

Greenville Public Schools

Regular Board of Education Meeting

January 9, 2023 – 7:00pm

Members Present: J. Anderson, B. Gardner, M. Huff, R. Lentz, C. Mahar, K. Wierda, and M. Wolverton
Members Absent: None
Administration: W. Roedel, M. McCullough, L. Steed, M. Andres, M. Blaszczyński, T. Oatley, J. Gilbert, M. Taylor, M. Haist, T. Boyer, M. Walsh, K. Peters, K. Beebe, J. Mahar, B. Zdanowski, R. Harrison, A. Ewing, A. Bradley, D. Kuk, and T. Nielson
Also Present: Student Representative S. Gardner and approximately 45 members of the public
Media: Cory Smith, Daily News

6:30pm – Board Appreciation Reception

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kire Wierda called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. OATH OF OFFICE (CEREMONIAL) – BRIAN GARDNER AND MAUREEN WOLVERTON

Superintendent Wayne Roedel administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to elected school board members Brian Gardner and Maureen Wolverton. The official Oath of Office was administered prior by a notary as required.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - SECRETARY

Secretary:

Casting ballots for Maureen Wolverton: J. Anderson, C. Mahar, R. Lentz, M. Huff, M. Wolverton, B. Gardner and K. Wierda

Maureen Wolverton was declared Secretary.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/23-157 Since there is no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus as presented. Motion carried.

5. CELEBRATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

- January is School Board Appreciation Month, a small reception was held before the regular meeting, and all administrators were invited to attend. Board members received a certificate of appreciation, while Superintendent Roedel, GHS Principal Blaszczyński, and Baldwin Heights Principal Walsh each provided a brief statement to the Board members expressing the District's gratitude for our Board of Education members.
- The GHS Be Nice group shared a brief presentation about their group, an anti-bullying organization and mental health program that believes in education changing, improving, and saving lives. The group also provided Be Nice t-shirts to Board members as another token of appreciation.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Director of Finance Matt Andres gave a brief financial report.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- The Board took comments from the public.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

22/23-158 Motion by R. Lentz, supported by C. Mahar, that the following items are approved under the consent agenda as presented.

A. Minutes of December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – December 2022: \$6,990,893.36

**C. Donation – Opportunities for Success from Ken and Mary Schoenborn:
\$1,400**

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried.

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

A. Student Representative Report – Sophie Gardner

Board President Kire Wierda introduced Student Representative Sophie Gardner, and Sophie gave her first report to the Board. Highlights throughout the District included Baldwin Heights' 1st & 2nd graders will attend the Lollipops Concert with the Grand Rapids Symphony. Cedar Crest's Running Club is starting strong, and The Flat River Dance Company performed for a school-wide behavior reward. At Lincoln Heights, the Big Idea group came in to teach students joy and how to be happy when things do not go their way. Walnut Hills students enjoyed GHS Junior Christian Rasmussen performing magic before the break as a reward for positive behavior and are currently gearing up to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Greenville Middle School's Girls' basketball & Wrestling tryouts are this week, and Wizard of Oz auditions are also this week. Satterlee School students have established solid learning targets, daily goals, and semester goals and have made their classroom environment very warm and welcoming. Greenville High School's Girls & Boys Varsity Basketball teams won the Holiday Hoops Tournament over winter break, and the Varsity Wrestling team won against Thornapple Kellogg Middleville, ranked fifth in the state. The Village Green Variety show will be held on February 14, and STAR testing starts tomorrow (1/10). GHS students are excited to hear they should get their comfort dog in March; Mrs. Humphrey will be the handler.

B. Superintendent Report – Wayne Roedel

Superintendent Wayne Roedel shared the *Inspiring Excellence* document, which highlights a variety of GPS celebrations. Superintendent Roedel also responded to public comments regarding live streaming/recording Board meetings – information is being gathered currently, which will be shared with the Board so they can make an informed decision. Superintendent Roedel also reported the District would not be moving forward with the bond proposal on the May 2023 ballot. Instead, the new Board and superintendent will work together to create a new strategic plan to help inform and create a new/clarified district vision moving forward. District needs regarding facilities and programming priorities may come to the surface because of this work, and seeking input

from all stakeholders on those needs and how to achieve them best would follow.

C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough

Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough invited the District's media specialist Heidi Armock to provide a district-wide library/media services update. Highlights include an electronic catalog to view which books are available at each building, a partnership with local libraries for access to more ebooks, and many more exciting opportunities available to staff and faculty.

D. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed

Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District as well as brief department updates. Transportation Department is fully staffed and continues to focus on culture and climate. The Food & Nutrition Department is exploring ideas to add kitchen space at the elementary buildings. The Facilities Department continues working on a fee structure for facility requests and researching possible grant opportunities.

E. Food & Nutrition Department Van Purchase – Matt Andres

Finance Director Matt Andres presented the District's desire to purchase a new transport van with a ramp utilizing food service funds not to exceed \$60,000. **At this time, this will be an action item during the regular February Board of Education meeting.**

Purchasing a new vehicle is subject to availability, and vehicles have been selling quickly. Because of this, we may need to call for a special meeting so we do not miss out on an opportunity.

F. Social Emotional Learning Update – Matt McCullough

Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough reported the Champion Team has selected more lessons to be taught via Michigan Cares (Navigate 360) for secondary students. Board members have received login information to review the chosen lessons. If any parents or members of the public is interested in viewing the selected lessons, they should contact the administration office to arrange a review opportunity as login information is not to be shared. The focus of the lessons includes self-management and relationship skills. GHS is considering letting students choose what lessons to do for their current needs, while GMS will continue doing the same lesson for each student simultaneously. **This will be an action item during the regular February Board of Education meeting.** One other minor update: we have temporarily paused the teaching of these lessons as we have had some technical glitches with our firewall and the delivery or endless loading of some videos/interactive parts of certain parts of the platform. Our Technology Department believes they have found a fix, and we are excited to continue working with our students on these essential topics very soon.

G. Legislative Update – Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.

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

22/23-159 Motion by R. Lentz, supported by C. Mahar, to approve Board Policy 7544 updates as presented.

Ayes:	7
Noes:	0
Absent:	0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-160 Motion by M. Huff, supported by B. Gardner, to approve the Reproductive Health updates as presented and recommended by the Reproductive Health Committee and administration.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-161 Motion by C. Mahar, supported by M. Wolverton, to approve the resolution of the Montcalm County School Boards Association to appoint Kire Wierda as representative and Richelle Lentz as the alternate to the Executive Committee of the Montcalm County School Boards Association for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- 22/23-162 Motion by B. Gardner, supported by M. Huff, to approve the early graduation request as recommended by administration.**

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

11. UPCOMING DATES

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| A. Finance Committee Meeting | Wednesday, February 8, CSF, 5:30pm |
| B. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, February 13, CSF, 7:00pm |

12. ADJOURNMENT

- 22/23-163 Since all items on the agenda were covered, the regular Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.**

Motion carried.

Maureen E. Wolverton, Secretary