

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting – February 16, 2022

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in special session in Room 2311 of the new Larson Middle School.

Call to Order: President Eric Bode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call	Members Present:	Members Absent:
	Eric Bode	
	Emily Gephart	
	Kevin Gusé	
	Katie Matney	
	Molly Wassmuth	

**Construction**

**Recommendation for Approval (Motion 22-074)** Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following:

1. Construction Change Order #29  
Recommend the Board approve construction change order #29 in the amount of \$220,458.62.

Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

Mr. Bode explained that he has struggled with this change order as he feels that the Core Team is not always getting updated information in a timely manner and, at times, feels the Board is asked to vote on a change order in an urgent manner without much time to evaluate it.

Mr. Bode explained to the Board members that the proposed change order includes additional costs related to the wood shop, primarily a dust collection system. He stated that the explanation for the system's added expense seems to have evolved. He has inquired about the standard for such a system and whether the existing system meets code, and what the reasons are for needing the new system. He explained that the goal has always been to limit wood shop enhancements to the \$95,000 donation that was received from the Sutphen family. Mr. Bode feels the bottom line is the existing plan was not done correctly; thus, the added costs now. However, Mr. Bode stated that he respects the professional opinion of Mr. Brad Gintert and if he feels that the system is needed, then Mr. Bode explained that he is supportive of it.

The second component of change order #29 is costs related to an upstairs cooridor in the high school. A wall that was initially planned to be removed must remain intact as it as been determined to be a structural wall. The proposed skylights in that space, however, will not be done due to cost constraints. Mr. Bode explained that he thinks keeping the wall intact will actually be good as it will provide a separation between the restrooms and the educational space.

Mr. Bode explained the third major component of the proposed change order is costs associated with creating a basement storage area in the high school.

Mr. Culp explained that there is a need for a central records storage area to house records that are required to be maintained in accordance with the district's records retention schedule.

Mr. Bode asked if this need was urgent and whether it could be removed from the proposed change order due to cost constraints.

Mr. Gephart asked whether there would be any lost efficiencies by potentially doing this work at a later time.

Mr. Culp explained that there would not be added costs with delaying this work and that it could be done at a later time.

Ms. Wassmuth agreed with postponing that work.

Mrs. Matney explained that with a renovation, there will always be some level of unexpected items that occur; however, she stated that it is disappointing some things were missed in the construction drawings leading to the higher costs with the dust collection system in the wood shop.

Mr. Bode moved to amend the existing motion to approve change order #29, with the exception of the costs associated with the basement storage area. He also requested the motion reflect the formal application of the \$95,000 of Sutphen family funds received to the additional costs associated with the wood shop.  
Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

Roll Call to Amend the Motion: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call to Approve the Amended Motion: Mr. Bode, aye; Mrs. Gephart, aye; Mr. Gusé, aye; Mrs. Matney, aye; Ms. Wassmuth, aye.  
Motion carried 5-0.

***Executive Session***

**Motion 22-075 (Enter Executive Session)** Ms. Wassmuth moved to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes:

1. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding.
2. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining/sessions with employees.

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.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m.

***Discussion***

The Board of Education discussed holding a special meeting on March 3, 2022, to hear input from the community regarding masking.

***Adjournment***

**Motion 22-076 (Adjourn)** Mr. Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bode 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