

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – May 10, 2023

The Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education met in regular session in the Larson Middle School Media Center.

Call to Order: President Emily Gephart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation for Approval (Motion 23-077) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular Meeting, April 12, 2023
2. Special Meeting, April 27, 2023

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.

Recognition of Guests and Hearing of the Public

Hearing of the Public – GHHS Students Sophia Szabo-Ramsey and Rowan Mueller

GHHS students Sophia Szabo-Ramsey and Rowan Mueller read the following statement:

We are both student leaders of the Bobcat Anti-Racism Collective (BARC). We are grateful to be in a school that offers clubs like BARC and we want to share our support for continuing honesty in education.

BARC is a group of student leaders that actively try to combat racism and raise awareness of our past or ongoing issues mainly concerning race. We have hosted movie nights, general meetings, have provided resources to combat racism, and more.

It is valuable to learn about the past in order to correct and acknowledge our previous mistakes. Ignoring issues such as racism does not make it go away.

There are House Bills being proposed across the country, including Ohio, to limit honesty in education and the discussion of divisive concepts. We are glad that our school does its best to promote diversity and valuable discussions, even about hard things at times, which helps us grow as critical thinkers. We hope this continues because it unites our district and community. Thank you.

Recognition – Ohio Auditor of State Award

Ms. Victoria Rykaczewski, legislative aide for Ohio Representative Allison Russo, presented the District, on behalf of Representative Russo, with a commendation in recognition of the District's 2022-2023 Auditor of State Award.

Recognition – Columbus Symphony Orchestra Elementary Music Educator of the Year

Mrs. Angela Ullum recognized Mr. Brian Petit for being selected as the Columbus Symphony Orchestra's Elementary Music Educator of the Year. Mrs. Ullum read the nomination letter that she submitted for this award:

I've had the privilege to lead Brian, who is a dedicated, creative, student-centered music teacher, who cares deeply for his students, colleagues, and the Grandview community.

Mr. Petit has a strong belief in music pedagogy and a vision for what his students should know and be able to do by the end of their elementary experience. He's written a spiral curriculum that builds in complexity through the grade levels. His daily lessons are broken down to skills that build upon foundation and understanding of music concepts, as students play instruments, sing songs, dance, and play games. He uses

children's literature to bring cultural awareness and understanding to various forms of music. Brian and his special area colleagues have had cultural evenings at Stevenson that bring together the Latin culture, music, movement, and language.

Mr. Petit has always met every new situation with a positive and creative mindset. When he was told that he would have to travel to the middle school to teach a music section, he accepted the challenge by writing a grant for guitars. He developed the course and taught the students how to play. Although he is back solely at the elementary school, his guitar course is still being taught.

During the pandemic, he created the same enthusiasm and rich experience for his students as if they were in his classroom. He learned to use and integrate multiple technology platforms to support students and families in his virtual classroom, and parents and students looked forward to music every day during the pandemic.

Brian builds relationships with students and colleagues and parents. He has offered to work with our students who are non-verbal in his free time to bring more music into their days. He has been part of behavior modification plans for students who may struggle in the classroom, but they thrive in music. And he has spent time with students who just want to share their musical talents with him. He does private trumpet lessons for many of his former students and he encourages all students to follow their dreams and try new things. He supports his colleagues by helping develop the master schedule. He covers extra classes when we are short with substitutes. He brings treats on Fridays and he's always there to listen, encourage, and support. Brian also supports the community by participating in school events, creating music nights for families to share with loved ones and opening its classroom doors.

Brian Petit is an exemplary teacher, a natural leader, and an incredibly kind human being. He is someone I admire and I am thankful that my students have had the privilege to have Mr. Petit as their music teacher.

Retirement Celebration – Connie Fonow, Barb McCauley, Linda Teach, William Amurgis

Mrs. Lisa Sullivan, Stevenson Elementary Principal, recognized Mrs. Connie Fonow, Mrs. Barb McCauley, and Mrs. Linda Teach for their dedication and years of service to the students and families of Stevenson Elementary School. Mrs. Sullivan shared a video of Stevenson Elementary students explaining why these teachers are so special and what they recommend for them in their retirement.

Stevenson Elementary teachers Stephanie Doran, Paula Oswald, and Joe Liptrap also read a poem in recognition of the retiring Stevenson Elementary teachers.

Superintendent Andy Culp recognized Mr. William Amurgis, GHHS Math Teacher, on his retirement as follows:

It is with great pleasure today that I am here to speak with you about William Amurgis, who has spent the last five years as a math teacher at the high school. In this relatively short time, William has made an enormous impact on the lives of countless students and on the high school community as a whole. What makes William's story even more special is that all five of his children attended Grandview Heights Schools as well. This speaks volumes about his commitment to education and to the community.

Throughout his time at Grandview Heights High School, William has been an integral part of the school and the surrounding area. He has been involved in countless activities, organized events, and has been a beloved and respected member of our community. His dedication and commitment to education has been unwavering and he has always gone above and beyond to ensure that every one of his students receives the best possible education.

In addition to his work as a teacher, William has also had an interesting and varied career outside of education. He began his professional life in the business world, but eventually found his true calling in the classroom, and we sure are glad that he did. His unique perspective and personality brought application to his math lessons and a connection in his conversations.

As William prepares to move on from Grandview Heights High School, it is clear that he will be greatly missed by all of his students, all of his colleagues, and community members alike. His passion for teaching and his dedication to his students have been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

So, to William, we say thank you. Thank you for the five years of service to Grandview Heights High School, your tireless dedication and your unwavering commitment to the students and the community. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavors and know that you will continue to make a positive impact on everything that you touch.

Superintendent Andy Culp presented each of the retirees with a wind chime as a small token of appreciation.

Recognition – Start Talking Grandview Advocate Award

On behalf of Ms. Allison Gesner Rooney, Ms. Hayley Head read the following statement:

Good evening. Thank you for having Start Talking Grandview (STG) tonight. STG is committed to raising informed and respectful conversations around substance use and misuse and its impact on individuals, families, and our community. We are fortunate to live in a community that cares. We are fortunate for the partnership with Grandview Heights Schools. This year, Louis Essig, a graduate, shared his addiction and recovery story with the students in the high school biology classes.

Start Talking Grandview provided seniors and parents with tips on how to enjoy prom safely and substance-free. And during Alcohol and Drug Fact Week, 644 students across our middle school and high school submitted quizzes that were filled with facts and myths around the risks of marijuana, vaping, gambling, and more.

Tonight, Start Talking Grandview is here to present its third annual Prevention Advocate Award. This award is to recognize a staff or community member, who engages with students and youth in ways that promote positive mental health and, in so doing, promote prevention of substance misuse.

This year's Start Talking Grandview Senior Scholarship recipient is here to join in the presentation. Mia Smith was selected for the Start Talking Grandview scholarship this year as she has demonstrated her own commitment to living a healthy lifestyle that demonstrates that substance free can be fun. And, she shares Start Talking Grandview's commitment to educating people about the impacts that substance misuse can have on people and their loved ones. Tonight, Mia is actually going to present the Start Talking Grandview Prevention Advocate Award. This is an award that is driven by student input and voted on by the Board.

GHHS Student Mia Smith read the following:

I would like to start by thanking Allison Rooney and the Start Talking Grandview team for the scholarship and the opportunity to help spread the Start Talking Grandview message. As someone who has experienced firsthand the effects of substance misuse on a family, the importance of a program like Start Talking Grandview is very crucial.

Additionally, I want to bring attention to the wonderful Marc Alter for being not only a great teacher, but a great mentor and an incredible person. He has always supported my creativity and my being. In addition to me as a student, Mr. Alter creates an environment that allows students to feel comfortable as their true selves in his classroom. The students at Grandview that don't fit in with the cool kids or the students that don't have safe homes, those students have found refuge in his classroom.

Mr. Alter ensures student safety and wellbeing before academics, which is so crucial in high school these days. The most significant lesson I learned from him was to value my own thought processes and continue to learn from myself. Because Mr. Alter creates a safe space for his students, and he truly cares about each individual person, I believe that he has done so much for our community and Start Talking Grandview. He supports students regardless of their identity, character, or being. Mr. Alter inspires me and other students daily and I'm grateful for the opportunity to thank him here tonight.

Presentation – The Science of Reading Curriculum

Mrs. Angela Ullum presented to the Board on new curriculum that is recommended by the District's Dyslexia Committee to be utilized to meet the requirements of the new Dyslexia Law. A copy of the presentation is attached to this official record of the meeting minutes.

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning

- All Arts Day was held on Friday, April 30. Students were able to work with a landscape architect to plant plants around Stevenson Elementary that will return annually. Students were also able to work with School of Rock, create nature mandalas, and create art through weaving.
- Second grade brought their field trip to Stevenson Elementary. As students are learning about past and present, Bring the Farm to You brought various examples of what life for kids their age used to look like. Students were able to practice using a washboard to do laundry, play with various toys, and even practice walking with stilts.
- As part of their music education experience, third grade students enjoyed a field trip to see the Columbus Symphony on May 3.
- On May 10, the Columbus Zoo will be visiting Stevenson Elementary to teach students about various animals, their habitats, and their adaptations.
- Stevenson Elementary Field Day/Wellness Day will take place on Thursday, May 11. Students will spend half of the day playing games and then the other half of the day students will participate in an assembly with Basketball Jones where they will talk about grit and having a growth mindset.
- Larson Middle School fourth graders visited our State House to learn more about how our state government operates on May 3. This coincides with their government learning in social studies this trimester.
- The fifth and sixth grade Outdoor Education Camps are scheduled in the coming weeks and our students, staff, and high school counselors are ready to go!
- Larson Middle School will soon meet within their Bobcat Groups for the last time this school year to reflect on the overall benefits of the program and to evaluate where we can improve for the upcoming school year.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!** The GHHS Grandview Singers have received straight SUPERIOR ratings at State OMEA, marking the 17th consecutive overall state superior rating for this ensemble.
- Sponsored by the GHHS Bobcat Antiracism Collective, a student-led initiative, and as part of a speaker series designed to bring diverse voices and experiences to students, Benjamin Jealous shared with GHHS students about his life experiences as an activist, civil rights leader, and community organizer.
- GHHS held its Scholarship Night Ceremony, honoring many of seniors and continuing our strong partnerships with vital stakeholders. A total of \$9,648,761 in scholarships have been offered to the Class of 2023.
- GHHS held its 10th annual Academic Signing Ceremony, honoring many of our seniors, families, and staff. This ceremony celebrates students who are offered \$5,000 per year in scholarships/per four years of college.
- The GHHS National Honor Society inducted 39 new members this spring.
- The GHHS 7th Annual Explore Fair was held whereby students shared discoveries about their curiosity, passions, thinking, learning, and the questions that have driven them throughout the school year
- Working with our Poet in Residence Peter Kahn, GHHS held its first ever Poetry Slam. Representatives from each grade level competed to move on to the Central Ohio competition in May. Judges included Mr. Wion, school board member Emily Gephart, and GHHS alum and professional poet Hannah Stephenson.
- Bob Ghiloni has accepted the position of Head Boys Basketball Coach. Bob was formerly the head coach at Bishop Ready for 15 years and Denison University for 18 years. Welcome, Coach Ghiloni!
- Our 108th Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m.

District Wide

- On May 2, the Stevenson Elementary Planning & Programming Committee held its first of three day-long meetings with architects Perkins&Will. The next two meetings will be June 14 and August 10.
- On May 8, Fairview Avenue closed to vehicle traffic between West Third and West First Avenue due to the continuing Fairview Avenue construction project. We appreciate the continued flexibility of our families and neighbors!
- On June 13, Grandview Heights School will host a joint professional development day with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio.
- Our Strategic Planning Process is on track. Stay updated here https://www.ghschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=3486242&type=d&pREC_ID=2392255

Community Engagement

- As we wind down the 2022-2023 school year, I want to take a moment to thank so many for their support throughout this school year. Our families, volunteers, PTOs, booster groups, city and library partners, school neighbors, residents, and surrounding business community are truly engaged in our mission to maximize and personalize every student's learning. Thank you for all YOU do for our students!

Construction

Construction Progress Update

Mrs. Colleen Cross, Assistant Project Manager, Corna-Kokosing/Elford (CKE), provided the following recent highlights of the construction project site plan:

- Underground storm work and electrical conduit is nearly complete.
- Light pole bases have been installed.
- Concrete work has begun, including the bases for the playground equipment.
- The curb along the turn-around has been installed.
- Asphalt will begin by the end of the month.
- Oakland Ave. parking lot work will begin as soon as school is out.
- The CKE team continues to coordinate with the City of Grandview Heights for the Fairview Avenue work that is also taking place.

Core Team Report

Mr. Bode reported the Core Team has been discussing and working on the following:

- A review of the entire site plan including landscaping, fencing, etc...
- A \$201,000 school safety grant that has recently been awarded to the district.
- Additional storm water detention related to the high school track replacement project.
- A new projector and screen is needed for the GHHS auditorium.
- The district is working through some issues with the HVAC systems in the new buildings.
- The district is working with the vendors to address damage done to the middle school gym floor by the bleachers.
- The district is working to develop a solution to the outdoor spigots not being replaced in the construction drawings.
- Planning for security camera to monitor the new playground area.

Business and Finance

Finance Presentation

Treasurer Beth Collier presented the following financial highlights:

General Fund (001)

- General Fund Revenues
 - Taxes – 1st half 2023 settlement rec'd; 102.6% of budget.
 - State Funding – 85.3% of budget.
 - Property Tax Allocation – Pending 1st half settlement; 49.0% of budget.
 - Grandview Yard – 1st half 2023 settlement rec'd; 110.8% of budget.
 - Interest Earnings (Other Revenue) for April 2023: \$48,272.69.
- General Fund Expenditures
 - FYTD Budget: 10 months (83.3%)
 - Total FY Expenditures: 83.3% of budget
- General Fund Investments
 - US Bank Investment account: average yield to maturity 2.53%
 - Star Ohio Yield – 5.07%

Construction Fund (004):

- Interest Earnings for April, 2023: \$16,415.63.
- Interest Earnings Project-to-Date: \$1,968,132 (net of investment advisory fees)
- 88.8% of Soft Costs have been spent.
- 93.8% of Construction Costs have been spent.
- Current Fund Balance: \$4,080,436.42
- Investments: 1.38% average yield to maturity.
- Star Ohio: 5.07% yield on liquid funds.

Permanent Improvement Fund (003):

- Unreserved Fund Balance: \$73,346.28
- Upcoming expenditures:
 - Window safety film - \$10,445
 - Track Replacement: \$912,543 (including design and owner's rep)
 - Stevenson Elementary programming - \$108,500 base cost
 - GHHS Technology Infrastructure – 7,835.50
 - GHHS Auditorium Projector – 14,300.35

- **5 Year Forecast**
 - Forecast Uncertainties
 - State Budget
 - Labor Contracts
 - Grandview Yard PILOT's
 - Changes since November, 2022 Forecast
 - Property Taxes – increased public utility property value and new construction
 - Grandview Yard PILOT's – increased 2023 revenue projections
 - Overall Summary
 - Stable Forecast
 - Cash Balance FY 2027 increased from \$8.6 million to \$11.3 million
 - Unreserved Cash Balance FY 2027 increased from \$5.2 million to \$7.8 million
 - Local revenue accounts for 88% of operating revenue
 - Salaries & Benefits account for 79% of expenditure budget

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Bode and Ms. Wassmuth reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the following:

- Lunch prices
- 5-Year Forecast
- Capital financing options

First Reading

1. School Lunch Prices

Recommend the Board consider on first reading increasing Type A school lunch prices as follows, effective for the 2023-2024 school year:

a.	Stevenson Elementary	\$3.50
b.	Larson Middle School	3.75
c.	Grandview Heights High School	4.25

Discussion

Ms. Collier explained that as part of evaluating staffing considerations for the food service department over the past several months, Mr. Kyle Mahan has recommended increasing student lunch prices by \$0.25 for grades K-3 and by \$0.50 for grades 4-12 beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. These proposed price increases are intended to help offset increasing food costs. The district has raised lunch prices only once in the last 18 years.

