

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – June 30, 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 8:30 a.m.

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

Business and Finance

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 22-113) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. 2021-2022 Final Estimated Revenue and Appropriations
Recommend the Board approve the 2021-2022 final estimated revenue and appropriations at the fund level.
2. 2022-2023 Estimated Revenue and Appropriations
Recommend the Board approve the 2022-2023 estimated revenue and appropriations at the fund level.
3. Advances
Recommend the Board approve advances from the General Fund to the following funds, to be repaid upon receipt of grant funds:

a.	2021 Education Foundation Grants (018-9054)	\$15,750.22
b.	ESSER III Grant (507-9023)	12,989.56
c.	Title VI-B ARP (516-9922)	1,087.10
d.	Title I Expanding Opportunities Grant (572-9922)	2,246.97

Mr. Bode seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 22-114) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following:

1. Certificated Staff
Recommend the Board approve the following certificated staff contracts for the 2022-2023 year:
 - a. JoLynn Wheatley, Mental Health Specialist, MA, Step 10
 - b. Kyle Precht, Intervention Specialist, MA, Step 3
2. Transition Days
Recommend the Board approve up to five (5) transition work days for JoLynn Wheatley at her per diem rate of pay in accordance with the terms of her employment contract.
3. Classified Staff Resignation
Recommend the Board accept the following resignation:
 - a. Gloria Muetzel, Cook, effective end of 2021-2022 school year
4. Classified Staff Notice of Appointments
Recommend the Board approve the following classified staff Notice of Appointments:
 - a. Christopher Tallon, Custodian, Step 3, \$18.57/hr., pending successful background check
5. Kids' Club Staff Resignations
Recommend the Board accept the following Kids' Club resignations:

- a. Ross Davie, Recreation Leader, effective 7/2/2022
 - b. Karen Williams, Team Leader, effective 6/11/2022
6. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club staff member:
- a. Chuck Amicon, Recreation Leader, \$16.26 per hour, effective 6/28/2022

Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Other – House Bill 616 Letter of Opposition

Action Taken by Board of Education (Motion 22-115) Ms. Wassmuth moved to approve the following letter of opposition to House Bill 616 currently pending in the Ohio Legislature:

As leaders in Grandview Heights Schools, we are unified in opposition to HB 616, which seeks to impair our ability to fully embrace, support, and affirm all students. This bill is in alignment with other bills that are appearing across the country. At its core, this bill, in an unprecedented way, seeks to regulate curriculum and instruction and strips away our Board of Education's right relative to local control. This bill encourages an environment of exclusion and intolerance and has no place in public education.

Ohio's HB 616 goes a step further than the recent legislation passed in Florida. Not only does the bill devalue our minority and LGBTQIA+ students and communities, but HB 616 also aims to suppress dialogue and perpetuate an inaccurate understanding of our history. It is a fundamental threat to our belief in—and our commitment to—honesty in our schools and local control.

In Grandview Heights Schools, we teach History and Social Studies courses aligned to the Ohio Learning Standards. We teach U.S. History and the understanding of oneself as part of a community, so students of all backgrounds feel seen, heard, and valued in their learning and understanding of all curriculum. As a public school district, it is our responsibility to provide a comprehensive and honest depiction of our history in an open, supportive, culturally responsive, and psychologically safe environment for ALL students to learn and grow.

Grandview Heights Schools is a school district that is deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We want every student and family to know they belong and that we see and value them.

It is our goal to create an environment of belonging where every student who walks through our school doors everyday will learn, work, and live with dignity and respect—free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

We implore our state legislators to not only vote this bill (and others like it) down but to vocally speak up against the divisiveness these bills cause to the students of Ohio. We also ask all other educational institutions, government bodies, students, families, non-profits, businesses, and the community to stand with us and speak out against this proposed limitation of a foundational principle of democracy and local control in education.

Sincerely,

Eric Bode, President, Board of Education
Emily Gephart, Vice-President, Board of Education
Kevin Gusé, Member, Board of Education
Katie Matney, Member, Board of Education
Molly Wassmuth, Member, Board of Education
Andy Culp, Superintendent
Beth Collier, Treasurer/CFO

Mr. Bode seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The Board discussed sending a copy of the letter to the following:

- Sponsor of the bill;
- House Leadership;
- Chair and Ranking Members of the Committee hearing the bill; and
- Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff State Representatives.

The Board also discussed sharing a copy of the letter with the district teaching staff.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion 22-116 (Adjourn) Ms. Wassmuth moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gephart seconded the motion.

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

President Bode declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer