

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

OFFICIAL

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD CHAMBERS/1331 FRANKLIN, SE**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Ross.

Present: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Absent: President Falb – 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Ross asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda is approved as written.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Rev. Matias, that the agenda be approved as written.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

None.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Gabrielle Clarke highlighted upcoming events at Ottawa Hills including the winter formal and pep assembly. She asked folks to come support them. There was a “G-Cubed” seminar/luncheon for girls in grades 3 – 12 focusing on leadership, interaction, and identity.

Robert Flippo was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

César E. Chávez Social Justice Activities – March 16, 2017

The community is invited to participate in the César E. Chávez Social Justice activities March 16, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the César E. Chávez Social Justice March at the Cook Library Center located at 1100 Grandville Ave. There will be a Community Gathering at 11:30 a.m. at The Potters House School located at 811 Chicago Dr. SW. A Unity Luncheon will take place at Maya Mexican Grill and Bar at 1:00 p.m. Reservations are required for the Unity Lunch. Board members, please let the Superintendent’s Office know if you are able to attend. The community can go to The Committee to Honor Cesare E. Chavez” to learn more information.

2017 Board Committees’ Meeting Schedule

All meetings will take place in the board chambers and recorded for the public to view unless otherwise noted below. Meetings are posted to the website and in the prominent display case outside of the administration building. Please note the dates may vary if the meeting date falls on a district closed date. The meeting schedule can also be found on the district’s website via www.grps.org/paperlessboe.

Academic Achievement Committee Meeting: Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Chair: Rev. John Matias; committee members: Ms. Katherine Downes Lewis, Mr. Raynard Ross, and Ms. Maureen Slade

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Ad Hoc Policy Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chair: Ms. Jen Schottke; **committee members:** Dr. Wendy Falb, Mr. Raynard Ross, and Ms. Maureen Slade

*Monday, February 13 2017 @ 8:15 a.m.	Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m.	Tuesday, October 10, 2017
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m.	Tuesday, July 11, 2017	Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Tuesday, April 11, 2017	Tuesday, August 8, 2017	Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Tuesday, May 9, 2017	Tuesday, September 12, 2017	

**Exception to the Second Tuesday of the Month*

Finance Committee Meeting: Fourth Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Treasurer-Chair: Dr. Tony Baker; **committee members:** Dr. José Flores, Ms. Kristian Grant, and Ms. Jen Schottke

Monday, January 23, 2017	Monday, May 22, 2017	Monday, September 25, 2017
Monday, February 27, 2017	Monday, June 26, 2017	Monday, October 23, 2017
Monday, March 27, 2017	Monday, July 24, 2017	Monday, November 27, 2017
Monday, April 24, 2017	Monday, August 28, 2017	*Monday, December 18, 2017

**Exception to the Fourth Monday of the Month.*

Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Ms. Schottke noted that the Ad Hoc Policy will be meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 8:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Finance Committee

Dr. Tony Baker shared that the Finance Committee held its first meeting in January. The committee worked with Mr. Larry Oberst, Chief Financial Officer to plan for two things. One is a short board dashboard document that exists that the board will become more familiar with over time. The other is a loose schedule on the bond proposal buildings for general knowledge. This will be discussed in more detail at the February Finance Committee Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Spring Count Day

Mr. John Helmholdt, Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs, shared that the Spring Count Day is February 8, 2017 this year. He emphasized that attendance is important every single day and is part of the district’s attendance challenge. Attendance is ramped up to raise awareness that 10 percent of the student count is based on the count day. Funding for students is based on the state’s count days. The District had its best count day in two decades this past fall and is hoping to repeat that this spring.

Giants

Mr. Helmholdt shared that Grand Rapids Public Schools was well represented at the annual Giants event that honors African American individuals of distinction. Individuals included past and present employees such as Daniel Williams with the Phyllis Scott Activist Award, Montford Point Marines (Reuben Smartt – posthumous), Dr. Mattie Hampton with the Hattie Beverly Education Award, Frederick Brown with the Walter Coe Public Service Award, and Larry Johnson with the Giant Among Giants recognition. For the first time, there were two “Junior

Giants” Justice Shoals and Hannibal Spencer. These students will be invited to be celebrated at the next board meeting.

