

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting – March 11, 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 8:15 a.m.

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

***Curriculum and Instruction & Personnel***

**Recommendation for Approval (Motion 22-086)** Mrs. Matney moved to approve the following:

1. 2022-2023 School Calendar (Final Reading)  
Recommend the Board approve on final reading the proposed 2022-2023 school calendar.
2. 2022-2023 Work Calendars  
Recommend the Board approve the 2022-2023 work calendars.

Mr. Gusé seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

The change in the 2022-2023 school calendar involves losing three instructional days and one professional development day to accommodate the move for grades 4-12 over winter break. Stevenson Elementary staff will participate in professional development and/or assist with the move during those four days.

Mr. Bode explained he is voting for the calendar change because those four days are designated as professional development days. He stated staff should be focused on professional activities that help advance the profession and stressed that these will not be optional days for staff who are not moving or who need less than four days to move. Mr. Bode stated that Stevenson Elementary staff could also consider site visits to other newly built or renovated elementary schools in the area.

Mr. Culp confirmed that is accurate. Staff are expected to work all four of those days, regardless of how long it takes them to move. He also stated that Stevenson staff could elect to visit several of the new Upper Arlington elementary schools.

Mr. Gusé asked if the four days in question are contractual days for teachers.

Mr. Culp confirmed they are contractual work days.

Mr. Bode reiterated that teachers who are finished moving early are expected to work on preparing their classrooms or helping other teachers move. He appreciated that these days were labeled as professional development and stated that as long as that is accurate, he supports it. He also suggested outlining clear expectations for staff in advance and specifically labeling those four days on the work calendar as “building move/building visits/professional development.”

Mrs. Matney asked if it was possible to coordinate offering childcare on the extra days over winter break.

Mrs. Gephart suggested working with the Grandview Heights Parks and Rec department to communicate these calendar changes and help ensure there are some programming options for students on those extra days.

Mrs. Gephart also explained that the common complaints she typically hears from parents regarding the school calendar are that the school year starts too early and the timing of spring break, and she explained that these changes don't address either of those complaints. She stated that while she will vote to support the calendar change, she is not

happy with the three-week winter break for students. She stated that she believes it is excessive and that students could actually benefit from more instructional time following the last two years of COVID, not less instructional time.

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

***Adjournment***

**Motion 22-087 (Adjourn)** Mr. Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Matney seconded the motion.

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

President Bode declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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President

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Treasurer