



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - February 27, 2023 ~ 5:30 pm

Unapproved Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll Call. President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Tara Ward, Marguerite Cotto

ii. Board Members absent: Kurt Sanford

iii. Board Members attending remotely (but not voting): Marco Cabrera, Ward Kuhn

iv.. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Emily Feaster

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to add MHSAA Agreement as item g and add charter contract amendment as item h.

Motion: Batdorff

Motion support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Approval for Regular January 23, 2023 board minutes as written:

Motion: Ward

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

b. Approval for Special Meeting February 13, 2023 minutes as written:

Motion: Cotto

Support: Batdorff

Motion passed: 4-0

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Recognitions - None

VI. Board Correspondence -

a. GVSU Academic Grant Award Letter

b. Candidate for MASB Directors Letter

VII. Presentations-

a. PA 48 of 2021 Section 98b Mid-Year Report - Walker explained the report as well as the impact the PBL cycle has on the mid year results.

VIII. Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report – Walker reported enrollment for 2023-2024 is underway. Fake-A-Days will be held this Friday at both schools. Enrollment ends March 10 at 4:00. Interviews for next year will begin in April for new staffing positions. We received half of Section 97 Grant and Section 31A grant and in connection to that, the high school will host a Greenspire 101 panel on mental health. High School Implementation Grant II is still underway. 99H Robotics Grant should be released in May. Summer program registration is underway and using Active.com has been a large help in that process. Walker reached out to Mercantile about Bridge Loans and renewed previous agreements. The high school is hosting a Middle College Night on March 8th and applied for the National Honor Society. At the middle school, 30 community guests came to the Career Fair and it was a great success. Digital marketing will end tomorrow for the middle school and the school will be able to track marketing efforts going forward.

- b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth reported she attended Senator DaMoose's office hours and was able to talk with his deputy chief. Representative Coffia will be coming to tour the school Friday, March 10.

- c. Treasurer's Report - Batdorff reported an amended budget with a surplus and is currently working on budget projections for next year. Batdorff has sent a counter-proposal to NMC and will hopefully have a lease agreement for the next board meeting.
 - i. CSP Grant - Batdorff reported that the reimbursement process is making it difficult to spend all of the money by the September 23 deadline but will be looking into it to try and come up with a solution.

- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, reviewed the high school School Performance Report. Missias also reported on the middle school School Performance Report and explained the trends and how Greenspire is being compared to West Middle and High School. He will try to get us to be compared to more similar schools in the future. He will follow up with parts of the report that appear to be incorrect. Missias explained that we are 3 years away from reauthorization so it is important to stabilize the results of these reports now, especially in the area of math. Missias stated that moving forward from COVID will help with the numbers as well as teaching test-taking strategies. GVSU academic grants are out (TGS will receive one) and next year, the grant will be up to \$30 per student. \$15 will come from board training and compliance, and \$15 based on academic outcomes. School operation and board member surveys close soon. Core Values Awards are due March 31 and the board reception will be held on May 8th. The governor has proposed a 5% increase in per pupil funding in the first proposal of the state budget. Inaugural Board President Retreat will be held at the Ford museum in Grand Rapids on April 20. The board discussed how to respond to the letter about the MSTEP attendance rate of 95% while being one student short of the needed attendance rate. Walker will draft the letter and send the letter to Babin-Ringsmuth.

- e. Faculty Summary - Kris Galoci reported on behalf of the staff the importance of Fake-A-Day and the enrollment period as well as gratitude towards Robert for all of the leadership and safety improvements. The staff also wanted to thank the PTO for all of their support. As in the past, the staff would like to be involved in the search for a new superintendent and middle school head of school and provide input to the board into the qualities that are important for these positions.

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Committee Reports

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. School Expansion
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council
 - Approval of consent agendas of those provided
 - Motion: Cotto
 - Support: Ward
 - Passed: 4-0

X. Discussion Items

a. Board Retreat 2023- Babin-Ringsmuth discussed with the board possible agenda items for board retreat including strategic planning, school structure, future of middle school expansion, feedback loop with NMC, ways to attract teachers, fundraising, unifying the middle and high school, and marketing. Board Retreat will be held March 23rd from 9 till 12.

b. High School Expansion- Batdorff updated the board on the next steps in the lease process with NMC.

c. Superintendent Search/Administrative Structure- Babin-Ringsmuth shared the Superintendent position will be posted internally by March 10, 2023 with submissions due by March 17, 2023. Cotto expressed the importance of going through the process. Walker discussed the importance of getting middle school staff feedback on the process and the hires. Ward shared that staff should have the opportunity to share what they think is important for this position and the opportunity to ask questions of the candidate. Personnel committee will work to get staff input in the coming weeks.

XI. Action Items

a. Personal Curriculum (High School)

Motion to support the Personal Curriculum document provided in BOE packet:
Ward
Support: Cotto
Motion passed: 4-0

b. HR Provider

Motion to approve move to Partner Solutions as the Greenspire HR provider and

Walker to execute new agreement: Batdorff

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 4-0

c. Budget Amendment 2022-2023

Motion to support the Budget Amendment provided in BOE packet: Batdorff

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

d. Board Leadership and Calendar

Motion to support the Calendar provided in BOE packet: Cotto

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 4-0

e. Middle School Academic Grant (GVSU)

Motion to accept the Middle School Academic Grant (GVSU) provided in BOE packet: Batdorff

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 4-0

f. High School Academic Grant (GVSU)

Motion Motion to accept the High School Academic Grant (GVSU) provided in BOE packet: Ward

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

g. MHSAA Resolution

Motion to ratify the MHSAA Resolution provided in the BOE packet: Cotto

Support: Batdorff

Motion passed: 4-0

h. GVSU Charter Contract Amendment

Motion to accept the GVSU Charter Contract Amendment provided in the BOE packet: Batdorff

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 4-0

XII. Public Comment- None

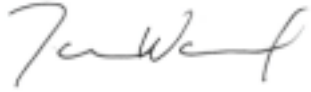
XIII. Adjournment at 8:15pm

a. Motion to adjourn: Ward

Support: Cotto

Motion passed: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tara Ward', written in a cursive style.

Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 5:30pm in Spruce Hall