



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - June 19, 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, Tara Ward, Marco Cabrera, Ward Kuhn, Constanza Hazelwood, Marguerite Cotto

ii. Board Members absent: Meagan Batdorff

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

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to approve agenda as written: Kuhn

Motion support: Hazelwood

Motion passed: 6-0

III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Motion to approve Regular May 15, 2023 board minutes as written: Cotto

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 6-0

b. Motion to approve Special Meeting June 8, 2023 board minutes as written: Kuhn

Support: Hazelwood

Motion passed: 6-0

IV. Public Comment

a. Stephanie Slawnik reported she would like the school to do more to address the hate speech remarks heard by students. She would like to ensure that the school is a safe and inclusive community moving forward.

b. John Jury reported that he has concerns about a recent hire at the high school.

V. Recognitions - None

VI. Board Correspondence - None

VII. Presentations

a. PA 48 of 2021- Section 98b Report- Walker included the information in the board packet showing mixed results in terms of testing data.

VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report – Walker reported on enrollment numbers for the 23-24

school year as well as new hires for the 23-24 school year. The transition to Partner Solutions has gone very smoothly. The Festival of Athletics went well, and Walker thanked TCAPS for allowing us to use their facilities as well as the staff and parents that helped to make it happen. The high school is beginning to receive technology and furniture. The expansion grant is coming to a close for Implementation II and the June report has been submitted. NHS ceremony took place as well as a Robotics end-of-year celebration. CTC and NMC are high-interest areas. GHS is offering summer school for the first time. The fire panel and Maple windows have been replaced as well as the locker room door glass. Air purifiers have been purchased for all rooms at the middle school. The 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Trips all went well. The plant sale raised about \$800 for the outdoor program.

- b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth submitted a report to the board folder and thanked Tara Ward for serving the board for the past 10 years. She also thanked Robert for his commitment to the school over the past 3 years.
- c. Treasurer's Report - Walker reported an update on the financial report. He also noted that an online curriculum may be added to the budget similarly to how rent is, as a temporary debt.
 - i. CSP Grant - Walker stated the report was filed on June 15 and we are able to receive the full amount. The deadline for spending the Implementation II grant is approaching.
- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, reported Don Cooper will be leaving as well as Alyson Murphy. Rob Kimbell will serve as interim. For the School Performance Report, the academy description and highlights will be accepted soon. GVSU is hosting many summer webinars. National Constitution Council is accepting submissions, and on June 29, GVSU is hosting: Best Board Practices. The board has fulfilled all requirements for this year. Currently, we are still expecting an increase in the school budget. Missias thanked Robert for all of his work over the past three years and also thanked Tara for all she has added to the board over the past 10 years.
- e. Faculty Summary - None

IX. Consent Agenda

a. Committee Reports

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. School Expansion
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council

Motion to approve consent agendas of those provided: Cabrera

Support: Kuhn

Passed: 6-0

X. Adjournment into Annual Budget Hearing

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

- i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Tara Ward, Marco

Cabrera, Ward Kuhn, Constanza Hazelwood, Marguerite Cotto
ii. Board Members absent: Meagan Batdorff
iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Emily Feaster

Motion: Ward
Support: Cotto

II. Changes or Additions to the Annual Budget Hearing Agenda - None

a. Approval of Budget Hearing Agenda as posted
Motion: Cabrera
Support: Coto
Motion Passed: 6-0

III. Approval of Budget for 2022-2023 Academic Year

a. Approval of 2022-2023 Budget
Motion: Kuhn
Support: Cabrera
Motion Passed: 6-0

IV. Adjournment of Annual Budget Hearing

a. Approval of Adjournment
Motion: Cabrera
Support: Ward
Motion Passed: 6-0

XI. Reconvene Regular Board Meetings

President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth reconvened the regular meeting to order at 6:07 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Tara Ward, Marco Cabrera, Ward Kuhn, Constanza Hazelwood, Marguerite Cotto
ii. Board Members absent: Meagan Batdorff
iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Emily Feaster

a. Approval to reconvene regular board meeting
Motion: Ward
Support: Hazelwood
Motion Passed: 6-0

XII. Discussion Items

a. 2023 MHSAA Resolution (Renewal): Kuhn moved to move the 2023 MHSAA Resolution (Renewal) to an action item:
Motion: Cotto,
Support: Ward
Motion Passed: 6-0

b. Dress Code Policy: Cabrera discussed his concerns with a proposed dress code policy. Walker described that the policy is a stock policy and that the heads of school will meet with members of the board and come up with a proposed dress code. Board will discuss policy at future meetings.

c. New Member- Board of Education: Unfortunately, due to connections with GVSU, this person cannot be on the board.

d. New Secretary- Board of Education: Babin-Ringsmuth discussed the need to fill the role of Secretary for the Board for August.

XIII. Action Items

- a. Final Budget Amendment 2022-2023
Motion to approve Final Duget Amendment: Cabrera
Support: Kuhn
Motion passed: 6-0
- b. Bridge Loan A 2023-2024
Motion to authorize Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Robert Walker, and Tara Ward as signatories on State Aid Note, Series 2023 A in the amount of \$299,910.00 at 6:29pm: Kuhn
Support: Cabrera
Motion passed: 6-0
- c. Bridge Loan B 2023-2024
Motion to authorize Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Robert Walker, and Tara Ward as signatories on State Aid Note, Series 2022B in the amount of \$155,644.44 at 6:30 pm: Cabrera
Support: Kuhn
Motion passed: 6-0
- d. 2023-2024 MHSAA
Motion to approve 2023-2024 MHSAA Resolution Renewal: Ward
Support: Hazelwood
Motion passed 6-0

XIV. Public Comment- None

XV. Adjournment into Closed Session at 6:32: Superintendent Annual Review

Motion to adjourn: Cabrera
Support: Cotto
Motion passed: 6-0

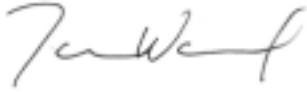
XVI. Reconvene Open Session at 8:39

Motion to reconvene in open session: Kuhn
Support: Hazelwood
Motion passed: 6-0

XV. Adjournment at: 8:40

Motion to adjourn: Kuhn
Support: Cotto
Motion passed: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 5:30 pm in Spruce Hall