Mrs. Matney asked whether the proposed increase would allow for more food choices or scratch cooking.

Ms. Collier explained that the Finance Committee recently reviewed financial projections for the Food Service Fund showing an operating deficit of \$83,000 without a price increase versus a deficit of \$57,000 with the proposed price increase. While the intent of the district is not to cover the entire costs of the food service operation with meal charges and federal subsidies, the Finance Committee does recommend the price increase as a way to help with the projected spending deficit. The intent of the proposed increases are not to add additional options at this point.

Ms. Wassmuth added that Mr. Mahan had benchmarked lunch prices with other similar districts and the new proposed prices are in line with all of them.

Mrs. Gephart asked whether the prices of ala carte food items were being evaluated also.

Ms. Collier explained that Mr. Mahan is also currently evaluating the prices of ala carte items. Without price increases, the margins on those products have decreased substantially.

Mrs. Gephart also asked why the proposed price increases were different between K-3 and 4-12.

Mr. Culp, Ms. Collier, and Ms. Wassmuth stated that they believed it was due to the difference in food options and portion sizes between the buildings, but they would follow-up with Mr. Mahan to confirm.

Ms. Wassmuth also explained that the Finance Committee wanted to start with a First Reading to give parents an opportunity to provide feedback and plenty of time to plan for next school year.

Mrs. Gephart asked whether the proposed price increase would have any impact on the price students who qualify for reduced-priced lunches would pay.

Ms. Collier confirmed that the reduced-price lunch and corresponding federal subsidy are set by the USDA and that raising full-priced lunches would have no impact on the price of a reduced lunch.

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-078) Mr. Bode moved to approve the following:

1. April Financial Reports
Recommend the Board approve the April 2023 financial reports.
2. 5 Year Forecast
Recommend the Board approve the 5-year forecast.
3. Budget Adjustments
Recommend the Board approve the following adjustments:

Estimated Revenue

2022 GHMCEF Grants (018-9055)	\$250.00
Class of 2023	1,240.98
Kids Club (020-9001)	20,000.00
Food Service (006)	75,000.00

Appropriations

2022 GHMCEF Grants (018-9055)	\$250.00
Class of 2023	1,240.98
Kids Club (020-9001)	20,000.00
Food Service	100,000.00

4. Then and Now Certification
Recommend the Board approve the following then and now certifications:

PO 40849, Ashley Stahurski, bowling supplies reimbursement
PO 40918, Gateway Fence Co, fence repair
PO 40907, John Heirtlein, athletic sponsorship banner
PO 40913, VAT, field trip transportation
PO 40876, Lowes, supplies
PO 40560, Shawn Hinkle, classroom supplies
PO 40932, Andy Culp, reimbursement
PO 40852, Carmen's Distribution Systems, supplies
PO 40928, Follett, library books
PO 40795, Midwest Installation Group, equipment rental
PO 40933, Tom Tyne, floor cleaning
PO 40376, Cintas Corporation, supplies
PO 40952, Columbus City Schools, 2021-22 career tech
PO 40874, VISA, grounds supplies
PO 40811, VISA, grounds supplies
PO 40906, VISA, cafeteria supplies
PO 40806, VISA, supplies
PO 40546, JoLynn Wheatley, mileage reimbursement
PO 40955, School Specialty, classroom supplies
PO 40887, Bexley City Schools, track entry fee
PO 40971, Elevator Service Holdings LLC, service
PO 40988, Educational Service Center, preschool services
PO 41003, Kimber Bandy, baseball team meal reimbursement
PO 41004, Kathy Greer, baseball team meal/concessions reimbursement
PO 41009, META, zoom licenses'
PO 40086, Truth Seeker Productions, auditorium speakers
PO 40992, Jamie McClary, meeting supplies
PO 40978, Kroger, classroom supplies
PO 41050, City of Grandview Heights, engineering inspection

PO 41051, Cell Site Capital, LLC, consulting

5. Columbus State Community College
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Columbus State Community College for College Credit Plus for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Disposal of Assets
Recommend the Board approve the disposal of obsolete assets.
7. Julian & Grube
Recommend the Board approve an agreement with Julian & Grube, CPAs, for GAAP conversion services for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

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.

Personnel

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-079) Mrs. Matney moved to approve the following:

1. Classified Resignations
Recommend the Board accept the following classified resignation:
 - a. Vicki Rush; Paraprofessional, effective end of the 2022-2023 school year
2. One-Year Certificated Contracts
Recommend the Board approve the following one-year certificated contracts effective for the 2023-2024 school year, pending successful results of background checks.
 - a. Isabelle Maurer; 6th Grade Teacher, BA, Step 3, \$50,980
 - b. Anna Roth; 7th Grade Teacher, IV-MA, Step 2, \$55,614
 - c. Amanda Graver; Intervention Specialist, IV-MA, Step 3, \$57,931
 - d. Emmalee Sima; 1st Grade Teacher, III-BA, Step 6, \$60,249
 - e. Ben McCollough; PE/Health Teacher, IV-MA, Step 1, \$53,297
3. Certificated Staff for Reappointment
Recommend the Board approve the following certificated staff for reappointment:

One-Year Limited Teacher Contracts
Christine France; 1 year (Retire/Rehire)
Joan Grundey; 1 year (Retire/Rehire)
Jane O'Shaughnessy; 1 year (Retire/Rehire)
Kelly Berlin; 2nd year
Lindsey Harper; 3rd year
Emily Mascia; 2nd year
Alexandra McKahan; 2nd year
Elizabeth Montgomery; 2nd year
Jennifer Olis; 2nd year
Kyle Precht; 2nd year
Adam Smale; 2nd year
Thomas Stanley; 3rd year
Carrie Szlag; 3rd year
Anthony Wappner, 2nd year
JoLynn Wheatley; 2nd year

Two-Year Limited Teacher Contracts

Amy Elliott
Katherine Konrad
Marissa Osborn

Three-Year Limited Teacher Contracts

Natalie Ashbrook
Meredith Beam
Julia Grawemeyer
Amy Hamilton
Abby Mally
Katherine McIntyre
Maria Murphy
Trillion Richter
Elizabeth Weaver

Five-Year Limited Teacher Contracts

Rob Ballinger
Brad Gintert

4. Administrator Contracts

Recommend the Board approve the following administrator contracts, effective August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026:

- a. Kristina Brannon; Human Resources Coordinator, \$80,000
- b. Chris Deis; Chief Technology Officer, \$133,602
- c. Jamie McClary; EMIS and Data Coordinator, \$63,879
- d. Matt Mowry; Systems Administrator, \$85,280
- e. Lisa Sullivan; Stevenson Principal, \$106,090

5. Administrator Contract Addendum:

Recommend the Board approve a contract addendum for Jim Buffer, Director of Operations, effective August 1, 2023, \$111,240.

6. Administrator/Supervisor Salaries:

Recommend the Board approve the following administrator/supervisor salaries, effective August 1, 2023:

- a. Brad Bertani; Athletic Director, \$112,584
- b. Jennie Clifton; Assistant Treasurer, \$101,787
- c. Kyle Mahan; Director of Food Services, \$61,257
- d. Denise McGee; Student Services and Information Coordinator, \$53,045
- e. Angie Ullum; Chief Academic Officer, \$133,025
- f. Rob Brown; Chief Student Growth and Development Officer, \$125,915
- g. Shawn Hinkle; Principal, \$108,150
- h. Sam Belk; Principal, \$118,450
- i. Matt Wion; Assistant Principal, \$88,000
- j. Amy Gardner, Director of Kids' Club, \$56,822

7. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Contract

Recommend the Board approve a one-year contract for Hayley Head, \$59,616, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

8. Licensed Stipends

Recommend the Board to approve the following 5th Grade Camp licensed stipends for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. Roni Pettit \$600
- b. Jill Walker \$600
- c. Amy Elliott \$600
- d. Jenny Callif \$600
- e. Lindsey Harper \$600
- f. Adam Smale \$600
- g. Stacy Sauer \$600
- h. Thomas Stanley \$600
- i. Abby Mally \$600

- j. Rachel Smith \$600
- k. Becky Lee \$600
- l. Elizabeth Page \$600
- m. Sarah Hoepf \$600

9. Non-Certificated Supplemental Contract

Recommend the Board approve Bob Ghiloni, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Class I, Step 3, \$8,110.45, for the 2023-24 school year, pending successful completion of background check and Ohio Department of Education licensure.

10. Extended Days for the 2023-2024 School Year

Recommend the Board approve the following extended days for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Marc Alter, Explore Program Director – 5 days
- b. Stephanie Doran, Counselor – 3
- c. Amy Elliott, Nurse – 15
- d. Jessica Fields, 21st Century Learning Coach – 15
- e. Kristi Jump, Media Specialist – 3
- f. Erin Engle, Media Specialist – 2
- g. Abby Keller, School Psychologist – 8
- h. Abby Mally, Counselor – 10
- i. Jane O’Shaughnessy, Counselor – 3
- j. Paula Oswald, Bookroom – 1
- k. Shellie Self, Bookroom – 1
- l. Bryan Stork, Counselor – 20
- m. Kelly Berlin, Psychologist – 5
- n. JoLynn Wheatly, Mental Health Specialist – 1
- o. Allison Kukura, Teacher – 1

11. Extended School Year Instruction

Recommend the Board to approve the following staff to provide Extended School Year instruction at \$50.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2023:

- a. Kristi Urig
- b. Carrie Szlag
- c. Kyle Precht
- d. Beth Montgomery
- e. Stacy Sauer
- f. Adam Smale
- g. Sophie Turner
- h. Nathan Rini
- i. Amanda Graver

12. Orton-Gillingham Summer Instruction

Recommend the Board approve the following staff to provide Orton-Gillingham summer instruction at the rate of \$60.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2023:

- a. Carrie Szlag
- b. Kyle Precht
- c. Beth Montgomery
- d. Adam Smale
- e. Sophie Turner
- f. Amanda Parnell
- g. Hope McDonald

13. Degree Advancements

Recommend the Board approve the following degree advancements for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Elizabeth Montgomery; MA+30
- b. Shellie Self; MA+45

14. FMLA Requests
Recommend the board approve the following FMLA requests:
 - a. Katelyn Burkholder; intermittent FMLA for up to 60 days effective March 14, 2023
15. Job Description
Recommend the Board to approve the following updated job description:
 - a. Middle School Cheer Coach
16. Kids' Club Personnel
Recommend the Board approve the following Kids' Club new summer hire:
 - a. Sarah Smith; Team Leader (summer only), \$16.62 per hour, effective 5/30/2023 pending successful results of background checks
17. Kids' Club Resignations
 - a. Marie Burkhart; Recreation Leader, effective 7/29/2022
18. Kids' Club Personnel Changes
Recommend the Board approve the following changes Kids' Club personnel changes:
 - a. Stephanie Adams; from substitute to summer only status, \$16.34 per hour, effective 6/1/23
 - b. Zhao Ziuyi; from substitute to summer only status, \$16.07 per hour, effective 6/1/23
19. Kids' Club Assistant Director Contract
Recommend the Board to approve a one-year contract for Cassie Koehler as Assistant Director of Kids' Club, \$48,204, effective 7/1/2023- 6/30/2024.

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.

Curriculum and Instruction

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-080) Mr. Gusé moved to approve the following, with the correction of a clerical error on the 2024-25 school calendar (January 6th should be noted as a teacher work day instead of January 5th in the calendar legend.)

1. Roster of Candidates for Graduation (Tentative)
Recommend, in accordance with Section 3313.61 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the Board approve the candidates for graduation, pending formal approval of the high school principal.
2. 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Calendars
Recommend the Board consider on second reading the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school calendars.

Mr. Bode seconded the motion

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Co-Curricular Activities and Extracurricular Activities

Recommendations for Approval (Motion 23-081) Mrs. Matney moved to approve the following:

1. Field Trip
Recommend the Board approve a field trip to Cedar Point, Ohio, for the GHHS Girls Basketball Team for a shoot-out:
 - a. June 12-13, 2023
 - b. 15 students / 2 chaperones
 - c. \$1,150 for lodging/camp fees funded by the Girls Basketball Account; \$150 for food cost per student and funded by parent(s)
 - d. Transportation provided by school vans

2. Field Trip
Recommend the Board approve a field trip to the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio, for the GHHS Girls Basketball Team for a University of Findlay Team Camp:
 - a. June 23-25, 2023
 - b. 15 students / 2 chaperones
 - c. \$255 for lodging/food/camp expenses per student funded by parents
 - d. Transportation provided by school vans

3. Field Trip
Recommend the Board approve a field trip to Lake Hope for GHHS Cross Country Camp:
 - a. August 5-7, 2023
 - b. 21 students / 2 chaperones
 - c. \$150.00 cost to student funded by parents
 - d. Transportation provided by the school district

4. Volunteers
Recommend the Board approve the following volunteers:
 - a. Ellen Hunter Bailey
 - b. Katie Christine Brown
 - c. Shannon Calcaterra Codispoti
 - d. Laura Marie DeMaria
 - e. Sarah Jane Foster
 - f. Elizabeth Ann Francis
 - g. Rebecca D. Harker
 - h. Jill Loren Kuyper
 - i. Mary (Molly) Lang
 - j. Amber L. Lint
 - k. Emilie Lynn Meade
 - l. Courtnee Wrenn Mueller
 - m. Emily Kay Petr
 - n. Christopher T. Powell
 - o. Kathryn Hanigan Ward

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.

Other

Recommendation for Approval (Motion 23-082) Mrs. Matney moved to approve the following:

1. Special Meeting
Recommend the Board approve a special meeting on June 21, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m. for the purpose of OSES and OTRES evaluations.

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.

Action Taken by the Board of Education (Motion 23-083) Ms. Wassmuth introduced the following proposed resolution and moved to approve:

Resolution Expressing Support to Fulfill Ohio's Constitutional Mandate to Fund a Thorough and Efficient Public School System

WHEREAS, The Ohio Constitution requires the General Assembly to provide enough funding to secure a "thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the State."; and

WHEREAS, The 135th Ohio General Assembly has introduced proposed legislation creating a Backpack Scholarship Program (House Bill 11 and Senate Bill 11), which significantly increases the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private schools at the expense of the public taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, The 135th Ohio General Assembly has also introduced House Bill 1, proposed legislation that would make numerous changes to Ohio property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grandview Heights Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers, educational savings accounts, or other plans, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes House Bill 1 and any plan for taxes that reduces funding for Ohio public schools and children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board reaffirms its appreciation for the diversity of our community, including those community members who are on a fixed income or otherwise cannot afford an increase in their property taxes, and urges the Ohio legislature to focus on efforts to provide tax relief to those community members who most need it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate (including House Speaker Jason Stephens; House Minority Leader Allison Russo; Senate President Matt Huffman; Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio, Representative Adam Bird, Chair of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee; State Representative Phillip Robinson, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee; State Senator Andrew Brenner, Chair of the Senate Education Committee; State Senator Catherine Ingram, Ranking Member of the Senate Education Committee; State Representative Bill Roemer, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, State Representative Daniel Troy, Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, State Senator State Representative Mary Lightbody; and State Senator Michele Reynolds); and to the office of Governor Mike DeWine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board, which may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken 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.

Mr. Bode seconded the motion

Discussion: The Board discussed the proposed House Bill 1 and Backpack Bill and how each would impact Grandview Heights Schools and public education in general.

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

Adjournment

Motion 23-084 (Adjourn) Mr Gusé moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Wassmuth seconded the motion.

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

President Gephart declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

President

Treasurer



Dyslexia Law and Curriculum Resources Update

Presented by Angie Ulum | Chief Academic Officer

Dyslexia Law

Ohio's Dyslexia Support Laws (ORC 3323.25, 3323.251, 3319.077 and 3319.078) established requirements for the formation of the Ohio Dyslexia Committee, teacher professional development for identifying dyslexia and instructing students with dyslexia, dyslexia screening measures and a structured literacy certification process for teachers.