Celebration of Life

Mr. Helmholdt also shared the passing of individuals that impacted the district and community including Ms. Hazel Lewis, President Emeritus NAACP Greater Grand Rapids Branch; Mr. Rueben Smartt, retired administrator; and Peter DeBoer, Ph.D. a former board member who served the district between 1972 – 1981.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Amendment One

Mr. Larry Oberst, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the Budget Amendment One process. The District reviews the operations for the first six months and compares that to what was budgeted. The budget is approved by the Board in June and at that time there are a number of those items that are estimates. The District is now able to firm up those estimates, both revenues and expenditures. The October Count Day also impacts the initial revenue budget. The District had 150 more students than what was budgeted originally. The District is required by law to budget for three funds – General Fund (General Operating Fund), Special Revenue Fund (primarily contains Food Service Operations and Special Education Centers Program), and Debt Retirement Fund (raises dollars to retire our debt both interest and principal payments).

He provided that the general fund primary difference was the increase of 150 students providing additional state foundation dollars. The District also received increases in revenue through Act 18 (a County Tax) that helps fund Special Education. Those were increases in revenue over what was initially budgeted. There were also additional expenditures as the additional dollars were paid out to employees in the form of stipends based on what was negotiated by affected contracts. Some additional operation expenses also occurred to operate the schools.

Mr. Oberst shared this is a net increase of \$188,000 adjustment to the fund balance. He also highlighted that the Board’s Fund Balance policy was updated last year to reflect the State’s early warning criteria which is five percent of unrestricted revenue. Provided Budget Amendment One is adopted, this projects to an 8.8 percent fund balance at June 30, 2017 well above 5 percent minimum.

The special revenue fund’s primary difference is additional revenue from Act 18 and a reduction of tuition revenue due to fewer students in the centers program. Special revenue is a self-balancing account. Expenditures were adjusted so there was no fund balance impact on this fund.

The Debt retirement fund is 100 percent from property taxes based on the new assessed values and the district’s millage rate. This tax is collected in June or July so we now know what the actual tax dollar amounts are. We increased the revenue by \$900,000 because of the additional tax collections that took place.

Mr. Oberst will need three separate motions and approvals for each of the funds. He provided the he could answer any questions that anyone may have. There were none.

General Fund Resolution

Motion by Dr. Baker supported by Dr. Flores to accept Budget Amendment One General Fund.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Education of
Grand Rapids Public Schools

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2016-2017: a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employees of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total available to appropriate in the General Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as per page 1 of Exhibit A attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2016-2017 is amended as per page 2 of Exhibit A attached.

This amended resolution is to take effect on February 6, 2017.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion declared ADOPTED

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, of Kent County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of February 2017, the original of which is on file in my office, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

General Fund Budget

	2016-2017 Original Budget	2016-2017 Amendment One	2016-2017 Amended Budget
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Revenues:

	\$	\$	\$
Local sources	51,569,463	2,701,320	54,270,783
State sources			
Restricted	39,796,375	1,344,590	41,140,965
Unrestricted	82,957,000	804,000	83,761,000
Federal			
Restricted	22,761,409	1,292,763	24,054,172
Unrestricted	65,000	(25,000)	40,000

Total revenue	197,149,247	6,117,673	203,266,920
Other financing sources:			
Operating transfers in	2,904,234	(52,685)	2,851,549
Total revenue and other financing sources	200,053,481	6,064,988	206,118,469
Fund balance, July 1	11,814,113		11,814,113
Total available to appropriate	211,867,594	6,064,988	217,932,582

Expenditures

Instruction			
Basic programs	78,201,356	\$ 2,215,806	\$80,417,162
Added needs	26,267,952	901,838	27,169,790
Adult and continuing education	628,432	286,515	914,947
Total instruction	105,097,740	3,404,159	108,501,899
Support services:			
Pupil support services	20,341,130	(950,163)	19,390,967
Instructional staff support	11,245,457	1,279,237	12,524,694
General administration	2,271,061	47,751	2,318,812
School administration	12,639,906	131,453	12,771,359
Fiscal services	4,243,588	53,358	4,296,946
Operations and maintenance	20,335,804	225,457	20,561,261
Pupil transportation	12,246,806	281,325	12,528,131
Staff and personnel services	9,502,717	1,611,318	11,114,035
Student activities	1,494,150		1,494,150
Total support services	94,320,619	2,679,736	97,000,355

Community services	1,259,767	50,598	1,310,365
Facility acquisition/building improvements	10,000	192,927	202,927
Total expenditures	200,688,126	6,327,420	207,015,546
Other financing services			
Operating transfers out	2,716,000	(451,000)	2,265,000
Total appropriations	203,404,126	5,876,420	209,280,546

Special Revenue Fund Resolution

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Rev. Matias to support Budget Amendment One Special Revenue Fund

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL APPROPRIATION
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF Grand Rapids PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriation of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2016-2017: A resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriation; and to provide for disposition of all income received by Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no Board of Education member or employee of the School District shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any funds except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board. Changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total revenue and unappropriated fund balance estimated to be available for appropriations in the Special Revenue Fund of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for fiscal year 2016-2017 is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth per Exhibit A attached.

This amended resolution is to take effect on February 6, 2017.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion declared ADOPTED

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

Secretary, Board of Education
Grand Rapids Public Schools

Special Fund Budget

	Actual 2014-2015	Proposed Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017
Local Sources	\$25,360,138	\$25,453,600	\$25,279,610
State Sources	11,111,062	11,203,745	10,895,990
Federal Sources	11,315,653	10,949,952	10,950,000
Total Revenue	47,786,853	47,607,297	47,125,600
Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	3,530,860	2,881,755	2,265,000
Total Revenues, Incoming Transfers and Other Transactions	\$51,317,713	\$50,489,052	\$49,390,600
Expenditures			
Special Education Center Programs	\$36,985,062	\$36,368,201	\$35,370,575
Food Service	10,999,249	12,907,911	12,438,198
Community Education	16,906	24,800	24,900
GRASP	372,169	435,000	436,750
RIF	42,726	45,000	25,000
Houseman Field	87,160	115,000	123,000
Total Expenditures	48,503,272	49,895,912	48,418,423
Outgoing Transfers	1,830,061	2,962,829	2,851,549
Total Appropriated	50,333,333	52,858,741	51,269,972
	984,380	(2,369,689)	(1,879,372)

Excess Revenue (Appropriations)

Fund Balance, July 1	5,029,421	6,013,801	5,912,415
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Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$6,013,801</u>	<u>\$3,644,112</u>	<u>\$4,033,043</u>

Debt Retirement Fund Resolution

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Slade to accept Budget Amendment One Debt Retirement Fund.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

AMENDMENT TO DEBT APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution for Adoption by the Board of Education of
Grand Rapids Public Schools

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the general appropriations of the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2016-2017: a resolution to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditures of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby charged with general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Board and shall hold the department heads responsible for performance of their responsibilities within the amounts appropriated by the Board of Education and in keeping with the budgetary policy statement hitherto adopted by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total available to appropriate in the Debt Retirement Fund is hereby appropriated in the amounts and for the purposes set forth as per Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the general appropriation for the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the fiscal year 2016-2017 is listed per Exhibit 1 attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the number of ad valorem mills to be levied for debt retirement purposes is 4.75 mills on the taxable value of all property.

This amended resolution is to take effect on February 6, 2017.

Ayes: Members _____

Nays: Members _____

Motion declared ADOPTED

 Secretary, Board of Education
 Grand Rapids Public Schools

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2017

 Secretary, Board of Education
 Grand Rapids Public Schools

Debt Retirement

Exhibit 1

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Amended	2016-2017 Proposed
Revenue:			
Local sources:			
Property taxes	\$10,857,370	\$11,660,000	\$19,000,000
Other taxes		100,000	
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes		45,000	

Investment Income	47,361	31,964	3,500
State sources:			
Restricted	26,011		
Total revenue	10,930,742	11,836,964	19,003,500
Other financing sources:			
Proceeds from issuance of bonds		54,236,567	
Operating transfers in	677,665	960,519	573,435
Total other financing sources	677,665	55,197,086	573,435
Total revenue and other financing sources	11,608,407	67,034,050	19,576,935
Expenditures:			
Bond principal maturities	6,355,000	7,555,000	10,910,000
Interest on bonded debt	4,966,570	3,966,104	8,401,785
Bond issuance costs		887,898	
Other	29,879	132,555	130,500
Total expenditures	11,351,449	12,541,557	19,442,285
Other financing uses			
Payment to escrow agent		55,193,669	
Total other financing uses		55,193,669	
Total expenditures and other financing uses	11,351,449	67,735,226	19,442,285
Revenue and other sources over (under) expenditures	256,958	(701,176)	134,650
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,305,148	2,562,106	1,860,930
Fund balance at end of year	\$2,562,106	\$1,860,930	\$1,995,580

PNC Grow Up Great Grant

Mr. Matthew Beresford, Director of Early Childhood Education (ECE), provided information and an overview of the Grow Up Great Grant offered through PNC Bank. This is connected to offering rich early childhood experiences and education of early childhood teachers. The approval of the grant will support both those efforts. This is another continued support from

PNC of the GRPS Early Childhood Education program and all the rich things happening in it. He provided a history that PNC has with the district and their previous giving.

This particular grant would fund a traveling puppet show from Kevin Comrade a local puppet expert who also does group read aloud. He would travel to the ECE classrooms. Students will be provided with a hard cover book that they will be able to take home with them. The book comes with a mobile app that parents will be able to download as well.

A board member asked if the grant was requested or donated. It was requested and recommended by PNC to apply. Another board member asked if the app is able to translate to other languages. The app translates to Spanish and other languages are being worked out. Any documentation going home is bilingual so parents can understand the value of the app. There will be a launch point for the app with a helpful card of what is happening in the classroom. There are also monthly parent activities and will revisit this to show them what the app can do.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Downes Lewis to accept the PNC Grow Up Great Grant.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

MASB Region 3 Board of Directors Election

Vice President Ross provided that there are two candidates for one seat under consideration for the MASB Region 3 Board of Directors. The term is for a three-year term effective the second Wednesday in March 2017. The incumbent, Jill Fennessy and John Siemian are both vying for this seat. Vice President Ross looked to board members for their insight regarding the nominees.

A board member shared that Ms. Fennessy has been very active on both state level and home district in the Tri City Area. She was highly recommended due to her diligence. Another board member also met her and was very impressed with her knowledge and feels strongly about her.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Ms. Slade to cast the ballot for Ms. Jill Fennessy for the MASB Region 3 Board of Directors seat.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are being presented for the acceptance/approval of the Board:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Special Board Meeting/Work Session/Orientation – January 9, 2017
 - b. Board Meeting/Annual Organizational Meeting- January 17, 2017

2. Reports of Committees (None)
3. Business Items
 - a. Personnel Transactions
 - b. Purchases
 - c. Financials – December 2016
 - d. Donation – Donors Choose
 - e. Student Reinstatements
4. Motions & Resolutions
 - a. Black History Month

Motion by Dr. Flores, supported by Ms. Slade that the Consent Agenda items be accepted/approved minus the Student Reinstatements.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 8.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

No Report.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel Transactions

The following transactions were approved/accepted under the Consent Agenda:

GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	ANDREW	MALTY	APPOINTED	HARRISON PARK	1/23/2017	SPEC ED PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	RENEA	ATKINS	APPOINTED	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	12/21/2016	SPEC ED PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	MA	LOPEZ	APPOINTED	BURTON MIDDLE	1/17/2017	PARAPRO BILINGUAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	REGINA	LOPEZ	APPOINTED	CONGRESS ELEMENTARY	12/21/2016	LITERACY PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	LAUREN	MAHONEY	APPOINTED	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	1/23/2017	SPEC ED PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	BRIDGIT	CRAWFORD	APPOINTED	HARRISON PARK	1/9/2017	HEAD SECRETARY
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	RHONDEEN	SLUITER	APPOINTED	FACILITIES PLANNING & MANAGEMENT	12/12/2016	SECRETARY
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	MARITZA	GOMEZ	APPOINTED	WESTWOOD MIDDLE	1/9/2017	HEAD SECRETARY
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	KELLY	JACKSON	APPOINTED	HUMAN RESOURCES	1/16/2017	BENEFITS/HR TECHNICIAN
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	GRISELL	ORENGO RAMOS	APPOINTED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	8/25/2016	CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	TONY	VISSER	APPOINTED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	8/25/2016	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JOSHUA	BRINGEDAHL	APPOINTED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	8/25/2016	HEAD CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	ANN	BLAWKAMP	APPOINTED	FOOD AND NUTRITION	11/7/2016	PERMANENT SUB
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	ANN	BLAWKAMP	APPOINTED	FOOD AND NUTRITION	8/25/2016	PERMANENT SUB
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JAMES	VANDERLAAN	APPOINTED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	8/25/2016	PLUMBER UNLICENSED
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	JASMINE	MORTON	APPOINTED	PINE GROVE	11/14/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	MARIE	MORGAN	APPOINTED	COIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCE	10/3/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER

GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	GRACE	SCHOEBORN	APPOINTED	COIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCE	10/3/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	JANET	ALLOR	APPOINTED	DICKINSON ELEMENTARY	10/13/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	KORRIE	OTTENWESS	APPOINTED	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	11/9/2015	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	NICHOLAS	KENNY	APPOINTED	KEC OAKLEIGH	12/12/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	SARA	VANKOOTEN	APPOINTED	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	1/20/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	EMERY	KOETJE	APPOINTED	LINCOLN SCHOOL	1/20/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
SUPPORT NON-EXEMPT	MERRITT	MELVONE	APPOINTED	COMMUNITY & STUDENT SERVICES	1/4/2017	MULTI-TIER SUPPORT SPECIALIST
SUPPORT NON-EXEMPT	REBECCA	BACK	APPOINTED	WESTWOOD MIDDLE	1/3/2017	SCHOOL TO CAREERS
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARY	KLAASEN	APPOINTED	SHARED TIME PROGRAM	1/30/2017	GEN MUSIC 1-8
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	PAUL	NELSON	APPOINTED	OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	1/17/2017	MATH
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KENNETH	JERNIGAN JR	APPOINTED	OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	1/23/2017	SCIENCE
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ALBREI	MUDRY	APPOINTED	UNION HIGH	1/9/2017	SOCIAL STUDIES
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	JOEL	BOERSEN	APPOINTED	UNION HIGH	1/9/2017	MATH/SCIENCE
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MARY	SCHOEN	RESIGN	SHARED TIME PROGRAM	12/22/2016	GEN MUSIC 1-8
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ARNETTA	THOMPSON	RESIGN	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	1/23/2017	HONOR BIOLOGY
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ANDREW	LEWIS	RESIGN	INNOVATION CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	12/9/2016	SCIENCE 10/11
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	SARA	EISINGER	RESIGN	UNION HIGH	12/23/2016	AUTISM
GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KATELYN	DEYOUNG	RESIGN	DICKINSON ELEMENTARY	12/22/2016	3 ESL
GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	SALENA	PARKER-PIECHOCKI	RESIGN	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/15/2017	CUSTODIAN 1
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	THOMAS	ELTON	DISMISSED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/6/2017	CUSTODIAN 3
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	THOMAS	THURMAN	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	2/28/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 3
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	DONNA	TOLBERT	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/27/2017	HEAD CUSTODIAN 3
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	CATHLEEN	THURMAN	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	12/29/2016	HEAD CUSTODIAN 3
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JAMES	PUCHALSKI	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	12/31/2016	HEAD CUSTODIAN 3
GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	BARBARA	BENTLEY	RESIGN	FOOD AND NUTRITION	12/21/2016	SATELLITE PRODUCTION & UTILITY
GR PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSOC	CASSIDY	TIMMONS	RESIGN	EARLY CHILDHOOD	12/22/2016	PREK PARAPROFESSIONAL
GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	DEBORAH	MACY	RETIRE	UNION HIGH	1/27/2017	HEAD SECRETARY
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	DEBORAH	KUIPER	RESIGN	PINE GROVE	12/22/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BENJAMIN	LEPPER	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	12/22/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	TISHA	LUCAS	RESIGN	COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS CAMPUS	12/22/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	ELLA	LIPSCOMB	RESIGN	COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS CAMPUS	12/22/2016	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
GR EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	JAMES	PETERESON JR.	RESIGN	INNOVATION CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	1/17/2017	ROTC

Purchases

The following purchases were approved under the Consent Agenda:

PURCHASING AGENDA FEBRUARY 6, 2017 BOARD MEETING

I. General Fund

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

Contract agreement with Northview Public Schools for a paraprofessional to provide signing services for a student at Lincoln School for the 2016-2017 school year for the Special Education Department at a total cost of \$36,060.00

VENDORS: 1 Northview Public Schools

B. Support Materials

Permission to modify blanket order for temporary staffing for the Human Resources Department in the amount of \$156,000.00. Original blanket order amount of \$75,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. Modify amount of \$98,000.00 approved on 10/3/16. New blanket order amount \$329,000.00

VENDORS: 1 Office Team

C. Stock Inventory

None at this time

II. Other (Special Funds)

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

None at this time

B. Support Materials

None at this time

III. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

None at this time

B. Sinking Fund Projects

None at this time

Financial Reports-December 2016

The following financial reports were accepted under the Consent Agenda:

On behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, your Chief Financial Officer submits the following:

Business Affairs: Fiscal Reports:

1. Expenditures for the period December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the period of December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
3. Debt Retirement Fund Status Report.
4. Building & Site Fund Status Report.
5. General Fund Balance Sheet.
6. General Fund Status Reports.
7. Special Revenue Funds Report.

General Operations, Multi-Funded and Fully Funded Programs
Disbursements for the Period: December 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Invoices – Materials and Services		\$16,597,052
Taxes:		
Federal	\$1,160,792	
State	418,188	
City	<u>77,243</u>	
Total Taxes		1,656,223
Payroll:		
Gross Payrolls	13,177,700	
Non-Tax Reimbursements	76,879	
Less:		
Income Tax Withholding	\$1,697,869	
Social Security Withholding	909,621	
Annuities	1,295,005	
Hospital & Life Insurance	910,107	
Other Deductions	<u>94,866</u>	
Total Deductions	<u>4,907,468</u>	
Net Payroll		8,347,111
Payroll Reclassified to Funds Below		<u>(2,522,299)</u>
Total Operating Funds Disbursement		24,078,087

Building & Sites, Special Revenue, Trust & Agency & Debt Retirement,
Disbursements for the Period: December 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

	<u>Other Fund</u>		
	<u>Invoices</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	
Building & Site Funds	204,713	0	204,713
Special Revenue Funds	650,541	2,519,465	3,170,006

Trust & Agency Funds	19,964	2,834	22,798
Debt Retirement Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Funds Disbursements	875,218	2,522,299	3,397,517

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: ALL FUNDS \$27,475,604

Donation

The following donation was accepted under the Consent Agenda for approval under Policy 9350. Board Policy 9350 requires that the Business Division review any donations with a value greater than \$2,500.

- From Donors Choose, funded through Google, 30 Samsung ChromeBooks and 3 Charging Stations are being donated to a 5th Grade Classroom at Stocking Elementary to be used for their STEM, Coding, and Blogging activities. This donation is valued at \$7,199.

Student Reinstatements

Vice President Ross opened discussion regarding the Student Reinstatements agenda item pulled from the Consent Agenda.

A board member shared that they disagrees with the placement of the two students under consideration for reinstatement both philosophically and personally. In their opinion, the individuals regardless of remorse expressed, is being set up for failure to return to the school the incident occurred and feels this sends the wrong message to the community. The board member believes that if the district is about safe schools, then they should be looking for alternatives for these students to have greater success and will be voting no.

Vice President Ross noted that one of the students was not returning to the same school and the second family may be going to a different school but was undetermined at this time.

A board member clarified that the concern their colleague expressed is regarding an assault situation.

A board member shared that this is discussed during the reinstatement hearings that all board members have an opportunity to participate in. Where the student returns to school there is a long, thoughtful discussion including a recommendation to consider where that school is. It is not in the record at this time and cannot be discussed. The safety and consideration of all students is an important part of the consideration as well as how to handle the return to the school and to do this effectively. The board member feels this is not a blanket policy, there are humans and real discussion and believes it is important to consider the actual cases at stake.

A board member shared that this is case by case basis and whoever is at the meetings is where that information is had and discussed with a number of folks representing the board, administrators, teachers, and staff. It is good to have a discussion in terms of what the restorative practices are to ensure the students succeed when they return. The community can attend the open meetings however parents have the choice of whether it is open or closed.

A board member shared they were impressed with the things the students had to do before they are allowed to come back and shared their feelings when they were a teacher having a student return to the classroom. It was emphasized that they are children and having them come back after meeting the requirements is glad that what is set up allows them to come back to class.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Dr. Baker that the Student Reinstatement be accepted.

Carried: Yeas: Matias, Schottke, Slade, Baker, Grant, Lewis, Vice President Ross – 7.

Nays: Flores – 1.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was approved under the Consent Agenda:

Black History Month

RESOLUTION BLACK HISTORY MONTH February 2017

WHEREAS, African-Americans have helped in the founding of this nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as explorers, free citizens, indentured servants, slaves, pioneers, laborers, and soldiers; and

WHEREAS, men and women of African descent have advanced our nation through their contributions in science and technology, business and industry, education, the arts, politics, religion, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, African-American men and women in Grand Rapids have made and continue to make significant contributions toward the improvement of the quality of life in Grand Rapids, our state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of African-American men and women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the overall body of American history; and

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) established “Negro History Week” in 1926 as a partial solution to the continued oversight of their history and as an occasion for all Americans to become aware of and celebrate the vast contributions of African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, “Negro History Week,” which became “African-American History Month,” and is now “Black History Month,” has continued to serve as a vehicle to encourage all Americans to become aware of the history of African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Schools, in its ongoing effort to provide education that is multicultural, seeks to initiate programs “to increase the awareness and understanding of the interest and needs of all people;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recognizes February as “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” and encourages staff to initiate and implement educational programs and activities appropriate to this occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed on file with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Grand Rapids, Michigan

February 6, 2017

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- ◆ Ms. Ruth Anne Lomas regarding an update on the Sister Cities Essay Contest
- ◆ Ms. Irma Mencha regarding academic achievement success and her desire to have widespread counseling and professional development to support post-traumatic stress disorder

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Grant expressed how amazing it was for Grand Rapids Public Schools to be represented at the Giants event. She congratulated everyone who was recognized.

Dr. Baker also shared how many connections to the district there were represented at the Giants.

Vice President Ross led applause for Mr. Larry Johnson, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety and School Security for receiving the Giant Among Giants recognition at the event.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Secretary

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