

# GRAND VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## January 6, 2020 Special Meeting Board Summary



Grand Valley Middle School teacher, Amanda Glavickas, displays some of the books bought for the school library with a \$1,000 grant from the Ohio Federation of Teachers. **(Jan. 6, 2020 Star Beacon article by Jon Wysochanski & photo courtesy of Warren Dillaway)**

**ORWELL** — The Grand Valley Middle School library received a book boost in the form of a donation from a teacher’s union and nonprofit book supplier.

The Ohio Federation of Teachers, along with nonprofit First Book, recently donated \$50,000 for books and supplies for schools across the state. Grand Valley Middle School received \$1,200 for its library, according to teachers Amanda Glavickas and Lori Ratschki.

The funds are important to the many school buildings that have cut their library budgets or closed school libraries, according to the Ohio Federation of Teachers. This is true in Grand Valley Middle School, which shuttered the school library in 2014-15 due to budget constraints. The 2018-19 school year marked the first time the library re-opened after Glavickas and Ratschki volunteered to get it up and running again. Grand Valley Middle School used the funds to buy 116 print books and 13 audio books to add to its library.

Glavickas, who said the library is lovingly referred to as “the little library that could,” said the donation was quickly spent on books.

“It didn’t take us long to spend,” Glavickas said. “We ordered a number of books to replace books that were on their last legs. We ordered some new titles, some more expensive non-fiction books and we were able to order audio books.”

Students were especially excited about the audiobooks, Ratschki said. It has been tough to keep up with shelving and keeping track of all the new books, something Ratschki said “is a good problem to have.”

“We found that a lot of the fifth graders want to be able to read the higher level books, but they are struggling to get there,” Ratschki said.

“We were able to purchase those books in audio form. The kids were thrilled that we purchased additional audio. We had some on our shelves but not enough to cover the population that wanted them.”

One thousand dollars might not seem like a large donation, but every bit helps, Ratschki said. Such donations ultimately translate to more books and furthering the endeavor of instilling a passion for reading and learning among the children at Grand Valley Middle School, she said.

“It was a gracious donation and we are thrilled to be able to put more books on the shelves and more books in the hands of our kids,” Ratschki said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Monday, January 6, 2020 – 7:30 p.m. – Board of Education Conference Room for the purposes of interviewing for and filling a vacant Board member. Public action may be taken at this meeting.**

ROLL CALL: Mr. Richard Jackson, Dr. Amanda Dolan, Mr. Mike Pucel and Mr. William Thomas (Board Member Elect)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Time: From 7:35 p.m. To 8:07 p.m.**

Motion by Mr. Pucel and seconded by Dr. Dolan to go into executive session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing with the following in attendance: Board, Board Member Elect, Other (Interviewees for Board vacancy).

ROLL CALL: Dr. Dolan aye, Mr. Pucel aye, Mr. Jackson aye

MOTION CARRIED

**REGULAR SESSION: Time: 8:07 p.m.**

Motion by Dr. Dolan and seconded by Mr. Pucel to return to regular session.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Pucel aye, Mr. Jackson aye, Dr. Dolan aye

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY**

Motion by Mr. Pucel and seconded by Dr. Dolan to fill board of education vacancy.

WHEREAS, a vacancy has been caused in this board of education by reason of resignation by **Lorie Battaglia**; and

WHEREAS, this board of education has by law authority to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term thereof;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the board of education of the Grand Valley School District that **Mr. Timothy Keeney** be and hereby is, appointed to serve as a member of the board of education of this school district for the unexpired term of **Lorie Battaglia** ending on December 31, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jackson aye, Dr. Dolan aye, Mr. Pucel aye

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT: Time: 8:08 p.m.**

Motion by Dr. Dolan and seconded by Mr. Pucel to adjourn the January 6, 2020 special Board of Education meeting.

ROLL CALL: Dr. Dolan aye, Mr. Pucel aye, Mr. Jackson aye

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting date: Monday, January 13, 2020 in the Grand Valley High School Study Hall  
5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget  
6:00 p.m. Organizational meeting followed by regular meeting

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THUR. DEC. 5	5:30 PM	EDGEWOOD H.S.*
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MON. JAN. 27	6 PM	JEFFERSON H.S.*
Tues. JAN. 28	5:30 PM	GRAND VALLEY H.S.*
TUE. FEB. 11	5:30 PM	KENT STATE ASHTABULA
WED. FEB. 12	5:30 PM	PYMATUNING VALLEY H.S.*
THUR. FEB. 13	5 PM	LAKESIDE H.S.*
	6 PM	CONNEAUT H.S.*
	7 PM	ATECH*
THUR. FEB. 20	6:30 PM	MADISON H.S.*

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**Orwell**

Gym  
111 Grand Valley Ave. Suite C  
**Friday, January 31, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

**American Red Cross**

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**The CCP program will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Grand Valley High School Study Hall**