

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting – January 12, 2022

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session in the new Larson Middle School (currently housing Grandview Heights High School) Media Center.

Budget Hearing

The 2022-23 budget hearing began at 6:45 p.m. Treasurer Beth Collier presented to the Board of Education the 2022-2023 Alternative Tax Budget, as required by the Franklin County Budget Commission. The presentation included the following:

- Legal requirements of the tax budget, including deadlines;
- Purpose of the tax budget;
- How the tax budget differs from the 5-year forecast;
- What specifically is included in the tax budget (breakdown of taxes levied; statements of fund activity, which project revenues and expenditures of each levy fund; and a schedule of outstanding bonded debt); and
- Overview of the Ohio Rev. Code budgetary process.

Organizational & Regular Meeting

Call to Order: President Pro-Tempore Eric Bode called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Eric Bode
Emily Gephart
Kevin Gusé
Katie Matney
Molly Wassmuth

Members Absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Oath of Office – Eric Bode

Treasurer Beth Collier administered the following oath of office to Board of Education Member, Eric Bode:

I, Eric Bode, 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 a member 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.

Oath of Office – Molly Wassmuth

Treasurer Beth Collier administered the following oath of office to Board of Education Member, Molly Wassmuth:

I, Molly Wassmuth, 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 a member 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.

Oath of Office – Katie Matney

Treasurer Beth Collier administered the following oath of office to Board of Education Member, Katie Matney:

I, Katie Matney, 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 a member 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 22-053 (President) Mrs. Gephart moved to elect Eric Bode as President of the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-054 (Vice-President) Ms. Wassmuth moved to elect Emily Gephart as Vice-President of the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-055 (2022 Board of Education Meetings) Mr. Bode 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 2022 in the new Larson Middle School located at 1600 West First Ave, Columbus, Ohio:

Regular meetings: Wednesday, February 9; Wednesday, March 9; Wednesday, April 13; Wednesday, May 11; Wednesday, June 22; Wednesday, August 10; Wednesday, September 14; Wednesday, October 12; Wednesday, November 9; and Wednesday, December 14. Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Special meeting/work session: Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-056 (Organizational Meeting Standing Resolutions) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. 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.

2. 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), 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 2021-2022 appropriations in the amount of \$3,000, subject to modification by the Board of Education.

3. 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.

4. 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 2022 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 2022.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. Resolution for Waiver of Reading Minutes

Board Policy provides that each board member receives 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.

10. 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.

11. 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; Ice Miller 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.

12. 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 record 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. Resolution to Appoint the Board Designee as 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 2022 year as required by House Bill 9.

17. Resolution to Reappoint the District's Title IX Coordinator

The Board of Education reappoints and reaffirms that Director of Student Services, Dr. Madeline Partlow, shall serve as the School District's Title IX Coordinator.

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-057 (OSBA Legislative and Student Achievement Liaisons) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. OSBA Legislative Liaison: Molly Wassmuth
2. OSBA Student Achievement Liaison: Molly Wassmuth

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Special Presentation to Kathy Kinnard - Brad Bertani, Athletic Director

Mr. Brad Bertani recognized and thanked Mrs. Kathy Kinnard for 45 years of service to the Grandview Heights Schools. Mrs. Kinnard served the district as a teacher, athletic director, and boys/girls tennis coach during her tenure.

Mr. Bertani read the following written statements from colleagues of Mrs. Kinnard:

Mr. Kevin Richards: I was very fortunate to start my career at Grandview Heights when Kathy Kinnard was teaching here. I looked up to her as a teacher because she was such a great teacher. She was such a caring teacher and not only educated in the business fields, but also made her students better people. She cared about the kids. She showed them that and they knew it. She was a role model for me in that she was always prepared but more so, she always had a good word for everyone. She was always in a good mood. Upon her leaving the classroom and becoming the athletic director, she became my direct boss as I also coached. She was always very patient and helpful in guiding me through the beginning of my coaching career. I will always appreciate her willingness to be honest and forthright with me, both good and bad, to make me a better coach. I was so excited when she agreed to come back and coach tennis after she retired. I wish her nothing but the very best as she embarks on the next stages of her life.

