

# Greenville Public Schools

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## *Regular Board of Education Meeting*

May 8, 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, M. Taylor,  
V. Cox and D. Kuk  
Also Present: Student Representative S. Gardner and approximately 10 members of the public  
Media: Cory Smith, Daily News

### **1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Kire Wierda called the regular meeting to order at 7:37pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*A roll call for attendance was completed.*

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**22/23-200** Since there is no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

### **3. GPS END OF THE YEAR RETIREE RECOGNITION**

The following individuals were recognized for their years of services and dedication to Greenville Public Schools as they have decided to retire at the end of the 2022-23 school year: Elizabeth Gates, Larry Hansen and Patty Pixley.

### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Director of Finance Matt Andres provided a brief financial report.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**22/23-201** Motion by B. Gardner, supported by C. Mahar, that the following items are approved under the consent agenda as presented.

**A. Minutes of May 8, 2023 Special Meeting and Closed Session**

**B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – April 2023: \$9,868,250.41**

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

### **6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

**A. Student Representative Report – Sophie Gardner**

Student Representative Sophie Gardner presented a brief update from the student body. Highlights throughout the District include Baldwin Heights having its annual Walk-A-Thon PTO fundraiser this Saturday, Walnut Hills having their PTO hosted carnival today, and all elementary schools wrapping up their M-STEP assessment soon, as well as having 5<sup>th</sup>-grade graduations. GMS is also wrapping up state testing, and there are 140 GMS track athletes this year. Satterlee has 13 students who have stayed on track to complete their first five classes and will be rewarded with a trip to John Ball Zoo. Satterlee also has four students graduating this year. GHS students are also testing, including AP testing! Prom was held at the Goei Center at the end of April, and 91 students attended the successful pre-prom (safe prom) opportunity made possible by the Montcalm Prevention Collaboration. Spring sports are going well, and eight athletes signed to play college sports. Honors week will be next week, and graduation will be Thursday, May 25.

**B. Superintendent Report – Wayne Roedel**

Superintendent Wayne Roedel recognized Board member Jim Anderson for earning the Level 5 Master Diamond Award from MASB. Superintendent Roedel also informed the Board of upcoming trips, including the Baldwin Heights 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Camping Trip at Pioneer Park in Muskegon, the GMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade East Coast Trip in June, and the Japan Trip at the end of June, which the Board previously approved. Several district celebrations featured in the *Inspiring Excellence* document (below) were also highlighted. Superintendent Roedel also informed the Board that technology pieces for the Community Room to be used as a training facility with streaming capabilities have also been ordered. If the Board decides to livestream meetings in the future, the room will be set up to do livestreaming.

Superintendent Roedel also presented Portrait of a Graduate – A Strategic Planning Process. The Portrait of a Graduate serves as a North Star for system transformation. This collective vision reinvigorates and re-engages students, teachers, and community stakeholders by starting with the vision of what is desired in a GPS graduate. This year-long plan will begin during the Board and Administrative Team Retreat in August.

**C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough**

Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough reiterated the district is in testing season. Although we will not know more until at least June, the preliminary data looks good. Assistant Superintendent McCullough also highlighted the Spring Science Camps made possible for approximately 150 elementary students from the Van Andel Institute and the Education Foundation of Greenville.

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

Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the district, including letters of resignation and/or retirement. Brief department updates were also provided.

**E. Director of Finance Report – Matt Andres**

Director of Finance Matt Andres presented the 2022-2023 Final Budget Amendment, the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, and information regarding the ICS with Isabella Bank. The 2023 Proposed Tax Levy was not presented because the district still needs information from Ionia County. Once the district has all the information to create the L4029s, they will be shared with the Board and presented at the next Board Finance Committee. ***These will be action items during the regular June Board of Education meeting.***

**F. Wellness Committee Update – Dan Kuk**

Director of Food & Nutrition Dan Kuk presented a Wellness Committee update to the Board as required by Board policy.

**G. Contract Renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists – Lisa Steed**

Lisa Steed presented the early contract renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists. Social Workers include Katie Gardner, Tarra Gibson, Lana Henrickson, Ashley Ostrowski, Lori Oxford, Hannah Schuby, and Tonya Swanson. Speech Therapists include Danielle Arnold, Sarah Gilbert, Kendra Horton, Lori McElveny, Kristin Petkus, Sara Smith, Amy VanOrman, and Jessica Winkelmann. ***This will be an action item for the regular June Board of Education.***

**H. Administrative Contract Renewals – Wayne Roedel**

Superintendent Roedel presented administrative contract renewal for Matt Andres, Katy Beebe, Michelle Blaszczyński, Todd Boyer, Allyson Bradley, Alex Ewing, Jack Gilbert, Mark Haist, Rod Harrison, Dan Kuk, Jennifer Mahar, Matt McCullough, Tim Nielsen, Todd Oatley, Keisha Peters, Lisa Steed, Mary Beth Taylor, Mike Walsh, and Brian Zdanowski. The administrative contracts are two-year rolling contracts. ***This will be an action item during the regular June Board of Education Meeting.***

**I. Board Policy Updates – Wayne Roedel**

Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented that the Board Policy Committee has reviewed the following policies to be updated:

- a. Neola Spring Update: Vol. 37, No. 2 – February 2023
  - i. 2623, 6325, 8390 & 8400
- b. Neola Spring Update: Vol. 37, No. 2 – February 2023 – Special Release: Tobacco Policies
  - i. 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434 & 9160
- c. Neola Fall Update: Vol. 37, No. 1 – September 2022
  - i. 9150

***This will be an action item during the regular June Board of Education meeting.***

**J. Board / Admin Retreat – Wayne Roedel**

The Board/Administrative Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023 from 4:00-8:00pm in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility. ***This will be an action item during the regular June Board of Education meeting.***

**K. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Kire Wierda**

Board President Kire Wierda deferred to Maureen Wolverton, who reported EFG had two successful fundraisers in April, Dancing with the Local Stars and Yellow Jacket Challenge.

**L. Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Update – Kire Wierda**

Board President Kire Wierda reported the spring membership meeting held at the end of April was very informative and included a board assessment update. The next meeting will be held in September, and more information will be available later.

**M. Legislative Update – James Anderson**

Board Treasurer Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.

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

**22/23-202 Motion by M. Huff, supported by C. Mahar, to approve the current GMS course**

**offerings as presented and recommended by administration.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-203 Motion by R. Lentz, supported by J. Anderson, to approve the current GHS course offerings as presented and recommended by administration.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-204 Motion by J. Anderson, supported by B. Gardner, to support the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District General Fund Operating Budget for 2023-2024 as presented.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-205 Motion by M. Huff, supported by C. Mahar, to approve the rate increases for Children's Corner and the Junior Jackets Preschool program starting with the 2023-24 school year as presented.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-206 Motion by B. Gardner, supported by J. Anderson, to approve Superintendent Wayne Roedel's evaluation summary as presented.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-207 Motion by C. Mahar, supported by R. Lentz, to consider a resolution to appoint Wayne Roedel as the representative of this District for the electoral body of the ISD biennial election to be held June 5, 2023 and Kire Wierda as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-208 Motion by C. Mahar, supported by R. Lentz, to approve the professional staff reduction resolution as presented.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

**22/23-209 Motion by R. Lentz, supported by J. Anderson, to approve the Bank Depositories and Signature Authorizations report as recommended by the administration for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Further, that Greenville Public Schools agrees to accept the banking regulations in effect at the time of signing this signature authorization.**

Ayes: 7  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

**Motion carried.**

## **9. UPCOMING DATES**

<b>A.</b> Girls Senior Tea & Guy's Grub	Wednesday, May 10, Frugthaven Farm, 12:00pm
<b>B.</b> Special Board Meeting	Monday, May 15, CSF, 5:30pm
<b>C.</b> GHS Honors Week – Activities & Athletics Assembly	Wednesday, May 17, Legacy Field, 9:45am
<b>D.</b> GHS Honors Week – Senior Scholarship Night	Wednesday, May 17, GHS Auditorium, 7:30pm
<b>E.</b> GHS Honors Week – Jacket Pride Honors Assembly	Thursday, May 18, Legacy Field, 9:27am
<b>F.</b> GHS Swingout	Friday, May 19, Legacy Field, 9:10am
<b>G.</b> Commencement	Thursday, May 25, Legacy Field, 7:30pm
<b>H.</b> Last Day of School – Half Day	Friday, June 2
<b>I.</b> MAISD Biennial Election	Monday, June 5, LOCATION & TIME TBA
<b>J.</b> Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, June 7, CSF, 5:30pm
<b>K.</b> Next Regular Board Meeting	Monday, June 12, CSF, 7:00pm

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**22/23-210 Since all items on the agenda were covered, the regular Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.**

**Motion carried.**

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Maureen E. Wolverton, Secretary

Approved: May 15, 2023 – Special Meeting