

Greenville Public Schools

Regular Board of Education Meeting

August 8, 2022 – 7:00pm

Members Present: N. Rasmussen, K. Wierda, J. Anderson, R. Billmeier, R. Hansen, J. Petersen, and C. Mahar
Members Absent: None
Administration: L. Van Houten, M. McCullough, L. Steed, M. Blaszczyński, M. Taylor and M. Walsh
Also Present: Student Representative H. Parker and approximately 50 members of the public
Media: Cory Smith, Daily News

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Norice Rasmussen called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call for attendance was completed.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/23-26 Since there is no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus as presented.
Motion carried.

3. CELEBRATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

- The *Inspiring Excellence* document, which highlights a variety of GPS celebrations, was shared with board members and attendees.
- A thank you card for the expression of sympathy from Jerry Cushman's family was shared.
- The July edition of the GPS Schoolhouse News hit district residents' mailboxes at the end of July. This edition includes a lot of information, including important back-to-school information. Extra copies are located in school offices and at CSF if needed.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Linda Van Houten gave a brief financial report.

5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- The Board took comments from the public in reference to the recommended social-emotional learning curriculums.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

22/23-27 Motion by K. Wierda, supported by R. Hansen, that the following items are approved under the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of August 1, 2022 Special Meeting
- B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – July 2022: \$4,850,310.75
- C. New Hires /Appointments (Professional Personnel Only)
 - a. Peter Burgett, MS 7th Grade ELA

- b. Matthew Andres, Director of Finance
- c. Faith DeKubber, WH Art
- d. Sarah Kerrish, WH 1st Grade

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS *(Generally, these items were discussed at a previous meeting as information items.)*

- 22/23-28 Motion by R. Billmeier, supported R. Hansen, to approve the update to Board Policy 0151 as presented.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-29 Motion by R. Billmeier, supported by J. Petersen, to approve the recommended Second Step Learning Curriculum as presented.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-30 Motion by K. Wierda, supported by J. Petersen, to call a Special Board of Education Meeting on August 25, 2022 at 7:00pm to be held at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of the superintendent search and any other business necessary.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-31 Motion by R. Hansen, supported by K. Wierda, to call Special Board of Education Meetings on August 29, 2022 at 7:00pm and August 30 & 31, 2022 at 5:30pm to be held at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of the superintendent interviews as needed and any other business necessary.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-32 Motion by R. Hansen, supported by C. Mahar, to call a Special Board of Education Meeting on September 13, 2022 at 5:30pm to be held at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of the final superintendent interviews as needed and any other business necessary.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS *(Generally, these items are for discussion only; no action is requested at the meeting.)*

A. Student Representative Report – Hudson Parker

Student Representative Hudson Parker presented a brief update from the student body. School starts in 2 weeks, and fall sports officially began today. The 2022 GPS Back to School Bash was held on Wednesday, August 3, and an estimated 2500-3000 people attended the event. Hundreds of students received free backpacks, school supplies, GPS shirts, meals, and snacks and participated in several games and activities. Although the event was moved indoors due to weather, it was a successful event. The event was made possible due to generous donations from several local businesses and organizations and was successful due to the help of several volunteers.

B. Superintendent Report – Linda Van Houten

Superintendent Linda Van Houten provided a safety update for the district. Highlights include: The Smart Boot System has been installed across the District, the District has partnered with the City of Greenville Department of Public Safety to secure a School Resource Officer - Josh Vandermeulen, who has already started with GPS, and our PA system is getting upgraded and will be fully implemented in January 2023. Comfort Dogs will be available in each school building but several are still receiving training and should be ready by January 2023. Satterlee School and the Central Services Facility have also received some security upgrades.

C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough

Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough provided a Summer Learning report and a brief presentation about the District's new app and website. Matt also presented the 2022-2023 Professional Development Plan and Assessment Calendar.

D. Director of Human Resources Report – Lisa Steed

Director of Human Resources Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District. Overall, GPS is in a good position, with nearly all professional positions filled. The Transportation Department is also fully staffed, including some permanent substitute drivers.

E. Superintendent Search Update – Norice Rasmussen

Board President Norice Rasmussen provided a brief Superintendent Search Update. Stakeholder feedback and input closed on July 22, and an updated profile was added to the job posting on July 26. The application deadline is Friday, August 19, 2022, and the Board will meet during the special board meeting on Thursday, August 25, in closed session to review and select applicants for interviews on August 29, 30 & 31. Final interviews will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

F. Class of 2023 Senior Mystery Trip – Linda Van Houten

Superintendent Linda Van Houten presented a letter from the Senior Mystery Trip 2023 Committee. ***This will be an action item for the regular September meeting.***

G. MASB Call for Delegates – Norice Rasmussen

Board President Norice Rasmussen informed the Board the MASB's 2022 Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7pm in Acme. The Board will need to determine official voting delegates and alternates who will represent our Board of Education. All delegates/alternates must be certified and submitted by Friday, September 23, 2022. ***This will be an action item for the regular September meeting.***

H. Board Committee Assignments – Norice Rasmussen

Board President Norice Rasmussen has suggested the Board keep the Board Committee Assignments as is for now due to the upcoming election in November, and committee updates will take place in January 2023.

I. Legislative Update – Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.

9. UPCOMING DATES

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| A. District Kick Off – All Staff | Tuesday, August 16, GHS,
<i>Breakfast @ 7:30am / Program @ 8:00am</i> |
| B. First Day for Students | Monday, August 22 |
| C. Special Board Meeting | Thursday, August 25, CSF, 7:00pm |
| D. Special Board Meeting | Monday, August 29, CSF, 7:00pm |
| E. Special Board Meeting | Tuesday, August 30, CSF, 5:30pm |
| F. Special Board Meeting | Wednesday, August 31, CSF, 5:30pm |
| G. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, September 12, CSF, 7:00pm |
| H. Special Board Meeting | Tuesday, September 13, CSF, 5:30pm |
| I. Montcalm County School Boards Association Fall Meeting | Monday, September 26, Details TBD |

10. ADJOURNMENT

22/23-33 **Since all items on the agenda were covered, the regular Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.**
Motion carried.

Ronald Billmeier, Secretary

Approved: August 25, 2022 – Special Meeting