Mr. Ray Corbett: I had the pleasure of working with Kathy when she was the athletic director, when she was in the classroom, and when she worked as my assistant boys' tennis coach. So, I have seen in her a number of different elements. Even though we agreed on most things throughout her career, we had a few situations in which we didn't. In those times of disagreement, I never once thought anything that was said was in any way personal. Kathy always had the best interest of her athletes or students in mind. She was a great athletic director to work for and very supportive in all areas. As a tennis coach, it would be difficult to find someone with more knowledge of the game than her. I was always impressed by how she was able to explain the game to our kids. They were very fortunate to have her. She kept things simple and this allowed our players to succeed on the courts.

Mr. Larry Larson: What an absolute honor it is to salute Kathy Kinnard from 2,250 miles away in California. It was truly a joy to work along beside this great teacher and coach during my wonderful tenure at Grandview Heights Schools. Kathy was the ultimate professional in her roles in Grandview Heights Schools and her love of tennis was something I admired so much during my years as athletic director. It was so appropriate and deserved that she followed me in the role as athletic director after I retired from teaching. What fun times there were for me with the entire Kinnard family, with both Kelsie and Kylie as members of my outdoor education staff when they were in high

school. And what a joy it was to see Alan be as passionate about tennis as his wife. The highest of accolades go to you, my friend, and thank you, Kathy, for all you did for Grandview Heights. Keep smashing those tennis serves forever.

Student athletes Maria Ionno and Savina Reo thanked Mrs. Kinnard for her service coaching them in tennis and presented her with a large tennis ball signed by the tennis team. In particular, they thanked her for allowing athletes at all skill levels to participate and be successful on the tennis courts.

Special Presentation – Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation – Nicole Donovan, President

Education Foundation President Nicole Donovan, read the following statement:

Tonight is a really good example of some really great things coming together at the right time. This past year, the foundation celebrated 30 years since its inception. The school district is undergoing one of the largest construction and renovation projects hopefully in our lifetime and we are also realizing the importance of gathering in outdoor spaces due to the pandemic, which has delayed our 30-year celebration. Due to the foresight of our founding members 30 years ago, our residents, our parents, staff members, and our small businesses have invested the time and money to build and endowment for the education foundation. So, when Farrah initiated the discussion about how the foundation would celebrate 30 years, we knew immediately it was the right time to give back to the community in a significant way. With that, we are very excited to present the Board of Education a donation to help fund the enhancements in the form of an outdoor discovery space at Larson Middle School that will allow students the opportunity to learn, socialize and play in an outdoor environment. And, it will be a space that the communities of Marble Cliff and Grandview Heights can enjoy.

Board Member James Hunt presented Superintendent Andy Culp and Treasurer Beth Collier with a check for \$200,000.

Mr. Andy Culp read the following statement:

On behalf of the Grandview Heights Board of Education, the Grandview Heights School District, and most of all the staff and students of Larson Middle School, I wanted to extend a HEARTFELT, SINCERE, AND GIGANTIC “THANK YOU” to the Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Education Foundation. Your generous donation of \$200,000 to help fund enhancements to our site plan will be providing different and new student learning and discovery zones and engaging play areas as part of phase three of our site plan that will begin in February/March 2023.

I know that our Landscape Architecture firm, MKSK, under Rick Espe’s leadership will be working to garner user group feedback from Larson Middle School Staff, Students, and Parents in the coming weeks/months to make sure that this generous donation is fully actualized and user group feedback realized.

The Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation has already been a tremendous support and partner to Grandview Heights School district financially and otherwise, since their inception in 1991. Examples of their generosity includes but is not limited to: annual college scholarships to Grandview Heights senior graduates, supporting the creation of our wellness center, and the annual teacher grants that go towards supporting innovative instructional practices with and for our teachers and students.

