget according to guidelines from the State and County Auditors and the Ohio Department of Education; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has conducted a public hearing on the proposed budget in accordance with Ohio Revised Code, Sections 5705.28, 5705.29 and 5705.30;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights Schools adopt the 2017-2018 tax budget and direct the Treasurer to submit the tax budget document to the County Auditor by January 20, 2017.

2. Contract Expiration Notices

Recommend the board authorize and direct the Treasurer to notify the following administrators in writing that his/her contract expires on the date indicated, and that he/she may request a meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the Board's reasons for renewal or non-renewal of his/her contract in accordance with State law.

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| a. | Tracie Lees | 7/31/17 |
| b. | Carol Hamilton | 7/31/17 |
| c. | Colleen Adkinson | 7/31/17 |

Mr. Douglass seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0

Motion 17-074 Mrs. Brannan moved to approve the following:

(Personnel)

1. Retirement

Recommend the board approve the following retirements:

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| a. | Jennie Reed, Teacher, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year |
| b. | Anthony A. Thivener, Teacher, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year |

2. Supplemental Contract (GHEA, Article X, pg. 33-35)

Recommend the board approve the following supplemental contract for the 2016-2017 school year:

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| a. | Chris Herrmann, Pep Band Advisor, Class VII-3-M, \$2,008.80 |
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3. Supplemental Stipend Contracts (GHEA, Article X, pg. 31-32)

Recommend the board approve the following supplemental stipend contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

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| a. | Angela Pharion | LPDC Building Representative | \$1,500.00 |
| b. | Roni Pettit | LPDC Building Representative | \$1,500.00 |

4. FMLA

Recommend the board approve the following leave request:

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| a. | Allyson Sanders, for maternity leave, beginning on or around April 3, 2017, for up to eight weeks |
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5. Supplemental Stipend Contract Declinations (GHEA, Article X, pg. 31-32)

Recommend the board approve the following supplemental stipend contract declinations:

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| a. | Allison Denner | Camp Grade 6 Educator | \$300.00 |
| b. | Chris Sauer | Camp Grade 6 Educator | \$300.00 |

6. Supplemental Stipend Contracts (GHEA, Article X, pg. 31-32)
Recommend the board approve the following supplemental stipend contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

a.	Jeremy Rummer	Camp Grade 6 Educator	\$300.00
b.	Laura Lombardi	Camp Grade 6 Educator	\$300.00
c.	Steven Lower	Camp Grade 6 Educator	\$300.00
d.	Preston Miller	Camp Grade 6 Educator	\$300.00
e.	Sara Hager	Camp Grade 6 Educator	\$300.00

(Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities)

1. Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Volunteers
Recommend the board approve the following volunteers:

- a. Natalie A. Squires
b. Melinda Stoltz

Mrs. Evans seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition

Mr. Jesse Truett recognized and thanked Mrs. Debbie Brannan for her two years of leadership and service as Board of Education President.

Motion 17-075: (Executive Session) Mr. Douglass moved to go into executive session for the following purpose:

1. The employment of personnel.

Mrs. Evans seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Mr. Truett, aye.

Motion carried 5-0

Entered into executive session: 7:50 p.m.

Returned to regular session: 8:07 p.m.

Motion 17-076: (Attorney Client Privilege) Mr. Douglass moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Attorney-Client Privilege can only be waived by the Board of Education as a body politic and corporate under Sections 2317.02(A)(1) and 3313.17 of the Ohio Revised Code;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Grandview Heights City School District Board of Education that the attorney-client privilege that attaches to the Memorandum from Legal Counsel Scott, Scriven LLP dated 9/27/2016 to Superintendent Andy Culp and its exhibits, and only as to that written communication, be expressly waived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Grandview Heights City School District Board of Education that it acknowledges and affirms that any release of the Memorandum from Legal Counsel Scott, Scriven LLP dated 9/27/2016 to Superintendent Andy Culp and its exhibits must still comply with 20 U.S.C. 1232g and Ohio Revised Code 3319.321.

President Jesse Truett declared the motion dead as there was no second.

Motion 17-077: (Adjourn) Mrs. Palmisciano moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Douglass seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. Brannan, aye; Mr. Douglass, aye; Mrs. Evans, aye; Mrs. Palmisciano, aye; Truett, aye.

President Truett declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer