

**GRAND RIDGE DISTRICT. #95
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

June 13, 2017

The regular monthly Grand Ridge School Board of Education meeting was called to order in regular session by President Rich Frye, on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: Michael Wielgopalan, Richard Frye, Ken Bernard, Julie Angus, Fran Swallers. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent Todd Stehl and Steve Durdan

Visitors to the meeting: Lisa Killelea, Laurie Walter, Susan Thorson and Jay McCracken.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote taken: All Ayes. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved, to be placed on file for further audit with a motion made by Ken Bernard and seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote was taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills. The bills for the month of May were inspected and presented for payment. A motion was made to approve the bills by Mike Wielgopalan. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Roll call vote was taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to transfer \$909.53 from Building Fund to Debt Services to cover the deficit in the fund. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to transfer \$18,980.14 from Tort Fund to the Education Fund to cover the allowable percentage of supervision salaries. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Angus to transfer \$7,534.00 from Transportation Fund to the Education Fund to cover allowable percentage for the Transportation Director salary and benefits. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Wielgopalan to abate \$37,279.62 from Working Cash to Education Fund. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Angus to abate the remaining balance of \$601,983.16 to the Building Fund. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

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Public Comment: Jay McCracken spoke to the Board on behalf of Senator Sue Rezin. He explained some of the reasons that Senator Rezin did not support the #1 bill and is supporting the # 1124 bill.

Board Committee Reports:

- **Handbook Committee:** Mr. Sanders gave the Board a copy of the proposed 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook to review. He pointed out some of the areas that have been changed for them to review.
- **Board Committee:** A copy of the current Board committees was given to Rich Frye to review and assign committee members.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **Attendance:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the attendance for the month of May, June and the total absences for the year.
- **Discipline Report:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the May and June discipline report.
- **End of Year:** Mr. Ahearn shared with the Board the end of year activities and that he felt that all of them went well this year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Graduation and School Picnic:** Mr. Sanders gave the Board an update on the School Picnic (Field Day) and Graduation. He felt that all of the activities went well and had received good feedback from Teachers, Staff and Parents.
- **Wind Turbine Proposal:** Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that there is a proposal for 32 new wind turbines in the Grand Rapids area. A public hearing will take place on June 21st at 5:00 p.m. to discuss this project.
- **Agreement with Allen Otter-Creek to share an Art Teacher:** Mr. Sanders shared with the Board about the possibility of sharing Erin Shinnick on Fridays with Allen Otter-Creek during the 2017-2018 school year. We would bill the school for her time and mileage.

A motion was made by Mike Wielgopalan to enter into an agreement with Allen Otter-Creek to share an Art Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- **Summer Work Updates:** Mr. Sanders shared with the Board the proposed calendar of the work that will be done this summer.
- **3-year Administrative Strategic Plan:** Mr. Sanders shared with the Board a strategic plan that Mr. Ahearn and himself have put together. It is a priority list of items that they believe need to be completed over the next several years.
- **DCFS mandated form:** A copy of the DCFS mandated form was given to all of the Board members to sign and returned back to Mr. Sanders.

A motion was made by Mike Wielgopalan to adopt the prevailing wage. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to apply for an extension of time for the Health Life Safety Work items. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Executive Session: A motion was made at 8:17 p.m. by Ken Bernard to move to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, student discipline, and pending litigation. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 9:21 p.m. on a motion made by Mike Wielgopalan and seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

Open Session:

A motion was made by Julie Angus to hire Shea Anderson as summer help at the rate of \$8.85 per hour. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Angus to hire Trenton Young as summer help at minimum wage. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fran Swallter to hire Chris McGill as the junior high girls' basketball head coach. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Angus to hire Jim Veith as the 5/6 grade boys' basketball head coach. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to accept with regret Kyle Miller's resignation as the band instructor. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to accept Annika Cadegiani's resignation as the assistant junior high girls' basketball coach and the assistant track coach. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Wielgopalan to accept Matt Blakemore's resignation as the junior high girls' softball coach. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to accept the request of out of district student Luke Johnson, at the annual tuition rate of \$10,688.05. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

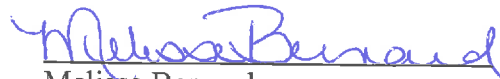
A motion was made by Julie Angus to accept the proposed increases as discussed in executive session for all non-certified staff. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Voice vote taken; Ken Bernard abstained from voting. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to pay Michele Pacheco \$2,035.00 for additional work that she did while covering for the school psychologist. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Grand Ridge School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

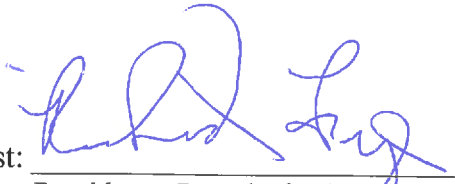
Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Bernard

Secretary: Board of Education

Attest:



President: Board of Education