This generous donation will have such a positive impact on the outdoor learning and discovery experience of our students through play, exploration, and collaboration for generations to come. We are so very appreciative of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Education Foundation’s generosity.

Thank you to the foundation board members for their leadership and their generosity to our school community!

Mr. Bode explained that in all the efforts and discussions to balance the construction budget, there are things that we are very proud of and there are areas where it would be nice if we could do a little bit more. The outdoor area of the construction project was one of those areas that had some untapped potential and this generous donation to improve the outdoor space is a wonderful opportunity to bring the outdoor space up to an A+ level. He expressed his appreciation to the foundation for their generous contribution for this area.

School Board Appreciation Month – Superintendent Andy Culp

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Superintendent Andy Culp recognized and thanked each board member for their continued service to the Grandview Heights Schools, reading the following statement:

January is School Board of Education Appreciation Month!

I would like to formally THANK each and every one of our 5 board members for their leadership and willingness to serve our community, our students and our school district! Thank you to each of you for your service. I would also like to officially welcome our new board member Katie Matney. I know I speak for our entire board when I say congratulations and welcome to our team. Congratulations to Eric Bode and Molly Wassmuth on successfully being elected to serve Grandview Heights Schools board of education.

In serving as a board member, you are a leader of our community and school district. I have learned that true leadership is about how one is able to serve others. Through your actions you all have demonstrated service above self. Your ability to be good listeners, learn from one another and our community, read and be prepared for the decisions that we have to make, will serve others well.

It is also true that none of you are running for personal gain or ego. Rather, it is your desire to be a part of something bigger than oneself and contribute to making Grandview Heights and Marble cliff community and our school district and MOST importantly our student's experience, a place to maximize and personalize every student's learning. To make it a SMALL PLACE TO DREAM big for each and every one of our students.

I thank each of you for your service and look forward to working with you in the coming years!

Governor Mike Dewine and Lieutenant governor Jon Husted have created a formal resolution for Board of Education Appreciation Month, that I would now like to read!

Construction Update

Mrs. Colleen Cross, Assistant Project Manager, Corna-Kokosing/Elford (CKE) provided the following update on the construction project:

- Demolition is substantially complete in the high school with the exception of some crawl spaces;
- Lintels have been installed, which are the structural steel pieces that create the large new openings for windows and overhead doors;
- Most of the shoring has been removed;
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work is continuing;
- Wall framing on the second floor has begun;
- A mock-up room will be completed soon allowing the team to assess the finishes;
- Window replacement on the first floor is continuing;
- Preparation is underway for the new rooftop units to power the HVAC; and
- Preparation for inwall inspections is underway.

Mr. Bode commented that it was nice to see the layout of the new classrooms, with about 50% more space than the old classrooms, and how much of a positive impact that will have on learning.

Stevenson Elementary Presentation – Principal Lisa Sullivan

Mr. Culp provided some background prior to Mrs. Sullivan's presentation. Annually, through a Continuous Improvement Plan, the district focuses on a narrow set of objectives so that the district can "move the needle" as it relates to those objectives and impact student learning. On a monthly basis, the leadership team provides, through a written report shared with the Board, examples of how each building and department is making progress on those stated objectives. Principals also present once annually to the Board to give a snapshot of what that progress towards the district objectives looks like in their respective building.

Mrs. Lisa Sullivan presented to the Board on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which is a framework for improving and integrating everything that the district does to help students be successful. It is a way for the district to support all students so that they feel engaged, joyful and safe.

The first component of PBIS is evaluating values. At Stevenson, the focus is on three core values: Work Hard, Be Kind, and Be Safe. Through this process, common expectations are created together such that students know what this means in terms of behavior in the classroom, in the office, and in their special activities.

Another component of the PBIS system is Responsive Classroom. This is a student-centered social and emotional learning approach that also helps students feel engaged and have a sense of belonging in the building. Part of this process is having students take ownership of those values and help solve problems or challenges in the building. One example she shared was pictures of posters the students created reminding each other to follow those core values by doing things such as being quiet in the hallways.

Mrs. Sullivan also shared Stevenson's focus on the learning attributes (e.g. collaboration, empathy, accountability, etc...) and explained how those are integrated into experiential learning and service learning projects in the building.

Public Comments

Mr. Jeff Wahl asked what the Board's plan is for removing the masking requirement.

Motion 22-058 (Minutes) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- a. Special Meeting, November 29, 2021
- b. Special Meeting, December 8, 2021
- c. Regular Meeting, December 8, 2021

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning

- At Stevenson Elementary, the "Difference Makers", under the guidance of Mrs. Doran, concluded their Spreading Warmth Drive. We had a goal of 78 bags, and were able to donate 200!
- In conjunction with December's learning attribute of Empathy, several Stevenson Elementary classes completed smaller service projects. For example, one class decided to help another school's clinic by donating items that they needed (underwear, socks, etc.) and our music teacher, Mr. Petit created a holiday "CD" to share with a local nursing home that included performances by each grade level and some featured soloists.
- Larson Middle School fifth grade gifted students hosted a drive in December to support students in foster care. They raised donations of personal items from backpacks to hygiene products. Items will be donated to the Stitched Together organization.
- Abby Mally, Counselor, Amber Nickels, Mental Health Specialist, and classroom teachers in grades 4-6 are working with students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades using Systems of Strength, a Social Emotional Learning program that is focused on several areas of support (perseverance, resilience, etc.)
- The GHHS eSports computers are now configured and the Technology Department will be working with the new GHHS eSports team, led by Joe Hecker, to get the students online and ready to compete later this month.
- The GHHS Student-Athlete Advisory Council went to Lifecare Alliance on December 10 to volunteer.
- The GHHS Wellness Center will be moved to the old Middle School during the first week of March.
- And Congratulations to ... Grandview coaches, James Gerdes (Boys Soccer) and Chris Szabo (Boys and Girls Cross Country)! They have been named Central District Coaches of the Year by ThisWeek News.

District Wide

- Breakfast and lunch participation continue to be at high rates at all three buildings. With the increase in federal reimbursements, along with high participation, the food service fund is in the positive.
- Recent constructions updates can be found here: <https://www.ghschools.org/apps/pages/construction>
- Next Hard Hat update is scheduled to be filmed on Friday, January 21, 2022. There should be a lot of new things to share visually with the community!
- Work has begun on the district's Quality Profile 2022

Community Engagement

Recent Press:

GHHS Junior Camille Akers Publishes Novel

<https://www.cityscenecolumbus.com/communities/tri-village/grandview-heights-junior-self-publishes-first-book-of-a-tril/>

Start Talking Grandview

<https://www.cityscenecolumbus.com/communities/tri-village/programs-help-prevent-drug-abuse-during-pandemic/>

Celebrating Kathy Kinnard

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2021/12/14/grandview-heights-kathy-kinnard-steps-down-as-boys-girls-tennis-coach/8900753002/>

State Report Card

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2021/12/20/schools-notebook-grandview-heights-high-marks-state-report-card-reflect-support-community/8934937002/>

Construction

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2021/12/30/grandview-heights-schools-2022-completion-second-phase-facilities-project-expected-end-year/8994985002/>

Sports

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2022/01/07/boys-basketball-role-changes-dont-faze-grandview-heights-bobcats-aiden-leslie/9058829002/>

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/grandview-heights/2021/12/17/bowling-kyrsten-willimott-having-ball-on-lanes-for-grandview-heights-bobcats/6483337001/>

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Beth Collier presented to the Board on the following:

December, 2021 Financial Report highlights:

General Fund (001):

- General Fund Revenues
 - **Taxes** – 2nd half settlement received; 47.0% of budget
 - **State Funding** – 49.5% of budget.
 - **Property Tax Allocation** – 2nd half settlement received; 49.3% of budget.
 - **Grandview Yard** – 2nd half settlement received; 52.1% of budget.
 - Interest Earnings (**Other Revenue**) for December, 2021: \$8,942.64.
- General Fund Expenditures
 - 6 months (50%) FYTD Budget
 - **Total FY Expenditures:** 47.9% of budget
- General Fund Investments
 - US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 1.18%

Construction Fund (004):

- Interest Earnings for December, 2021: \$52,677.52.
- Interest Earnings Project-to-Date: \$1,688,734 (net of \$57,604 investment advisory fees)
- 72.5% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 61.9% of Construction Costs have been spent.
- Current Fund Balance: \$21,707,380.15.
- Investments: 1.81% average yield to maturity.

Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Current Fund Balance: \$1,124,069.14.
- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$790,962.14.
- 5 Year Capital Plan in progress
 - FMX system training held 12/21/2021.
 - PI Committee meeting 1/11/2022 to discuss and prioritize 5-year needs.
- Upcoming expenditures:
 - GHHS Roof, \$250,260 + up to 20% for material cost escalation.
 - Trane HVAC control system for EI/LMS and Stevenson Elementary, \$29,715.
 - Baseball field improvements, \$5,220.

Other Funds

- Food Service Fund
 - \$38,348 balance at December 31, 2021
 - \$75,000 annual subsidy budgeted

- Kids Club Fund
 - \$31,506 balance at December 31, 2021
 - Fees increased effective January 1, 2022

Discussion

Mr. Bode commented that Kids Club finances were one topic that the Finance Committee has spent a lot of time and attention on after facing financial challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding closure of school and the Kids Club after-school program. The District has faced increased costs to retain staff due to current shortages in the labor market. Kids Club fees were adjusted effective January 1, 2022, to ensure the long-term financial stability of the program, accordingly.

Motion 22-059 (Treasurer’s Reports) Mrs. Gephart moved to approve the December, 2021 Treasurer’s reports and accept payment of the December, 2021 bills for all funds.

Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Recommendations from Superintendent to the Board of Education:

Motion 22-060 (Curriculum and Instruction) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. 2022-2023 Course Selection Handbook
Recommend the Board approve changes to the 2022-2023 Course Selection Handbook.

Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

Mr. Culp explained that there were no significant changes to the handbook from last year. Mr. Rob Brown added that there were a couple courses added to the handbook.

Mr. Bode asked if his understanding was correct that the handbook includes potential courses but the actual courses held will depend on student demand. He also asked if the two courses added were intended to be taught next year.

Mr. Brown confirmed they both are still in development, but the plan is that they will be taught as an elective.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

First Reading (Board Policy and Procedure)

1. Board Policy (First Reading)
Recommend the Board consider on first reading the following policy.
 - a. IKF – Graduation Requirements

Motion 22-061 (Business and Finance) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Resolution to Approve Tax Budget
Whereas, Section 5705.28(e) 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 2022-2023 tax budget and direct the Treasurer to submit the tax budget document to the County Auditor by January 20, 2022.

2. Resolution to Recognize District Support Groups for Liability Insurance and Other Purposes (RC 3313.20)
WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and acknowledges the enhancements provided by School District support groups (the "Support Groups"); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to extend the School District's liability insurance to the Support Groups in calendar year 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Grandview Heights City School District, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

Section 1.

The entities listed on Exhibit A attached hereto are recognized as Support Groups of the School District for liability insurance and other purposes. Following passage, a signed copy of this resolution shall be filed with the School District's insurance company.

Section 2.

As a condition of remaining a Support Group, such entity shall comply with all policies and practices of the School District.

Section 3.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

3. Then and Now Certifications

Recommend the Board approve the following Then-and-Now certifications:

PO #38140, John Curry, middle school dance dj
PO #37972, Versa Image Software Corp., student services document archival
PO #38167, Brad Bertani, mileage
PO #38165, Blick Art Materials, art supplies
PO #38231, VAT, Transportation to Biztown
PO #38066, Lakeshore Learning, classroom supplies
PO #38243, R Design, girls basketball programs
PO #38251, Carrie Szlag, reimburse food supplies for Bobcat Buddies open house

4. Selection of Design Professional for Athletic Complex

Recommend the Board approve the following resolution selecting Perkins & Will to serve as design professional for the Grandview Heights Athletic Complex Project (the "Project") and authorizing the negotiation of an agreement for required design services.

The Superintendent recommends Perkins & Will as the most qualified firm to serve as the Board's design professional for the Project and requests authority to negotiate an agreement with the firm for required design services.

Rationale:

1. Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65 through .71 outline a qualifications-based selection process, which is required to be followed by public entities when professional design services are needed.
2. The Board requires the services of a design professional to provide design and construction administration services for the Project.
3. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent and Treasurer issued a request for qualifications for professional design services and solicited qualifications from qualified firms to serve as the design professional.
4. Five (5) qualifications submittals were received and reviewed; a team of eight individuals then interviewed the top three firms and ranked them in order of qualifications as follows: (1) Perkins & Will; (2) MSA Sport; and (3) Triad Architects.

5. A proposal will be requested from Perkins & Will for the design services required and an agreement will be prepared for these services.
6. The qualifications received from all firms will be placed in the District's qualifications file for use on projects requiring services of an architect, engineer, surveyor, or landscape architect for which compensation will not exceed \$50,000, as long as the qualifications are current (not older than 1 year).

The Grandview Heights City School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board accepts the recommendation and selects Perkins & Will as the firm determined most qualified to serve as the design professional for the Project.
 2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent working with other administrators, the Owner Representative, and legal counsel to request a proposal from Perkins & Will and to negotiate an agreement with the firm to serve as the Board's design professional. The final agreement will be submitted to the Board for approval.
5. Asset Disposal
Recommend the Board approve the disposal of the following obsolete assets:
 - a. Printer, tag #7183
 - b. Printer, tag #6888
 - c. Printer, tag #7728
 6. Videography Services Contract
Recommend the Board approve a videography services contract for 2022.
 7. Construction Change Order
Recommend the Board approve construction change order #27.
 8. Donations
Recommend the Board accept the following donations:
 - a. \$5,000 to Grandview Heights High School from the Thomas C. and Tamea B. Sutphen Fund of The Columbus Foundation
 - b. \$260 to the Softball Team (visors) from the Bobcat Fastpitch Club
 - c. \$500 to the GHHS Girls Basketball Team from Brian O'Mara
 - d. \$30 to GHHS Girls Tennis for tennis flip scorecards from Alan Kinnard
 - e. \$35 cash donation from an anonymous donor
 - f. \$22 cash donation from an anonymous donor
 - g. Donation of food to the Holiday Basketball Tournament for athletes from Local Cantina
 - h. \$263.43 for student tickets to attend the State Championship Boys Varsity Soccer Game from the Bobcat Boosters
 - i. \$243.88 to the GHHS Boys and Girls Swimming Teams for equipment from the Bobcat Boosters
 - j. \$348 to the GHHS Girls Basketball Team for basketballs from the Bobcat Boosters
 - k. \$63 to the GHHS and LMS Boys & Girls Basketball Teams for scorebooks from the Bobcat Boosters

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-062 (Personnel) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Classified Resignations
Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignations:
 - a. Sheila Dulin; Custodian, effective 12/19/2021
 - b. John Given; Custodian, effective 1/14/2022

2. Certified Resignation
Recommend the Board accept the following certified resignation:
 - a. Naome Allison; Intervention Specialist, effective 5/27/2022
3. Certified 1-Year Limited Contracts
Recommend the Board approve the following certified 1-year contracts for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year only:
 - a. Elizabeth Montgomery; Intervention Specialist, V-MA+15, Step 10, \$76,635 per year, effective 1/17/2022
 - b. Leigha Haller; Intervention Specialist, VI-MA+30, Step 4, \$61,308 per year, effective 1/5/2022
4. Classified Notice of Appointments
Recommend the Board approve the following classified Notice of Appointments:
 - a. Dale Fultz; Custodian, Step 8, \$19.60 per hour, effective 1/10/2022
 - b. Jennifer Vincent; Sub Custodian, \$14.81 per hour, effective date is TBA pending successful background checks
 - c. Sean McCloud; Custodian, Step 1, \$17.42 per hour, effective date is 1/11/2022, conditionally employ until the criminal records check required by R.C. 3319.39 is completed and the Board receives the results of the criminal records check.
5. Licensed Stipend
Recommend the Board approve the following stipend for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a. Dan Colahan; RE Mentor for Leigha Haller (.5 FTE), \$625.00
6. Supplemental Contracts
Recommend the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:

Certificated
 - a. Ashley Artrip; Cheerleading, Varsity Assistant Coach, Fall, VI-1-4, \$1751.64
Non-Certificated
 - a. Alexis Ronnebaum; HS Robotics Coordinator, III-1-1, \$3,722.24
 - b. Ben McCollough; Tennis, Head Coach, Boys, III-1-1, \$3,722.24
7. DDC Stipend Reassignment
Recommend the Board approve the second half of the Special Education Representative stipend to be reassigned from Emily Long to:
 - a. Kristi Urig; \$625.00, funded by Grandview Heights Education Association
8. Training Days
Recommend the Board approve January 5, 2022, and January 12, 2022, as training days for the following certificated staff member, to be paid at her daily rate:
 - a. Elizabeth Montgomery; \$414.24 per day
9. Extended Unpaid Parental Leave
Recommend the Board approve the following Extended Unpaid Parental Leave request as it appears in the GHEA Agreement, Article VIII Unpaid Leave Section E:
 - a. Emily Long; Intervention Specialist, effective for the 2022-2023 school year

10. 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:
 - a. Brett Bradley; 7/31/2022
 - b. Jim Buffer; 7/31/2022
 - c. Quint Gage; 7/31/2022
 - d. Amy Gardner; 7/31/2022
 - e. Shawn Hinkle; 7/31/2022
 - f. Kyle Mahan; 7/31/2022

11. Spring Musical Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following Spring Musical Personnel, to be paid from the activity account (300-9105):
 - a. Thomas Stanley; Pit Musician, \$400
 - b. Dave Lehnus; Pit Musician, \$400

12. Job Descriptions
Recommend to the Board to approve the following updated Supplemental job descriptions.
 - a. Tennis, Head Coach, Boys Job Description
 - b. Tennis, Head Coach, Girls Job Description

13. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club new hires:
 - a. Susan Siders; Recreation Leader, effective 12/13/2021, \$15.72 per hour
 - b. Teuta Habilaj; Team Leader, effective 1/10/2022, \$16.62 per hour
 - c. Shayne Stein; Recreation Leader, effective date is TBA, \$15.20 per hour, pending successful background checks and work permit submission

14. Kids' Club Resignations
Recommend the Board accept the following Kids' Club resignations:
 - a. Anne Brown; Team Leader, effective 12/20/2021
 - b. Ashley Holder; Team Leader, effective 12/9/2021
 - c. Jasmeaka Johnson; Recreation Leader, effective 12/6/2021
 - d. Josette Blackwell; Recreation Leader, effective 12/21/2021
 - e. Susan Siders; Recreation Leader, effective 1/10/2022

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-063 (Co-Curricular Activities and Extracurricular Volunteers) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Volunteers
Recommend the board approve the following volunteers:
 - a. John Caleb Brazzell – Volunteer Coach
 - b. Miranda Palmer – Volunteer Coach

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion 22-064 (Adjourn) Mr. Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Guse, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.
President Bode declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer