

**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, MARCH 6, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Present: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Absent: Matias – 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion by Ms. Lewis, supported by Dr. Baker, that the agenda be approved as written.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

CELEBRATIONS

Energy Star Certification at Buildings

Mr. Ken Klomparens, executive director of facilities and operations management was joined by Ms. Kristian Trovillian, sustainability coordinator to celebrate that eight school building in the district received Energy Star certification. This is earned through an USCEP rating that includes evaluating the building on its performance and energy efficiency. The building must be above 75 percent level so that it meets the top 25 percent of comparable buildings in the country.

Buildings receiving this certification include: Brookside, CA Frost, Mulick Park, Ottawa Hills, Riverside, Sherwood Park, Union, and Westwood. Over the past couple of years the district has been benchmarking all of its buildings not just for energy use and water use. The monitoring also includes tracking utility data monthly and yearly to determine what is expected for the use based on size and climate for the specific building. This allows them to predict what the utilities will be and expect them to be. The district can then prioritize the building's need to retrofit them for items such as LED light replacements for cost savings. It also provides the opportunity to see spikes in usage and to look at what is going on.

The District consults with Consumers Energy as a third party so they can send an engineer to do a walk through audit to verify the data the district has is correct. They report this to the Environmental Protection Agency. After receiving verification of the calculations and monitoring was correct, the district achieved the Energy Start level for these buildings. Each site received a plaque that will be displayed in the building. The District is looking at more buildings to go through this process in 2017.

Superintendent Neal shared that what is unique about this is that these are some of the older buildings in the district and was pleased this was attained.

Sherwood Park Global Studies Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

Ms. Bridget Cheney, executive director of pre-k-12 instructional support was joined by Ms. Sherrie Ross, principal at Sherwood Park Global Studies, Ms. Yamaka Bracey, assistant principal, along with Ms. Rose Enders to share an exciting opportunity provided to students at the school. Ms. Ross shared that she is grateful to be able to publicly thank Ms. Enders for her contributions that go beyond the monetary. She shows up every day faithfully volunteering to read to students, providing support for recess duty and lunch duty, as well as whatever she can do to help. Ms. Enders expressed her pleasure to continue on with the tradition and her goal to give students a snippet of what exists beyond Grand Rapids. She has provided opportunities for sixth graders to go to Chicago, seventh graders to go to Camp Henry, and eight graders to go to Washington, D.C. as she calls the big trip. She expressed her joy in being able to do this. This year she is taking 34 students to Washington, D.C.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

The student representatives were excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT- BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. Jen Schottke presented the following reports:

Board Committee Meeting Schedule Update

Ad Hoc Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

West Michigan Hispanic Chamber 2017 Awards Gala

The Board will have a table to attend the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber 2017 Awards Gala taking place Wednesday, April 19, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. at The Pinnacle Center. Members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be recognized for the impact they create in the Hispanic business community in West Michigan. The following categories will be honored:

Hispanic Business of the Year
Hispanic Businessperson of the Year
Most promising Hispanic Business
Young Professional of the Year
Building Bridges Award
Non-Profit Champion Award

If you are able to attend, please RSVP with the Superintendent's Office.

RIF Movie Event

Be Our Guest at the Celebration North Cinema to support literacy efforts in the homes of GRPS youth. The live-action version of the film *Beauty and the Beast* will be playing on March 17 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This special screening is a fundraiser with ticket level options to support the RIF program. You can purchase these special tickets through the Student Advancement Foundation's website via www.grsaf.org. Beauty and the Beast will be present to welcome guests to the event. Beauty/Belle will be portrayed by City High Senior Ashley King.

MASB – Region Three

Jill Fennessy was re-elected to serve as the Region 3 Board of Director on the Michigan Association of Schools Boards. The GRPS Board voted to submit a ballot for Ms. Fennessy at our February 6 board meeting. She will begin her second three-year term effective the second Wednesday in March. On behalf of the Grand Rapids Board, congratulations to Ms. Fennessy.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

Finance Committee

Dr. Tony Baker requested that Mr. Larry Oberst, chief financial officer provide an overview of documents received by board members at Finance Committee and in board meeting packets. Mr.

Oberst provided information and detail to ensure that members can navigate the information they receive. Mr. Oberst presented on the financial dashboard, financials, and the bond planning working spreadsheet.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Michigan High School Athletic Association Winter Tournaments

Mr. John Helmholdt, executive director of communications and external affairs shared that the remaining games include the basketball and swimming and dive competitions. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the student athletics.

2017-2018 School Year Start Date

Mr. Helmholdt reported that the start of school will begin on Monday, August 28, 2017. Other dates are going through the negotiations process. He noted that there will be an extensive campaign to bring awareness of the earlier start date to bring awareness.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution Related to Bond Authorizing Resolution

President Falb advised that the Board made the unanimous decision and voted to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution this past November. The Board neglected to make a motion and second at that time. This resolution will allow the Board to bypass that in that one instant and uphold the vote they took at the time.

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Resolution Related to Bond Authorizing Resolution.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the members of the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools, County of Kent, Michigan, held in said School District on _____.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE PROCEDURAL DEFICIT REGARDING THE BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2016 Board meeting the Board unanimously approved the Bond Authorizing Resolution for the 2017 Refunding Bonds upon roll call. However, the record does not reflect that there was a motion or second as required by the Board's Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools waives the requirement that a motion be made and seconded with respect to the Bond Authorizing Resolution approved by roll call of the Board on November 7, 2016, and to let stand the original roll call vote that approved that Resolution.

Upon a vote for the adoption of said Resolution, the vote was:

YEAS:

NAYS:

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Grand Rapids Public Schools, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on _____, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

DATED: _____

Secretary, Board of Education

WMHIP Resolution Naming Trustee and Alternate Trustee

Mr. Larry Oberst shared that the district's non-union employees' health insurance is provided by the West Michigan Health Insurance cooperative. This coverage has been for a number of years. As a member of that pool, the district has a board representation. Because of staffing changes the school board needs to approve of the change.

Motion by Ms. Lewis, supported by Ms. Slade, to accept the WMHIP Resolution Naming Trustee and Alternate Trustee.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

GOVERNING BODY OF
GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(the "Member")
RESOLUTION NAMING TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE

PREMISES

Article 6.1 of the Bylaws of the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool ("WMHIP") requires that each member entity name a Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve on the Board of Trustees for the WMHIP.

- A. The Governing Body of the Member has chosen individuals in accordance with Article 6.1 to serve as Trustee and Alternate Trustee.
- B. The Governing Body of the Member believes that these individuals will represent the interests of the Member in the WMHIP.
- C. Neither of these individuals are an owner officer, or employee of any third-party administrator or any other third party providing services to WMHIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Member hereby resolves:

1. The Governing Body hereby confirms its appointment of the following persons as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve as Trustee when the initial Trustee is not available or in attendance to carry out the Trustee's duties:

Amy Robinson, Benefits Manager (Trustee)
Larry Oberst, Chief Financial Officer (Alternate Trustee)

The Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall serve until replaced by action of the Governing Body of the Member. Failure of the Member to designate a Trustee, or the failure of that Trustee/Alternate Trustee to participate on the Board of Trustees, shall not affect the responsibilities or duties of the Member under the Amended Trust Agreement.

2. Once these appointments are made known to WMHIP, the above-named individuals shall remain in office until WMHIP receives evidence of appointment of other persons.

3. Evidence of these appointments shall be communicated to WMHIP by providing a certified copy of this resolution.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the _____ Governing _____ Body _____ of _____ the _____, _____ Counties, State of Michigan, at a _____ meeting held on _____, 2017, and that this meeting was conducted and public notice of this meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of this meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by this Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at this meeting:

_____ and that the following Members were absent _____.

I further certify that the foregoing resolution was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of the foregoing resolution:

_____ and that the following Members voted against adoption of this resolution:
_____.

Secretary

Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Lewis, to approve Policy #3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

Section 3000: Fiscal Management
3665 Food and Nutrition Services Procurement

Introduction

The Grand Rapids Public Schools (hereinafter “GRPS” or “District”) desires to establish a fair and transparent purchasing policy and processes to ensure that its students receive the best products and services possible at the most reasonable price. This policy specifically applies to the Grand Rapids Food and Nutrition Services Department (hereinafter “GRPSFS”) and incorporate the District’s overall purchasing rules where applicable.

General Provision

GRPSFS will utilize the guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Education to determine if purchase request must be approved by an MDE official (Administrative Policy NO. 13) Administrative Rules 3665

GRPSFS will maintain a contract administration system which will ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

GRPSFS will verify that all food program contracts and procurements are net of all applicable discounts, rebates, and credits. All contractors will maintain records and source documents in support of all costs, discounts, rebates, and credits.

GRPSFS will retain all food program records for three years after final payments and/or three years after any pending matters have been closed and completed.

GRPS reserves the right to reject all bids based on staff evaluation and to ask for new bids. Such reservation shall be so specified in the publication or notification of bid letting.

GRPS reserves the right to waive any informality in, or reject any part of, a bid.

GRPSFS is a member of the Great Lakes Consortium.

GRPSFS Purchasing Requirements

1. Purchases greater than \$25,000:

If the amount exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) a contract must be awarded through a formal competitive bid process. A call for bids or request for proposals (RFP) shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Grand Rapids, as well as published in a newspaper generally circulated state-wide and posted on the district's website. The call for bids or RFPs may also be published in a regional newspaper. Purchases greater than \$25,000 will require Board approval.

2. Purchases between \$3,000 and \$25,000:

GRPSFS will obtain competitive written quotes from at least three vendors.

3. Purchases less than \$3,000:

Any purchase below three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) is considered a micro-purchase. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotes if the price is considered reasonable. To the extent feasible; however, GRPSFS must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers.

4. Emergency Purchases

GRPSFS will comply with the emergency purchase guidelines outlined in GRPS Board Policy 3610 and 3610-R.

Bid Specification Requirements

Bid specifications will be written by Food Services personnel and presented to the Purchasing Department for distribution. GRPSFS contracts will not be awarded to any potential vendor who writes any of the bid specifications, the solicitation documents, or any of the contract language for the solicitation.

Identical bid specifications and/or request for proposals will be provided to all potential vendors.

Bid Procedures

GRPSFS will follow the process outlined in GRPS Board Policy, Section 3000 – Fiscal Management 3660-R Bids and Quotation Requirements

Geographic Preference

Pursuant to state law, no local preference will be granted for contracts paid for with federal funds.

Buy American

GRPSFS will adhere to “Buy American”. Therefore Food Service is required to purchase, to the maximum extent possible, domestic products for use in meals served in our Child Nutrition Program. However, exceptions are allowed when:

- a. Food preferences can only be met with foreign goods
- b. Insufficient quantity and/or quality is available in the USA
- c. Domestic cost is significantly higher

Debarment and Suspension

All potential vendors will be required to complete the debarment and suspension certification form Administrative Rules 3665

Standard of Conduct for GRPS Employees

GRPSFS will adhere to GRPS Board Policy 3610 and 3610-R.

Bid Protest Procedures

The bid protest procedures outlined in GRPS Board Policy Rule 3660-R shall apply.

Approved:

LEGAL REFERENCE: MCL.380.1274

Policy #7630 Graduation Requirements, Acceptance of Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Mr. Ross, to approve Policy #7630 Food and Nutrition Procurement Policy, Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

Section 7000: Instructional Program

7630 Graduation Requirements

Upon graduation students will be:

Educated, and therefore, able to:

- Apply skills and knowledge learned from a rigorous and relevant core curriculum.
- Demonstrate proficiency in current technologies.
- Transfer career and employability skills across multiple settings.
- Pursue lifelong learning to succeed in a changing global community.

Self-Directed, and therefore, able to:

- Use a high degree of self-awareness to facilitate making life-directing decisions.
- Identify and initiate career-appropriate post-secondary options.

Productive, and therefore, able to:

- Appreciate and respect cultural and individual diversity.
- Actively participate as productive members of a democratic society.

Graduates will meet all GRPS requirements which may include specific requirements for students participating in dual enrollment, Early/Middle College Programs, and other Theme School options.

These requirements will meet or exceed the minimum graduation requirements as defined by the State of Michigan

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1278a, 388.513, 388.514, 388.1621b, 388.1661b

Policy #7648 Dual Enrollment Second Reading, Final Adoption

Motion by Ms. Grant, supported by Ms. Lewis, to approve Policy #7648 Dual Enrollment Second Reading, Final Adoption.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

Section 7000: Instructional Program

7648 Dual Enrollment

The Board desires to encourage and enable students to enroll in a variety of courses or programs at postsecondary institutions.

Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment in postsecondary institutions shall be made available to eligible students in accordance with state guidelines.

Dual Credit

Students successfully completing the requirements of a course offered by a Michigan postsecondary institution shall receive high school credit providing all guidelines have been met.

Early/ Middle College Program

The District may offer an Early/Middle College Program for students. An Early/Middle College Program is a five-year high school program designed to allow a student to earn a high school diploma and either an associate's degree, the Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) technical certification or up to 60 transferable college credits at the same time.

The dual enrollment and Early/Middle College Program shall meet or exceed the State's requirement for graduation.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to promote, encourage, and support students participating in dual enrollment and Early/Middle College programs.

Approved: June 29, 2009

Revised:

LEGAL REF: MCL 388.513, 388.514, 388.1621b, 388.1661b

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 – February 13, 2017
 - b. Board Meeting- February 20, 2017
2. Reports of Committees
 - a. Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee Meeting – February 6, 2017
 - b. Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee Meeting – February 27, 2017
 - c. Finance Committee Meeting – February 27, 2017
3. Business Items
 - a. Personnel Transactions
 - b. Purchases
 - c. Financials – January 2017
4. Motions & Resolutions
 - a. Employee Appreciation Day
 - b. César E. Chávez Day
 - c. National School Breakfast Week
 - d. Women's History Month
 - e. March is Reading Month
 - f. Music in Our Schools Month

Motion by Ms. Slade, supported by Ms. Lewis, that the Consent Agenda items be accepted/ approved minus the Purchases.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

Purchasing Agenda

A board member asked for a rationale concerning air conditioning being proposed for the GRPS University building. The concern is with the prioritization of staff receiving this before schools that house students.

Dr. Baker as the chair of the Finance Committee shared that the committee discussed this prior to recommending the item on the purchasing agenda be brought forward. There is staff training going on throughout the summer and would not be able to use the site during that time otherwise. It would cost the district additional dollars to rent space elsewhere.

Mr. Klomprens supported the rationale by adding that the district wants to use the site extensively for a professional development center and it is understood that students come first. Typically air conditioning can't be done in buildings without a major renovation to the heating and cooling plan. Project capacity to do in all the buildings remains to be seen as the district is maximizing doing all it can within its financial capacity. It is the hope of the district to do this for all buildings.

Motion by Dr. Baker, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Purchasing Agenda be accepted/approved.

Carried: Yeas: Slade, Baker, Flores, Grant, Lewis, Ross, Schottke, and President Falb – 8.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee Meeting

The February 6, 2017 Ad Hoc Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee Meeting

The February 27, 2017 Ad Hoc Calendaring Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

Finance Committee Meeting

The February 27, 2017 Finance Committee meeting minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda and have been posted to the District's website.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Personnel Transactions

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

APPOINTMENTS - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
SC	GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	QUANETTA	THOMAS-DEAN	APPOINTED	KEC OAKLEIGH	2/20/2017	HEAD SECRETARY
WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BRITTANY	BOWEN	APPOINTED	COIT ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCE	2/7/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER

WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	GRETCHEN	EDWARDS	APPOINTED	KEC OAKLEIGH	2/20/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER
<u>APPOINTMENTS - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	ASHLEY	GREENUP	APPOINTED	ADULT EDUCATION	2/6/2017	ESL
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KRISTIN	KRIEGER	APPOINTED	SHARED TIME PROGRAM	2/7/2017	1-8 COMPUTERS
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	DARIAN	MEININGER	APPOINTED	EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY	2/3/2017	4
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	KARLEEN	KOSKINEN	APPOINTED	UNION HIGH	1/19/2017	ASD TEACHER
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	LAUREN	SHANE	APPOINTED	DICKINSON ELEMENTARY	2/17/2017	2/3 ESL
<u>RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
TC	GR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	MICHELLE	VANDYKE	RESIGN	MULICK PARK	2/10/2017	4/5
<u>RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/DISMISS - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>							
GROUP	GROUP	FNAME	LNAME	STATUS	LOCATION	EFF DATE	DESC
PA	PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	CARMEN	MARTINEZ-MOLERO	RESIGN	FRANKLIN CAMPUS	1/17/2017	HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JEANNETTE	MCGHEE	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/15/2017	CUSTODIAN 1
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	JEFFREY	DEHAAN	RETIRED	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	1/6/2017	LICENSED ELECTRICIAN
BA	GR EDUC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS	VERONICA	GRIFFIN	RESIGN	PURCHASING & OPERATIONS	2/28/2017	SATELLITE PRODUCTION & UTILITY
SC	GR ASSOC OF EDUC OFFICE PERSNL	DANIELLE	HARP-BECKLEY	RESIGN	CITY HIGH/MIDDLE	2/10/2017	ATTENDANCE SECRETARY
WT	GR ASSOC OF CCW, ETS, NCTCHRS	BRIANA	THOMPSON	RESIGN	LINCOLN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	2/24/2017	ITINERANT CHILD CARE WORKER

Purchases

The following purchases were approved under the Consent Agenda minus the Design project management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University, which was approved by way of a separate vote.

PURCHASING AGENDA MARCH 6, 2017 BOARD MEETING

I. General Fund

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Payment of support for the Early Childhood Bright Beginnings Programs for the 2016-2017 school year for the Business Services Department at a total cost of \$33,752.00
VENDORS: 1 Kent Intermediate School District
2. Permission to modify blanket order for e-books for the Curriculum Department in the amount of \$11,500.00. Original blanket order amount of \$20,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$31,500.00
VENDORS: 1 Overdrive

B. Support Materials

Permission to modify blanket order for student bus tickets for the Business Services Department in the amount of \$150,000.00. Original blanket order amount of

\$750,000.00 approved on 6/27/16. New blanket order amount \$900,000.00
VENDORS: 1 Interurban Transit Partnership

C. Stock Inventory

None at this time

II. Other (Special Funds)

A. Instructional Supplies, Equipment, and Services

1. Purchase of infrastructure data cabling to support wireless networking upgrades at buildings district-wide for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$193,000.00 (Funded: 85% expected eRate funding, 15% eRate reimbursement)

VENDORS: 5 FD Hayes, Amcomm Telecom, PCM Sales, Persevus,
Presidio

2. Upgrade of internet service for all district-wide locations for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$41,100.00 over four (4) years (Funded: 90% expected eRate funding, 10% BOE)

VENDORS: 1 Comcast

3. Upgrade of Wide Area Network to support additional Internet service for all district-wide locations for the Management Information Systems Department at a total cost of \$66,700.00 over four (4) years (Funded: 90% expected eRate funding, 10% BOE)

VENDORS: 1 Comcast

B. Support Materials

Contract to provide principal leadership development for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$25,000.00 (Funded: Title II, Part A)

VENDORS: 1 Richard Lemons

III. Building and Sites

A. General Building and Sites Projects

1. Design project management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$233,750 (Funded: Bond Funds)

VENDORS: 1 Diekema Hamann Architecture & Engineering

2. Construction management services for the air conditioning and renovation project at GRPS University for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$220,000.00 (Funded: Bond Funds)
VENDORS: 1 Erhardt Construction

B. Sinking Fund Projects

1. Construction management services for the Ridgemoor Montessori renovation project for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$258,224.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry)
VENDORS: 1 Triangle Associates
2. Construction bids for long lead categories for renovation of the Ridgemoor Park building for the Facilities Management Department at a total cost of \$367,722.00 (Funded: Warm, Safe, Dry) VENDORS: 1
Triangle Associates

Financials – January 2017

The following financial reports were accepted under the Consent Agenda:

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

Business Affairs: Fiscal Reports:

1. Expenditures for the period January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017.
2. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for the period of January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017.
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: January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

	<u>Operating Funds</u>	
Invoices – Materials and Services		\$12,329,096
Taxes:		
Federal	\$ 675,450	
State	253,317	
City	<u>121,396</u>	
Total Taxes		1,050,163
Payroll:		
Gross Payrolls	8,053,454	
Non-Tax Reimbursements	112,920	
Less:		
Income Tax Withholding	\$1,002,396	

Social Security Withholding	562,423		
Annuities	835,640		
Hospital & Life Insurance	534,620		
Other Deductions	<u>57,797</u>		
Total Deductions		<u>2,992,876</u>	
Net Payroll			5,173,498
Payroll Reclassified to Funds Below			<u>(2,295,590)</u>
Total Operating Funds Disbursement			<u>17,257,167</u>

Building & Sites, Special Revenue, Trust & Agency & Debt Retirement,
Disbursements for the Period: January 1, 2017 – January 31, 2017

	<u>Other Fund</u>		
	<u>Invoices</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	
Building & Site Funds	485,786	0	485,786
Special Revenue Funds	749,149	1,294,047	2,043,196
Trust & Agency Funds	36,060	1,543	37,603
Debt Retirement Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Funds Disbursements	1,270,995	1,295,590	2,566,585
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: ALL FUNDS			<u>\$19,823,752</u>

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Employee Appreciation Day

RESOLUTION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY March 3, 2017

WHEREAS, the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids Public School (GRPS) employees are the backbone of our public education system; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees work directly with students, educators, parents, volunteers, business partners, and community members; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of buildings and property, and the healthy nutrition and direct instruction of students; and

WHEREAS, our community depends upon and trusts GRPS employees to serve students; and

WHEREAS, GRPS employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture students throughout their school years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby proclaims Friday, March 3, 2017 to be Employee Appreciation Day in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education encourages all members of our community to join in this observance, recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

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

March 6, 2017

Employee Appreciation Day was recognized at the Grand Rapids Public Schools by the Superintendent on March 3, 2017.

César E. Chávez Day

RESOLUTION
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ DAY
March 31, 2017

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez, was an American hero, a civil rights leader, Latino, farm worker, and a labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; and an environmentalist and consumer advocates; and

WHEREAS, César, a second-generation American, was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona; and at age 10, his family became migrant farm workers after losing their farm in the Great Depression; and throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the southwest United States laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farm worker life; and

WHEREAS, César's dream was to create an organization to protect and serve farm workers; and in 1962 he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, César led the first successful farm workers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections for hundreds of thousands of farm workers; and against previously insurmountable odds, he led successful strikes and boycotts that resulted in the first industry-wide labor contracts in the history of American agriculture; and

WHEREAS, His union's efforts brought about the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farm workers; and today it remains the only law in the nation that protects the farm workers' right to unionize; and

WHEREAS, César, a strong believer in the principles of nonviolence practiced by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively employed peaceful tactics such as fasts, boycotts, strikes and pilgrimages; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 he fasted for 25 days to affirm his personal commitment, and that of the farm labor movement, to non-violence; and he fasted again for 25 days in 1972; and in 1988, at the age of 61, he endured a 36-day “Fast for Life” to highlight the harmful impact of pesticides on farm workers and their children; and

WHEREAS, César passed away in his sleep on April 23, 1993, in San Luis, Arizona, only miles from his birthplace of 66 years earlier; and more than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California, the same community in which he had planted his seed for social justice only decades before; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2003, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed Public Act 225 of 2003 to designate March 31 of each year as César E. Chávez Day in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2012, the Navy christened and launched the dry cargo/ammunition ship the USNS César Chavez in a ceremony at the General Dynamics NASSCO Spyard in San Diego honoring César who served the Navy during World War I; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2012, President Barack Obama established the César E. Chavez National Monument in Keene, California. The site marks the extraordinary achievements and contributions to the history of the United States made by César E. Chávez and the farm worker movement that he led with great vision and fortitude. La Paz reflects his conviction that ordinary people can do extraordinary things;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recognizes, March 31, 2017 as “Cesar E. Chávez Day” 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 filed with the official proceedings of the Board of Education.

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

March 6, 2017

National School Breakfast Week

RESOLUTION
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
March 6 – 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation’s children; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program joins and has been joined through the years by many other excellent child nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Grand Rapids Public Schools does hereby proclaim the week of March 6-10, 2017 as NATIONAL

SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK and encourages all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

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

March 6, 2017

Women's History Month

RESOLUTION
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 2017

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state, and city in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America have instituted Public Law 101-6 designating the month of March as "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH;"

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education recognizes March as "WOMEN'S 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

March 6, 2017

March is Reading Month

RESOLUTION
MARCH IS READING MONTH
March 2017

WHEREAS, in Michigan and throughout the nation an alarming number of children enter school without the language and pre-reading skills necessary to succeed in reading and in school, and many children from all socioeconomic backgrounds do not how to hold a book, identify a word, or even recognize a letter; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that literacy is an important factor in determining an individual's success in school, the workplace, and society; and

WHEREAS, studies show that almost all children have the ability to learn if they are routinely exposed to basic language and pre-reading activities at an early age; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read is a unique aspect of our humanity and allows us to acquire knowledge of the world, our nation, the State of Michigan, and the communities in which we live; and

WHEREAS, March as been designated as Reading Month since 1982 and the Michigan Reading Association has developed resource packets containing suggestions for March as Reading Month activities; and

WHEREAS, the goals for the month include fostering positive feelings toward reading, encouraging the habit of reading as a recreational activity, and the promotion of improved literacy teaching and learning throughout the curriculum all year long;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education joins the State Board of Education and the Michigan Reading Association in recognizing March is Reading Month and encourages schools to celebrate reading through special events during the month.

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

March 6, 2017

Music in Our Schools Month

RESOLUTION MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH March 2017

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences; and

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated objective of the public schools to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Music Educators National Conference has designated March as Music in Our Schools Month; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public Schools recognizes that a music program should be relevant to the needs of the students and will reach and positively influence each child;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Rapids Board of Education endorses the observance of March as Music in Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.

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

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Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6, 2017

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- ◆ Ms. Brenda Bierens concerning special education programming
- ◆ Ms. Melissa Courtrade concerning special education programming
- ◆ Ms. Mary Bouwens, GREA President concerning special education programming
- ◆ Mr. Bill Shrader concerning naming of school
- ◆ Mr. Francisco M. Vega concerning naming of school
- ◆ Ms. Lily Schulting concerning special education programming

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Dr. Flores expressed his hope for quality special education systems that he recalled as an administrator while an administrator. He also shared a touching story regarding meeting and knowing Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez. He feels that this is a name to consider when naming a school.

Ms. Lewis echoed Dr. Flores's sentiments and feels that Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez would be someone to consider when naming a school at the appropriate time.

Ms. Slade expressed that she hears the concerns regarding special education and shares concerns. She will be talking to the Superintendent and the rest of the board about it.

President Falb gave a shout out to Mayor Bliss' address and speaking about how the community needs to prioritize issues around equity. She thought about how the district has prioritized this and some specifics on that. She also gave Superintendent Neal, her team, and Dr. Baker for their leadership on "To College, Through College" movement and all of the work leading up to that and new work with the young women. It is really impressive and progressive and realizing all of the unspoken barriers. She is excited to learn of the projected graduation rates and grateful to be amongst company doing this work and is a game changer and a leader in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary

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