

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Regular Meeting – August, 12, 2020

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order: President Jesse Truett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement:

Good evening, I'd like to call to order this meeting of the Grandview Heights Board of Education on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

We are holding this meeting using videoconferencing technology. The Ohio General Assembly and Attorney General have approved the use of virtual meetings as a viable alternative to conducting public hearings during this time, and the district's alternative complies with the new statutory directives.

We will be broadcasting this meeting via our Grandview Heights YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube Channel is currently available on the district's website. The live-stream of this meeting is being recorded and will remain available on the district's website.

Roll Call	Members Present: Eric Bode Emily Gephart Kevin Gusé Jesse Truett Molly Wassmuth	Members Absent:
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Public Hearing – Title I, title II-A, Special Education IDEA Part B Funds

Superintendent Culp read the following statement:

Prior to the start of each school year, school districts are required to invite the general public to participate in a public hearing and provide an opportunity for public comment, including by individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, on how the school district plans to spend its Part B funds for special education. In addition to presenting a spending plan for these funds, the hearing must include an opportunity for public comment and input from program participants and parents regarding the usage of these funds. I will now provide information on a spending plan for Part B funds for special education, and a copy of the District's spending plan will be entered into the minutes for this meeting. Following my presentation, there will be an opportunity for public comment and input.

2020-21 Federal Grant Expenditure Proposal

In accordance with Federal grant regulations, the District receives federal Title I, Title II-A and Special Education IDEA Part B funds each year. As part of the federal grant requirements the District provides the description of the purpose of each grant and the services provided to eligible students as follows:

Grant Funding/Year	Grant Amount	Allocation Use
Title I Funds for 2020-21	\$68,011.59	Proposed: .53 FTE Elementary Reading Instruction
Title I Funds for 2019-20	\$67,399.24	Actual: .53 FTE Elementary Reading Instruction
Title II-A Funds for 2020-21	\$19,240.83	Proposed: .12 FTE Grade 2 for Class Size Reduction
Title II-A Funds for 2019-20	\$16,132.98	Actual: .12 FTE Grade 1 for Class Size Reduction
IDEA-Part B for 2020-21	\$206,596.75	Proposed: Intervention Specialists Salaries and Benefits
IDEA-Part B for 2019-20	\$197,433.70	Actual: Intervention Specialists Salaries and Benefits

There were no requests for public comments.

Presentation – Construction Update

Mr. Jay Tadena, Corna-Kokosing/Elford (CKE) Project Manager, presented to the Board on the following:

- Steel erection has recently begun on the new middle school.
- Some work that was required to get to this point included installing a new basement and masonry walls which will support the new steel structure.
- Upcoming, there will be more steel installed.
- The construction team is trying to be as least impactful as possible so the district can navigate through the COVID-19 related plans for starting the school year.
- The construction team has experienced a few delays with manufacturers due to COVID-19, including delays in receiving major electrical equipment. However, the team is working around this and does not feel that it will impact the estimated completion of the building by the summer of 2021.
- Brick façade work is expected to begin in October.
- A large crane is onsite for steel erection. Typically, the crane would be outside the building layout, but because of the tight urban footprint, the crane is inside the new building layout and is helping the construction team build from the inside of the building outward.

Motion 21-019 (Minutes) Mr. Bode moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- a. Regular Meeting, July 22, 2020
- b. Special Meeting, August 1, 2020

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Beth Collier reviewed the following:

- Highlights from the June, 2020 financial reports:
 - General Fund (001):**
 - General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes –100.7% of budget.
 - State Funding – HB 164 provided 176,576 offset to 320,495 funding cut. (\$143,919 net)
 - Property Tax Allocation – 100.2% of budget.
 - Grandview Yard –
 - Annual revenue projections have been updated by Baker Tilly, May 2020.
 - Fiscal Year 2020 revenue exceeded estimate by \$331,763.
 - Other Revenue – Interest Earnings for June, 2020: \$19,758.71.
 - General Fund Expenditures
 - Total FY Expenditures – 96.4% of budget.
 - Several expenditures categories under budget due to school not being in session for the last 9 weeks as a result of COVID-19 (e.g. transportation, utilities, substitute teachers, etc...)
 - Overall revenues exceeded expenditures by \$2,099,235 for the fiscal year. These results were more favorable than the budget due to the factors explained above.
- Highlights from the July, 2020 financial reports:
 - General Fund (001):**
 - General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes –14.8% of budget; 2nd Half 2020 settlement delayed 45 days.
 - State Funding – 8.8% of budget; FY 2021 estimated at FY 20 funding, including HB 164 offset. (FY 20: \$176,576 HB 164 offset to \$320,495 funding cut = \$143,919 net reduction.)
 - Property Tax Allocation – Expected following 2nd half tax settlement.
 - Grandview Yard – Expected following 2nd half tax settlement.
 - Interest Earnings (Other Revenue) for July, 2020: \$16,133.96
 - General Fund Expenditures
 - 1 month (8.3%) into FY 2021
 - Total FY Expenditures: 8.2% of budget
 - Bond Retirement Fund (002-9019)**
 - 4.45 mill collection for 2020. (4.48 mills in 2019 for both bond levies)
 - Construction Fund (004):**
 - Interest Earnings for July, 2020: \$46,952.89.

- 45.1% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 3.7% of Construction Costs have been.
- Current Fund Balance: \$49,986,154.25.

Permanent Improvement (PI) Fund (003-0000)

- Current Fund Balance: \$494,999.80.
- WiFi Replacement project currently in progress – approximately \$103,000.

Motion 21-020 (Treasurer's Reports) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the June and July, 2020 Treasurer's reports and accept payment of the June and July, 2020 bills for all funds.

Mr. Bode seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning

- **Thank you** to Dr. Jamie Lusher, Chris Deis, Marc Alter, and Jessica Fields for their hard work and creativity in coordinating our summer professional development. Launch 2020 was an in-house, yet virtual, two-day event August 5-6 that included 12+ presentations and keynote speakers. About 116 staff members out of 170 participated in the two-day Launch program and 99% of certified staff members took part in Launch.
- **Kudos** to Grandview Heights High School for finding a way to host Freshman Orientation in-person on August 4. With safety precautions in place (masked and socially distanced), students met their teachers, learned necessary information, and asked questions. Orientation concluded with a tour of the building with student mentors taking groups of five (5) freshmen through the building and answering questions.
- **Congratulations** to EILMS/GHHS French Teacher Julia Grawemeyer! in addition to teaching French, she is also a literary fiction translator for the New York publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Julia is a recent recipient of a prestigious translator residency grant from the Centre National du Livre in Paris, the branch of the French Ministry of Culture and Communication, that will allow her to work directly with authors. It is also a very distinct honor to be chosen as a female translator.

District Wide

- This morning our district celebrated our first Con(virtual)cation (i.e., **Convocation 2020**) via a google meet whereby I was able to screen share a video that followed our usual agenda. Congratulations to ALL Classified Employees who were collectively named the 2019-2020 Win-Win Employee(s) of the Year and to Dr. Jo Lee who was named the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year. Video messages were shared by myself, Carrie O'Mara, Doug Page, Rob Brown, and Jamie Lusher. Watch convocation here: <https://u.pcloud.link/publink/show?code=XZ2RCvkZi9sb46W5KvYWFUrFl2JNiXkvgWNV>
- Overall there is good news to report regarding **Franklin County Public Health's** (FCPH) Tuesday morning briefing. Our infection rate has dropped from 215/daily to 124/daily. Additionally, the positivity rate has decreased from 12% to 7%. While the emphasis is no longer contingent on Governor Mike DeWine's color-coded system, we are still in "red." Therefore, as of today, we will continue with our plan to open our schools with remote learning on Monday, August 17. We will continue to provide updates to our school community regarding these important data points. We are pleased with this news and now it's up to us to continue to do our part by washing our hands, practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and monitoring our health.
- **Retirement congratulations** to Susan Falk and Carmen Mendoza! Thank you and best wishes!
- **Welcome to our new staff members!** Dr. Quint Gage, EILMS Principal; Amy Elliott, District Nurse; Tracy Thompson, Health Aide; Marissa Osborn, Spanish Teacher; and Katie Konrad, Third Grade Teacher. We are glad you are here!
- **Construction Update:** For more information, visit: <https://www.ghschools.org/apps/pages/construction>

Community Engagement

- GHHS Key Club members Megan Urig, Nina Brown, and Anna Bullock delivered produce from the Key Club Giving Garden at Wallace Gardens to Heart to Heart food pantry. These students have worked hard this summer to maintain the garden and provide for others. Thank you.

Recent Press: ThisWeek News / Tri-Village Magazine

- <https://www.thisweeknews.com/news/20200803/grandview-heights-schools-board-votes-to-start-year-with-remote-learning>

- <https://www.thisweeknews.com/news/20200810/development-sessions-give-grandview-heights-teachers-taste-of-home-learning>
- <https://www.thisweeknews.com/news/20200810/grandview-heights-schools-ready-for-hungry-students>
- <https://www.thisweeknews.com/sports/20200810/grandview-heights-athletics-several-teams-playing-waiting-game>
- <https://www.cityscenecolumbus.com/communities/tri-village/a-wonderful-support-net/>
- https://issuu.com/cityscenemediagroup/docs/tv_julyaug2020_web

Recommendations from Superintendent to the Board of Education:

Motion 21-021 (Curriculum and Instruction) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

1. Memorandum of Understanding
Recommend the board approve a memorandum of understanding with the Grandview Heights Education Association regarding a modified 2020-2021 school calendar due to COVID-19.
2. Florida Virtual School Course Selection Approval
Recommend the board approve the Florida Virtual School course selection.

Discussion: Mrs. Gephart asked how many students have elected to enroll in Florida Virtual Learning Academy. Mr. Culp stated that there are between 40-45 currently.

Mr. Gusé asked if a student initially elects FVLA and then decides to move to Grandview Heights Schools, would that be a difficult transition? Mr. Culp explained that while it has been requested for students choosing FVLA to commit to at least a quarter or trimester, the district will be flexible in allowing students to transition.

Mr. Gusé asked if a pacing plan could be provided to students in FVLA so that they have an understanding of where they would be if they transitioned back to Grandview Heights Schools. Mr. Culp confirmed that a pacing plan could be provided.

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 21-022 (Board Policy and Procedure) Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the following:

1. Board Policy (Final Reading)
Recommend the board approve on final reading the following policy.
 - a. JED – Student Absences and Excuses

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 21-023 (Business and Finance) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. Budget Adjustments
Recommend the board approve the following increase in estimated revenue and appropriations:

ESSER Funds (Fund 507) \$59,934.19
2. Then and Now Certification
Recommend the board approve the following then-and-now certification:

Specialized Speech, June speech services (PO # 35670)
3. META Agreement
Recommend the board approved the Master Service Agreement with META Solutions for the 2020-2021 year.
4. Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.
Recommend the board approve an agreement with Geotechnical Consultants for field monitoring and testing services for soils, concrete and construction materials for the Stevenson Elementary improvement project.

5. Tri-Star Contract
Recommend the board approve a contract with Tri-Star.
6. Reach Educational Services LLC Contract
Recommend the board approve a contract for educational placement with Reach Educational Services LLC.
7. Ohio School Leadership Foundation Contract for Services
Recommend the board approve a contract with the Ohio School Leadership Foundation for evaluation facilitation services for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. ALICE Training Contract
Recommend the board approve a contract a three-year contract with Navigate360 for ALICE training services from 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2023.
9. Florida Virtual School Contract
Recommend the board approve a contract with Florida Virtual School for the 2020-2021 school year.
10. Educational Services Center of Central Ohio Contract
Recommend the board approve a contract with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio for professional development services.
11. Item for Disposal
Recommend the board approve the following item for disposal:
 - a. Nevco Scoreboard Controller 007696 Broken
12. Donation
Recommend the board accept the following donation:
 - a. \$100.00 to the GHS Wrestling Program from Richard and Janice Gall
13. Donations
Recommend the board accept the following donations from the Bobcat Boosters from December 2019 through July 2020:
 - a. \$127.53 for the athletic trainer supplies
 - b. \$2,080 for middle school Girls Basketball Team uniforms
 - c. \$2,080 for middle school Boys Basketball Team uniforms
 - d. \$377.96 for GHHS Cheer uniforms
 - e. \$2,099.79 for GHHS Girls and Boys Swim Team parkas
 - f. \$1,085.11 for a media backdrop and table cloth
 - g. \$400 for GHHS Boys Soccer Final Four 2018 signage
 - h. \$239.98 for jumping boxes for the Athletic Trainer
 - i. \$515.91 for nets and tees for the Girls Softball Team(s)
 - j. \$642.55 for Athletic Trainer supplies
 - k. \$1,549.99 for an orthopedic table for the Athletic Trainer
 - l. \$2,259.36 for GHHS Girls Volleyball Team uniforms

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 21-024 Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the following:

(Personnel)

1. Retirements
Recommend the board accept the following retirements:
 - a. Susan Falk, Grade 3 Teacher, effective June 1, 2020
 - b. Carmen Mendoza, Spanish Teacher, effective August 7, 2020

2. Degree Advancements

Recommend the board approve the following degree advancements for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Katie McIntyre – BA+15
- b. Brittny Sharma – MA
- c. Sarah Hoepf – MA+45

3. Extended Days for Summer 2020

Recommend the board approve the following extended days for summer 2020:

- a. Abby Mally, Counselor – 10 Days
- b. Abby Keller, Psychologist – 8 days
- c. Amy Elliott, Nurse – 10 Days
- d. Kristi Jump, Media Specialist – 3 days
- e. Stephanie Doran, Counselor – 3 days
- f. Jane O’Shaughnessy, Counselor – 3 days
- g. Erin Engle, Media Specialist – 3 days
- h. Billie Sarich, Reading Intervention – 2 days

4. Supplemental Contracts (GHEA, Article X, pg. 34-40)

Recommend the board approve the following supplemental contracts for licensed employees effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Caleb Evans; Assistant Varsity Cross Country Coach, Class VI-1-1, \$1,717.32
- b. Dan Forson; Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Class IV-3-M; \$4,722.63
- c. Kristi Jump; JV Girls Tennis Coach, Class VI-2-8, \$2,146.64

5. Supplemental Contracts (GHEA, Article X, pg. 34-40)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has offered the following position(s) to those employees of the District who are licensed individuals and no such employee(s) qualified to fill the position(s) have accepted them/(it); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education advertised the following positions as available to any licensed individual who is qualified to fill the position and who is not an employee of the Board, and no such person has applied for and accepted the position(s);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Grandview Heights Schools hereby employs the individuals to fill the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Charlie Casey; Middle School Football Coach, Class IV-2-8, \$3,649.31
- b. Cody Cook; Middle School Assistant Football Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,575.98
- c. Terry Eisele; Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Class V-3-M, \$4,293.30
- d. James Gerdes; Head Boys Soccer Coach, Class II-3-M, \$6,010.62
- e. Molly Hammersmith; 8th Grade Volleyball Coach, Class V-1-1, \$2,575.98
- f. Dave Kaufman; Assistant Varsity Football Coach (.50 FTE), Class IV-3-M, \$2,361.31
- g. Ben McCollough; JV Boys Golf Coach, Class VI-1-2, \$1,717.32
- h. Jean Philemond; Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, Class V-1-4, \$2,575.98
- i. Taylor Pickering; Fall Middle School Cheerleading Coach, Class IV-2-5, \$2,146.65
- j. Chris Szabo; Varsity Cross Country Coach, Class III-3-M, \$5,581.29

6. Supplemental Contract Correction

Recommend the board approve the following licensed supplemental correction:

- a. Jason Peters; Wellness for Life – Summer, Class V-3-M, \$4,200.90

7. Classified Substitutes

Recommend the board approve the following classified substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Pamela Crum, Substitute Paraprofessional, \$14.20 per hour

8. Hours Correction
Recommend the board approve the following hours correction effective for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - a. Tracy Thompson, Clinic Aide, 6.5 hours per day
9. ELL Tutor
Recommend the board approve the following ELL tutor for the 2020-2021 school year on an as needed basis:
 - a. Anita Heys, \$40.79 per hour
10. Certified Contracts
Recommend the board approve the following certified contracts effective for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - a. Marissa Osborn; Spanish Teacher, BA Step 2, \$45,079
 - b. Katherine Konrad; Teacher, BA, Step 1, \$42,933
11. GHESSA Memorandum of Understanding
Recommend the board approve a memorandum of understanding with the GHESSA and Brianna Dominach.
12. Kids' Club Resignations
Recommend the board approve the following Kids' Club resignations:
 - a. Dominique Ferrer; Recreation Leader, effective July 23, 2020
 - b. Tiara Hodges; Recreation Leader, effective July 30, 2020
 - c. Sarah May; Team Leader, effective July 28, 2020
 - d. Mason Sturm; Recreation Leader, effective July 30, 2020
 - e. Damon Rothgeb; Recreation Leader, effective July 30, 2020
13. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the board approve the following Kids' Club personnel, pending successful FBI/BCI background check results, to be effective upon the date that Kids' Club resumes in person programming:
 - a. Thuraya Abdelqedar; Team Leader, \$15.06 per hour
 - b. Ashley Holder; Recreation Leader, \$12.15 per hour
 - c. Britt Johnson; Team Leader, \$15.06 per hour
 - d. Abigail McCully; Team Leader, \$16.11 per hour
 - e. Kylee Ramey; Recreation Leader – Intermittent Staff, \$12.99 per hour
 - f. Alyssa Schultz; Recreation Leader, \$12.57 per hour
 - g. Carrie Williams; Substitute, \$12.99 per hour
 - h. Chris Weck; Team Leader, \$16.11 per hour

(Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities)

1. Volunteer
Recommend the board approve the following volunteer:
 - a. Kynsie Burton-Smiles

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 21-025 (Adjourn) Mr. Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.

President Truett declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer