



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – September 20, 2021 – 5:30 pm

Unapproved Minutes

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.
 - i. Board Members: Present Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Marco Cabrera, Steve Cousins , Ward Kuhn, Tara Ward
 - ii. Board Members Absent: Kurt Sanford
 - iii. Attending virtually, as a non-voting member: Kurt Sanford
 - iv. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Sarah Payette

- II. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda - None**
 - a. Add State Aid Note Resolution to Action Item XI. b
Motion: Kuhn
Support: Cousins
Motion passed: 6-0

- III. **Approval of August 5 and August 18 BOE Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approval for previous BOE minutes as amended
Motion: Kuhn
Support: Cabrera
Motion passed: 6 -0

- IV. **Public Comment – None**

- V. **Recognitions - None**

- VI. **Board Correspondence - None**

- VII. **Presentations - None**

- VIII. **Reports**
 - a. Superintendent's Report – Walker provided an update on district enrollment and explained count day. New staffing for the district was reviewed. Updates related to communication technology were provided. Walker updated the board on the current fundraising campaign. Walker also reviewed school improvement goals and the discontinuation of the extended learning plan from 20/21. NWEA testing timeline was provided. District-wide pupil accounting procedures were explained.
 - b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth expressed gratitude to all of the staff in the district to kick off the year as well as those involved in the loan management.
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Batdorff reported on district financial reports for August. State aid will be received soon, positively impacting the district's cash flow.

Batdorff explained the Standard State Aid Note and reported that it will be received within days. Discussion ensued. A bridge loan is anticipated in the spring.

- d. Authorizer's Report - Matt Missias congratulated the high school for opening this fall and the middle school on a decade of education. GVSU has launched a new huddle for school leaders. Professional education opportunities for board members has opened up. Board members and teachers can participate in these. Board renewals need to be completed by February.
- e. Faculty Summary - On behalf of the Greenspire middle and high school staff, Kelly Francisco comment on a very successful beginning of the school year. Connectivity with students is high. Both district staff are appreciative of the board.

IX. Consent Agenda

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. School Expansion
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council
- vi. Motion made to approve the consent agendas
Motion: Cousins
Support: Ward
Passed: 6-0

X. Discussion Items

- a. Board of Education Retreat 2021- 2022
Babin-Ringsmuth requested board feedback on gathering for a retreat. Batdorff suggested the retreat topic be related to a strategic growth plan. Discussion ensued. Retreat dates were chosen in February and April.

XI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Student Transportation Policy
Motion: Cousins
Support: Cabrera
Motion Passed: 6-0

- b. Approval of State Aid Resolution
Batdorff reviewed and reported the interest rate.
Motion: Cousins
Support: Kuhn
Motion Passed: 6-0

XII. Public Comment - none

XIII. Adjournment into Closed Session at 6:32 pm

Motion: Cousins
Support: Batdorff
Motion Passed: 6-0

XIV. Reconvene into Open Session

Motion: Kuhn

Support: Cabrera

Motion passed: 6-0 at 7:17pm

XV. Adjournment at 7:18 pm

Motion: Cousins

Support: Batdorff

Motion Passed: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tara Ward".

Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

Next meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 5:30pm in Spruce Hall