Dyslexia Committee

The committee is comprised of 15 teachers and reading specialists who have met and reviewed the balanced literacy framework and assessments options. The committee will continue to meet and review curriculum resources.

Teacher Training

- All K-3 teachers have completed the required 18 hours of training through the Ohio Dyslexia Modules. (Required by 2023)
- Four staff members are doing their LTRS training.
- Allison Kukura is undergoing the Orton Gillingham Supervisory Training/ Certification Process(2025)
- Ten of 13 Intervention Specialists are Orton Gillingham trained. (Required by 2025)

Dyslexia Screener

Acadience Reading K-6

This assessment helps teachers to identify children at risk for reading difficulties and determine the skills to target for instructional support.

- Provides universal screening
- Detects when students need extra support
- Includes diagnostic assessments
- Progress monitoring is sensitive to effects of intervention
- Supports the MTSS model

Structured Literacy

Structured Literacy emphasizes highly explicit, systematic, and data-based instruction. Feedback is specific and immediate.

The components include:

- foundational skills,
- higher-level literacy skills,
- components of writing.

Curriculum resources we use to support foundational literacy skills currently include:

- Heggerty
- Foundations.
- Decodable texts in grades K-1 and 2-3 intervention

Geodes - Curriculum Resource

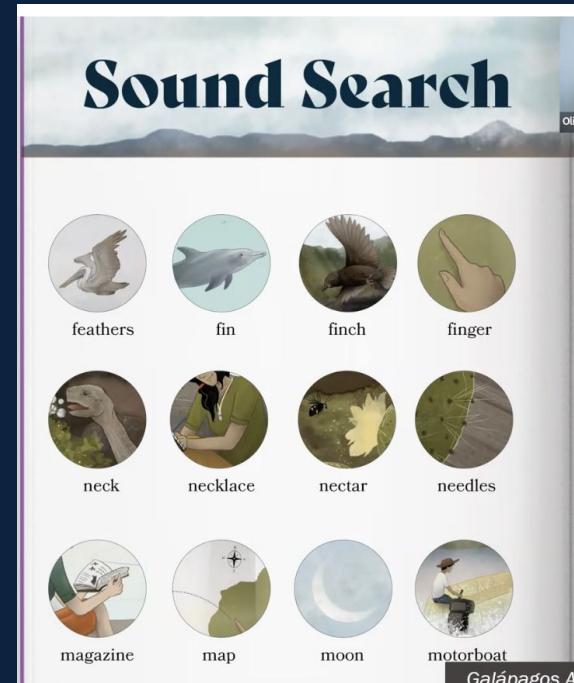
Every book is at least 80 percent decodable based on the scope and sequence of Foundations. The alignment to Foundations allows all students to put their phonics skills into practice in meaningful connected ways.

Geodes are not only decodable, but they are written and designed to build background knowledge, rich perspectives and foster curiosity.

- Art, world cultures, science, history
- 109 maps
- 75 diagrams and tables
- 701 photographs with 153 historical images

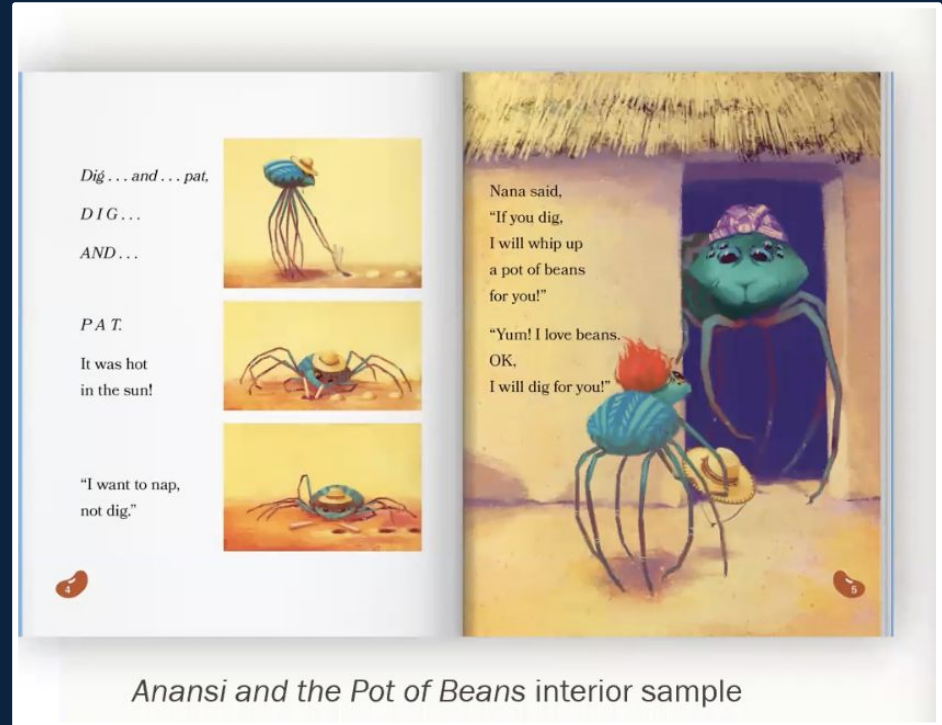
Geodes K

Level K includes 48 unique book titles with six copies of each book. The collection includes Wordless Picture Books, Sound Search Books and Duet Books. These books are designed for teachers and students to read together.



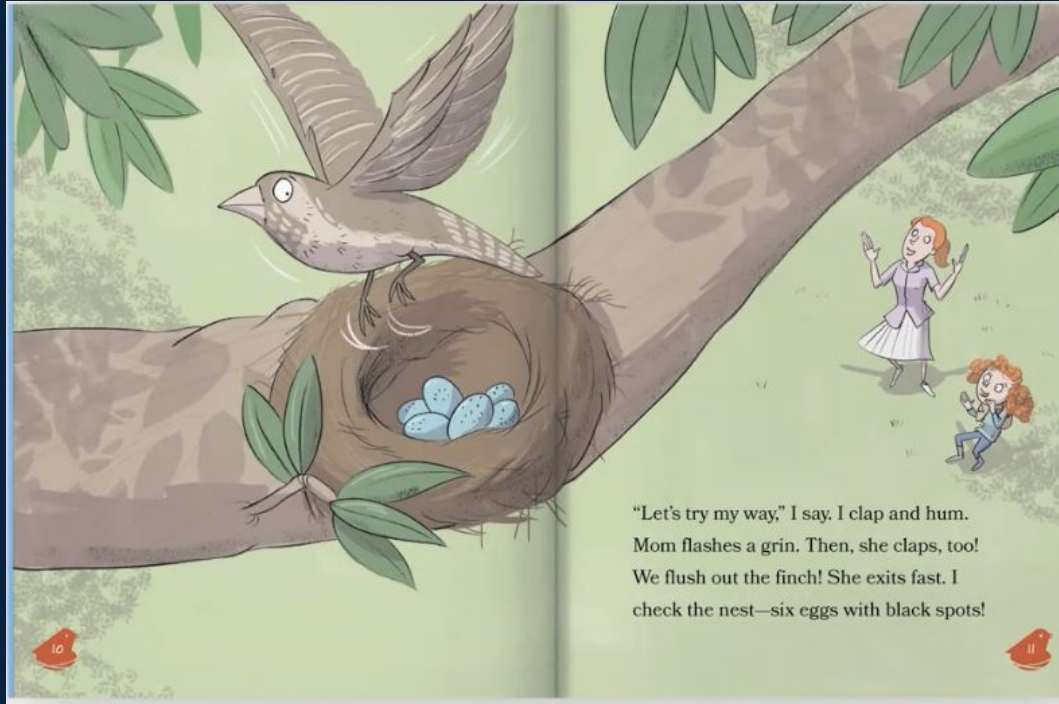
Geodes Grade 1

Level 1 includes 64 unique book titles with six copies of each book for continued practice for emerging readers. The fiction and nonfiction books follow Foundations scope and sequence to build reading confidence.

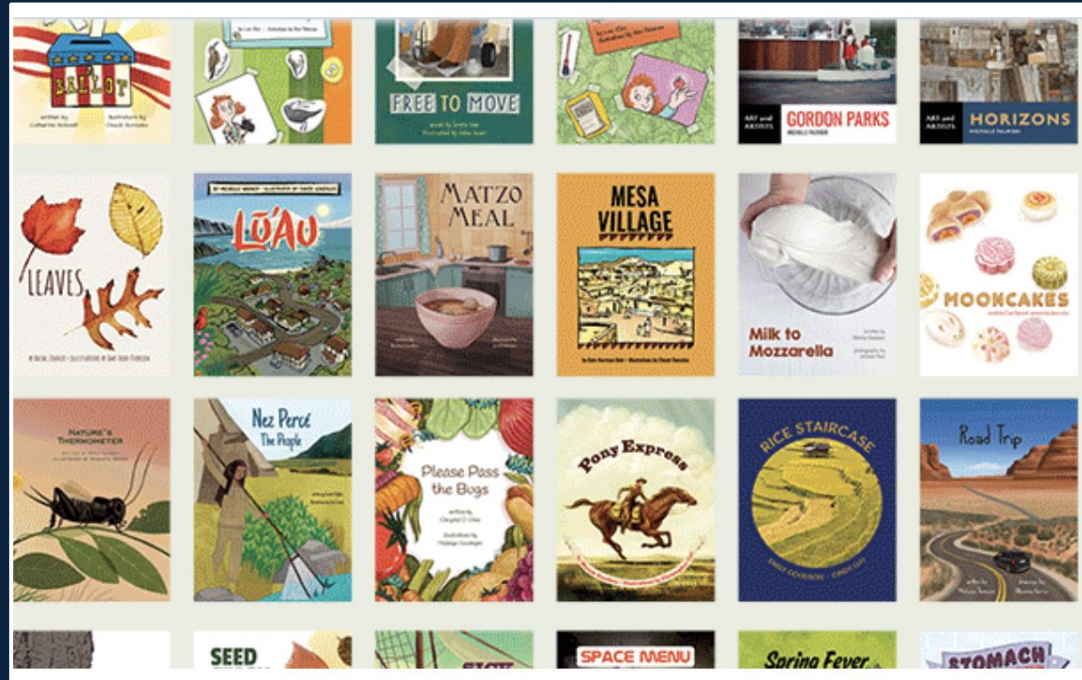


Geodes Grade 2

Level 2 includes 64 unique book titles with six copies of each book, providing independent readers with opportunities to expand their phonetic understanding while building reading stamina.



"Let's try my way," I say. I clap and hum.
Mom flashes a grin. Then, she claps, too!
We flush out the finch! She exits fast. I
check the nest—six eggs with black spots!



Thank You!