

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – April 14, 2021

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session at the Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center in Grandview Heights High School.

**Call to Order:** President Jesse Truett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

<b>Roll Call</b>	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Eric Bode	
	Emily Gephart	
	Kevin Gusé	
	Jesse Truett	
	Molly Wassmuth	

**Presentation – Construction Update**

Mr. Jay Tadena, Corna-Kokosing/Elford (CKE) Project Manager, reported on the following recent and upcoming highlights of the new 4-8 building that is under construction:

- Exterior brick is near completion; one last section around the south entrance to finish;
- Upon completion of exterior brick, stone column work will begin;
- Installation of glass on the west elevation has started;
- Work on the stairs, ceilings, and elevators is underway;
- Drywall is currently being painted;
- 125 workers are onsite daily and work is being done 6 days per week;
- Permanent power has been connected;
- Work around the receiving area will begin soon;
- No COVID updates/impacts to report.

Superintendent Andy Culp reported that neighborhood tours occurred yesterday and will occur again tomorrow. Plans are also in progress to host a building tour for the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation.

Mr. Truett asked about the price of construction in light of recent increases in residential construction, and in particular, whether it would be more expensive to construct the building starting today. Mr. Tadena explained that while costs are locked in on this project, these are unprecedented times in terms of costs increases in construction materials. He stated that in May an additional 15-20% increase in materials is expected.

Mr. Truett stated that this is just one more reason he feels the district locked in the right plan at the right time.

Mr. Tadena also stated that rolled steel had a 25% increase in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, and that these price increases are difficult in trying to help other customers who are making planning decisions now.

**Presentation – Summer 2021 Ignite Programming**

Dr. Jamie Lusher presented to the Board on summer learning opportunities for students as follows:

In addition to our extended school year and intervention programming, we are offering academic, enrichment, exploration, and creative opportunities for our students to connect and engage. This year has been one of challenge and many of our students, at times, have felt isolated from their social and peer connections. This summer we aim to ignite their learning as well as their social-emotional wellbeing.

Mr. Truett asked if these learning opportunities will be flexible and coordinated around Kids Club.

Dr. Lusher stated that the program will be flexible and designed around students' needs and schedules.

Mr. Bode asked about the length of the learning sessions.

Dr. Lusher explained that they would be 5-8 week sessions, 2-3 times per week for a couple hours per day, depending on the availability of teachers and the needs of the students.

Mr. Truett stated that he really appreciated the efforts put in to planning the summer programming.

Mrs. Gephart asked if the program will be promoted by classroom teachers to help encourage students to attend.

Dr. Lusher stated there will be numerous efforts to communicate and encourage students to attend the program and that classroom teachers would be helping to promote this opportunity to students.

**Motion 21-092 (Minutes)** Mr. Gusé moved to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting, March 10, 2021

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**

Jessica Fields and Kristi Jump have redesigned the library to include a variety of STEM stations. Classroom teachers sign up for a time for their students to be in the library to experience creation, robotics, and design/build stations. This gives the Stevenson Elementary library a new and exciting feel!

Third-grade students are taking over the morning announcements for the remainder of the school year. Jessica Fields has developed a template and third grade teachers will work with students to write and record their segments. This is a great leadership opportunity for our younger learners.

LMS sixth grade students have been learning about the different forms of government and how the characteristics of a government can overlap with other characteristics, including a closer examination of how citizens' liberties and freedoms vary according to the authority given to/taken by a particular government and its leaders.

GHHS ACT composite results are in and sporting a .5 increase! The composite score for 2020-2021 is 24.8, up from a 24.3 in 2019-2020.

In March, nine GHHS students participated in the virtual Model UN national competition and three participated in the Ohio State University Model UN conference.

The GHHS Scholarship Ceremony was held Tuesday, April 13, virtually. This is an such an affirming, positive, and uplifting event. View it here: : <https://youtu.be/GIf4BWlahEo>

Teams of students, staff, and parents are planning senior events such as graduation and prom. Hats off to Rob Brown and his collaborative leadership approach to this planning. Details to come!

Athletic Signing Day was held in the Gymnasium on April 14. Congratulations to Derek Amicon (Cornell University/Cross Country & Track & Field); Johnny Clark (Capital University/Baseball); Adam Ellis (Hiram College/Swimming); Tayler Pierce (Wittenberg University/Women's Soccer); Sami Swartz (University of Mount Union/Softball); Tia Thomas (University of Findlay/Women's Soccer), and Jake Zimmerman (Ohio Northern University/Football).

Congratulations to GHHS teachers Bethany Black and Rachel Smith who have achieved status as Ohio Master Teachers.

The 2021/2022 Kids' Club school year is on track to have 155 children enrolled in the program without enrolling any new families. There are 45 children enrolled in the EILMS program and 110 enrolled in the Stevenson Elementary program. The final enrollment number for the 2021 summer program is 86. The program is full.

### **District Wide**

We are well planned to begin our Spring sports season. The good news is that all spring sports are outside! Read ThisWeek sports articles here:

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/04/12/grandview-heights-roundup-bobcats-boys-track-and-field-team-getting-newcomers-up-speed/7074039002/>

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/04/05/grandview-heights-roundup-bobcats-boys-tennis-squad-working-improve/7036904002/>

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/03/29/grandview-heights-roundup-bobcats-young-softball-roster-looks-gain-experience/4774902001/>

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/03/22/grandview-heights-roundup-bobcats-baseball-team-enters-season-blank-slate/4696854001/>

We have enrolled the new Chromebooks we received from Dell and are working on the details to distribute them to next year's 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th graders. Students will be receiving their new devices either this spring or at the beginning of next school year.

### **Community Engagement**

Residents, parents, and community members are invited to pour a cup of coffee and join Grandview Heights Schools Superintendent Andy Culp for a virtual Coffee & Conversation from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021. This will be the last coffee of the school year. The virtual coffees will be held via google meet to allow for maximum participation. To attend a virtual coffee, please email Hayley Head by the Thursday before the Friday gathering at [hayley.head@ghschools.org](mailto:hayley.head@ghschools.org)

Hard Hat Update #8 is in the can and on the district's YouTube channel. View it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k80lVz5DZeQ&t=116s>

Superintendent column submission to ThisWeek News for April publication. Continued updates to [www.ghschools.org](http://www.ghschools.org) and FB/social media.

### **Recent Press**

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/04/02/grandview-heights-students-learn-art-diplomacy-through-model-un-program/4822433001/>

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/04/12/grandview-heights-roundup-bobcats-boys-track-and-field-team-getting-newcomers-up-speed/7074039002/>

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/story/news/local/grandview-heights/2021/04/09/tending-garden-grandview-heights-schools-edison-larson/7133792002/>

### **Discussion**

Mr. Bode referred to the board report that talked about expansion of statistics into College Credit Plus (CCP) and asked what the district's overall strategy is for Advanced Placement (AP) courses vs. CCP courses.

Mr. Rob Brown explained that the district is exploring additional CCP courses that run concurrently with AP courses, similar to the current Art History course. Currently, the district is meeting with the math department at Kenyon College to explore the possibility of offering CCP Statistics in addition to AP Statistics the district currently offers. It is not the district's desire to replace the AP class, but rather give students more options to meet their needs. If the district does move forward, it would first be done as a pilot with a couple students to determine whether it would be offered to all students.

Superintendent Andy Culp reiterated that it's not really about CCP or AP, but rather giving students both options when possible and allowing them to choose which best meets their needs. CCP allows students to earn college credit at no cost in high school, while AP classes, viewed by some as more prestigious, only offer college credit with a score of 3 or higher on the end of course exam.

Mr. Truett commended the district administration for the work that has been done over many years to establish these programs with reputable institutions. He also explained that with these offerings, the important point is the growth and development of the student, not necessarily the easiest way to obtain credit.

Mr. Brown explained that there are a number of high school students who want the option of taking additional Statistics classes. They have taken AP Statistics with Miss Meister and they like the class and they like the instructor, and they want options to take additional classes with her.

Mrs. Gephart asked if students have the option of taking both classes (AP and CCP) simultaneously, such as Art History.

Mr. Brown explained that each student must choose the option that best meets their needs (AP or CCP), but that both programs are taught simultaneously in one classroom by one teacher, with modifications depending on the program.

Mr. Gusé asked if students in that situation could start the year as CCP, but have the option to change their mind and choose AP during the course. He stated that in his teaching experience students are sometimes intimidated starting the class as AP.

Mr. Brown stated that while he has not encountered that situation yet, he thought it might be an option to start the course as a CCP course and switch to AP if they desired, but likely not move from AP to CCP.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Beth Collier presented to the Board on the following:

#### ***March, 2021 Financial Report highlights:***

##### **General Fund (001):**

- General Fund Revenues
  - **Taxes** – First half 2021 settlement received; 103.8% of budget.
  - **State Funding** – 80.6% of budget; includes adjustment for funding restored through Governor's Executive Order.
  - **Property Tax Allocation** – First half 2021 settlement pending; 48.6% of budget.
  - **Grandview Yard** – First half 2021 settlement received; 108.9% of FY budget; (57.7% of calendar year 2021 estimate).
  - Interest Earnings (**Other Revenue**) for March, 2021: \$19,752.77.
  
- General Fund Expenditures
  - 9 months (75%) FYTD Budget
  - **Total FY Expenditures:** 71.8% of budget
  
- General Fund Investments
  - US Bank Investment account: average yield 1.4%
  - Star Ohio: .07% as of March 31, 2021

##### **Construction Fund (004):**

- Interest Earnings for March, 2021: \$61,212.35
- Interest Earnings Project-to-Date: \$1,327,489 (net of \$46,727 investment advisory fees)
- 51.3% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 32.4% of Construction Costs have been spent.
- Current Fund Balance: \$36,820,857.78.

##### **Bond Retirement Fund (002):**

- 4.00 mill collection for 2021 (drop in millage offsets increase in property value for 2021).
- In accordance with the original bond millage model, in April, 2021 the following are scheduled:
  - Transfer \$1,026,573 to TIF Revenue Set-Aside Account
  - Transfer \$808,906 from Set Aside Account to Bond Retirement Fund

##### **Permanent Improvement Fund (003):**

- First half 2021 tax settlement received.
- Current Fund Balance: \$838,616.30.
- Upcoming expenditures:
  - *Paid:* Athletic storage sheds (partial), \$16,000;
  - *Paid:* Scoreboard, \$25,000 plus \$7,260 installation;
  - GHHS Roof, \$250,260
  - Trane HVAC control system for EI/LMS and Stevenson Elementary, \$31,413.

**Motion 21-093 (Treasurer's Reports)** Mr. Bode moved to approve the March, 2021 Treasurer's reports and accept payment of the March, 2021 bills for all funds.

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

## **Committee Reports**

**Core Team** – Mr. Truett reported that the Core Team continues to meet bi-weekly with the district’s owner’s representative, Concord Addis, and also bi-weekly with the entire construction team (architect, construction manager, and owner’s representative) to monitor the progress of the project. Mr. Truett also highlighted that there are ongoing efforts to preserve the many artifacts currently located in Grandview Heights High School as the beginning of construction on that building approaches.

Mr. Bode explained that as a representative on both the Core Team and the Finance Committee, he believes the district is entering a critical time in terms of the project budget. Both committees are working and focusing on understanding what is left in the budget relative to allowances and contingencies and considering what the remaining project priorities are. He stated that he is looking forward to more discussions with the Board of Education on project priorities as that will be a focus in the next few months.

Mr. Truett agreed with Mr. Bode and stated that the Board will likely need to schedule a special board meeting for the purpose of analyzing the budget and discussing priorities. He also stated that it might be a good idea to tour the high school prior to or as part of that special board meeting so that board members have a full understanding of the current layout of the high school prior to construction.

Mrs. Gephart agreed that a tour would be very helpful as she was not on the Board at the start of the project and is not as familiar with the high school.

Ms. Wassmuth asked if that could be scheduled at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Truett said that special meeting may need to be held prior to the next regular board meeting.

## **Finance Committee**

Ms. Collier reported that the Finance Committee met on April 12<sup>th</sup> and discussed various financial topics, including:

- Review of updated 5-year forecast;
- Outcome of recent property value appeal cases; and
- Status of Kids Club enrollment and account balance;

Mrs. Gephart also stated that the Finance Committee reviews the Construction Budget and she echoed what Mr. Bode explained about monitoring the contingencies and the need to meet soon to discuss the status the remaining priorities for the project. She also stated that the Finance Committee recommended the elimination of all-day kindergarten, which will be discussed later in the agenda.

Mr. Bode also commented on the strong financial position of the district, despite the challenging times and the increased needs over the last year during the pandemic. He stated that it is really remarkable the financial position we are in, not having to consider any cuts and just being able to move full sail ahead, including offering summer learning opportunities this year for students.

## **Recommendations from Superintendent to the Board of Education:**

### **First Reading (Curriculum and Instruction)**

1. 2023-2024 School Calendar (First Reading)  
Recommend the Board consider on first reading the 2023-2024 school calendar.

### **First Reading (Board Policy)**

1. Board Policy (First Reading)  
Recommend the Board consider on first reading the following policies.
  - a. BCA – Board Organizational Meeting
  - b. BCFA – Business Advisory Council to the Board
  - c. CBC – Superintendent’s Contract
  - d. EBC – Emergency Management and Safety Plans
  - e. EBCD-R Emergency Closures
  - f. GA – Personnel Policies Goals
  - g. GCD – Professional Staff Hiring
  - h. IGCG – Pre-School Program
  - i. EB – Safety Program
  - j. EBCD – Emergency Closings

- k. EFH – Food Allergies
- l. GCB-2 – Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans
- m. IF – Curriculum Development
- n. IGD – Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities

**Motion 21-094 (Board Policy)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Board Policy (Final Reading)  
Recommend the Board consider on first reading the following policies.
  - a. AC-R – Nondiscrimination
  - b. AC – Nondiscrimination
  - c. IGAB – Human Relations Education
2. Student Acceptable Use Policy / CIPA Compliance  
Recommend the Board approve the Acceptable Use Policy in accordance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and in compliance with the district’s use of Lightspeed internet filtering software.

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 21-095 (Business and Finance)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Workers Compensation Agreement – CompManagement  
Recommend the Board approve participation in the CompManagement Workers Compensation Group Rating for the 2022 rate year at a fee of \$1,555.
2. Sports Medicine Athletic Training Services Agreement Amendment  
Recommend the Board approve a second amendment to the Sport Medicine Athletic Training Services agreement.
3. General Fund Transfer  
Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the General Fund to the TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund (001-9003) in the amount of \$1,026,573, representing 2021 Grandview Yard TIF revenue being set aside for future debt service payments on the 2019 facility bond issue.
4. TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund Transfer  
Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the TIF Set-Aside for Debt Service Fund (001-9003) to the Bond Retirement Fund (002-9019) in the amount of \$808,906, representing the Grandview Yard TIF revenue to be used for 2021 debt service principal and interest payments.
5. Then and Now Certification  
Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:
  - a. Florida Virtual Learning School, student licenses, PO #36674
  - b. Andy Culp, mileage reimbursement, PO #36766
  - c. Columbus Parks and Recreation, pool rental, PO #36768
  - d. Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, EL Services, PO #36780
  - e. Rob Brown, mileage reimbursement, PO #36781
6. Aetna Health Insurance Renewal  
Recommend the Board approve a 14% premium increase for the group medical/prescription insurance renewal for 2021-2022.
7. Middle and High School Furniture Purchase - Correction  
Recommend the Board approve an additional \$4,000 for the purchase of middle school and high school furniture, to include shipping charges. The full contracted amount is not to exceed \$1,329,000 to the following furniture vendors for the middle and high school furniture: King Business Interiors, Martin Public Seating, O’Reilly Office, Asch Fixtures and Furniture, and Loth.

8. Zearn Online Subscription  
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Zearn for School Account and On-Demand PD.
9. General Fund Transfer  
Recommend the Board approve a transfer from the General Fund to the following funds for the 2021-2021 school year participation fees waived:
  - a. 200-9113 Choral Activities \$1,900 (38 students x \$50)
  - b. 200-9106 Jazz Band \$750 (15 students x \$50)
  - c. 300-9104 Band \$1,740 (58 students x \$30)

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.

**Motion 21-096 (Business and Finance)** Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. All Day Kindergarten Tuition 2020-2021  
Recommend the Board suspend all-day kindergarten tuition effective March 15, 2021, as follows:
  - a. For the 2020-2021 school year, the initial deposit paid upon kindergarten registration will be retained, but no additional tuition fees will be charged, despite all-day kindergarten resuming on March 15, 2021.
  - b. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, all day kindergarten tuition will be suspended entirely.

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Bode explained that while this recommendation originated with the Finance Committee, it has been on the Board's radar for several years. The committee felt like it was a little odd that parents were being asked to pay for full-day kindergarten when it's pretty normal and more than 90% of students opt for all-day kindergarten. He explained that the recommendation is based on multiple factors including: 1.) strong financial position of the district; 2.) good timing since there has been a year of no tuition charges due to the pandemic and students predominantly in virtual or hybrid learning; and 3.) all-day kindergarten is best from a learning perspective.

Mrs. Gephart agreed with Mr. Bode's analysis. She stated that kindergarten is just as important as every other grade level and charging for it did seem unusual. Parents in the district put a high emphasis on all-day kindergarten and waiving the tuition will eliminate the financial burden and open this opportunity up to all students, regardless of socioeconomic status.

Mr. Truett expressed his appreciation for the work done to get to this point of recommending that tuition be eliminated.

Mr. Gusé stated that he supports the motion but asked if the district would still honor requests from parents for a half-day kindergarten experience for their child.

Mrs. Ullum stated that the district would honor any request for a half-day program.

Mrs. Gephart stated that she believes as times goes by, the all-day kindergarten will likely become the norm and the request for half-day experiences would likely phase out.

Mr. Truett stated that the district is fortunate to have the space to provide all-day kindergarten to all students.

Mr. Bode stated that while the perception is likely that waiving tuition and allowing access to all-day kindergarten at no charge for all students would likely increase costs, in this case it is actually going to save money.

Mr. Culp stated that while it certainly has financial considerations, this decision is really about an enhancement to our mission of maximizing and personalizing learning for all students, and it's really about equity.

Ms. Wassmuth also stated that she is very proud that the district is considering this motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mr. Truett, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion 21-097 (Business and Finance)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Technology Vendor Contracts for Construction Project  
Recommend the Board approve the award of contracts to technology vendors for the construction project, and not to exceed the following amounts:
  - a. LakeTec - \$248,116.45
  - b. LakeTec - \$44,503.60
  - c. Think CSC - \$90,000.00
  - d. AT&T - \$15,000.00
  - e. Crown Castle - \$1,950.00
  - f. Charter Communication - \$2,500.00
  - g. GSP Networks - \$2,000.00
  - h. Ohio Valley Integrated Services - \$2,997.13

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 21-098 (Business and Finance)** Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the following:

1. Donations  
Recommend the Board accept the following donations:
  - a. \$1,181.50 from The Johannes-Tyler Outstanding Grandview Heights School District Teacher of the Year Award Fund to Grandview Heights Schools
  - b. \$5,194.50 from the Charles Cantwell Dumbaugh GHHS Class of 1956 Library Book Fund to the GHHS Brotherhood of Rooks Media Center
  - c. \$500 donation from the Middle PTO to the Garden Club

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 21-099** Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the following:  
**(Personnel)**

1. Degree Advancements  
Recommend the Board approve the correction to the following degree advancement effective dates to 2021-2022 school year.
  - a. Andrew Grega – MA+45
  - b. Emily Long – MA+15
2. Stipends  
Recommend the Board approve the following licensed stipends for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - a. Roni Pettit; Outdoor Education Coordinator, \$1,500
  - b. Brittny Sharma; Outdoor Education Coordinator, \$1,500
  - c. Nicole Wainscott; Outdoor Education Coordinator, \$1,500
  - d. Jill Walker; Outdoor Education Coordinator, \$1,500
3. GHESSA Memorandum of Understanding  
Recommend the Board approve a memorandum of understanding with the GHESSA and Brianna Dominach.
4. Supplemental Contract (GHEA, Article X, pg. 34-40)  
Recommend the Board approve the following licensed supplemental for the 2020-2021 school year:



- a. Meredith Beam; Softball, JV Coach, Class V-2-5, \$3,219.98
5. Teacher Contract Transfer  
Recommend the Board approve a transfer for the following teacher contract, effective as of the 2021-2022 school year:
  - a. Amie Goode; Teacher, from .52 FTE to 1.0 FTE
6. Certified Teacher Position Change  
Recommend the Board approve the following certified position change for the 2021-2022 school year:
  - a. Elizabeth Page; Teacher, from 3rd Grade to 5th Grade
7. Kids' Club Personnel Changes  
Recommend the Board the following Kids Club personnel changes:
  - a. Ashley Holder; Recreation Leader to Team Leader, \$13.62 per hour, effective March 29, 2021
  - b. Analia Morales; Recreation Leader to Team leader, \$13.62 per hour, effective March 29, 2021
8. Kids' Club Resignations  
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club resignations:
  - a. Nate Longstreth; Recreation Leader, effective March 31, 2021
  - b. Tyler Longstreth; Recreation Leader, effective March 31, 2021

#### **(Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities)**

1. Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Volunteers  
Recommend the board approve the following volunteer:
  - a. Bart Griffin

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.

#### **Discussion Topics**

##### **Board Work Session**

Mr. Truett revisited the discussion about the need for a special board meeting to discuss the construction project budget and remaining project priorities. He asked Mrs. Hayley Head to send out a poll to the board members to help coordinate a special meeting time.

##### **New 4-8 Building, 1 IRN Number**

Superintendent Andy Culp explained to the Board that currently, Edison Intermediate and Larson Middle School, although one building, have separate IRN numbers with the Ohio Department of Education, meaning all data is reported separately for these two buildings.

With the completion of the new 4-8 building, Mr. Culp explained that he would be recommending that the district consolidate to one IRN number under Larson Middle School, and drop the separate IRN for grades 4-5. He asked the Board for any feedback or questions.

Mr. Gusé asked if the district would be keeping the name Larson Middle School.

Mr. Culp confirmed that the plan would be to keep that name and absorb grades 4-5 under the existing Larson Middle School IRN.

Mr. Truett explained that the question really involves two different actions: 1.) Retire the Edison IRN and absorb grades 4-5 into the existing Larson Middle School IRN; and 2.) Separate action if name would change.

Ms. Wassmuth asked if retiring the Edison IRN could be done at the next meeting and then the name could occur at another meeting if a change was recommended.

Mr. Culp confirmed that the plan was to discuss the IRN issue at this meeting and then vote on it at the next meeting.

Mr. Gusé asked if the district has received any feedback from the community or staff.

Mr. Truett stated that we likely have not because the name remains as is unless there is an effort to change the name and there has been no initiative to consider changing the name.

Mr. Culp stated that the middle school is named after a former employee who is beloved in the community.

Mr. Truett reiterated that if the Board does nothing, we will have 2 IRN's for the new 4-8 building. He also stated that there is tremendous reverence for Larry Larson, whom the building was named after, among the community and staff.

Mrs. Gephart stated that she is not normally in favor of naming things after people, but that she is in favor of keeping the name in this situation.

Mr. Bode explained that as a continuation, there would be no changes to middle school sports, uniforms, schedules, etc... and that we would be continuing on as we have been with the name of the school. That is one thing that made him feel comfortable with how this is being handled.

**Motion 21-100 (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:

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President

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Treasurer