Below are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Grandville Public Schools, Kent and Ottawa Counties, a general powers school district, which was held in the boardroom of the Administration Building, located at 3839 Prairie Street SW, in the city of Grandville, on Monday, July 15, 2019. President Wondergem called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members Buck, Wondergem, Palmer, Klein(by phone), Heyboer, and Persky, and Member Orme(by phone).

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Bearup, Assistant Superintendent Roszkowski, Assistant Superintendent Merkel, Assistant Superintendent Philo, Walter keener, and several from the Boy Scouts local chapter.

Public Comment: None

1. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by Persky supported by Buck to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All present

MOTION CARRIED

2A. Reports Agenda
2A. Buck, kudos to B. Persky for his work on the 4th of July celebration, also to the maintenance crew for their work to support the community; Mental Health Foundation has been selected to be a part of MHSAA coach’s training, they utilized two former Grandville athletes to help promote the work and Tennis Coach Tim Buck, as well as Grandville locations for filming.

Persky - recognized individuals for their parade and 4th of July celebration work: John Rich, Lisa VanderLaan, Renee Kooyer, Superintendent Bearup, Christy Buck and the Mental Health Foundation; it was a great event for the community.

Heyboer - echo the work for the 4th celebration and parade; reminded the past few weeks how great our staff is, shared a story about his middle son starting weight training this summer which led him to become engaged in other sports for next year.

Palmer - mentioned a recent local news article about teacher pay and how 1 of 5 teachers are leaving the profession due to pay, it is important to remember our great staff and the importance it is to recognize teachers and treat them well.

2B. President’s Report – Wondergem noted the caliber of our newsletter, The Communicator, and the recent edition highlighting our top 10 graduates from 2019 and other news. Great Work!

2C. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Bearup read to students today at a Community Ed event; our participation in the parade was fantastic and expressed appreciation for all the work into the entire community celebration; five weeks until school begins with a lot of preparation going on.

3. Old Business - None

4. Consent Action Agenda – Minutes, Personnel Hires, and Ratification of Funds
It was moved by Heyboer and supported by Buck to approve the June 17 Board of Education budget hearing minutes and the June 17 regular meeting minutes, personnel hires presented, and to approve the Ratification of Funds.

Ayes: All Present

MOTION CARRIED
5. Regular Action Agenda

5A. Approval of Revised PSLO Memo of Understanding – it was moved by Persky and supported by Palmer to approve the revised memo of understanding between Grandville Public Schools and the City of Grandville which includes an additional Police School Liaison officer. This agreement is for a one-year term. The City of Grandville and the Grandville Public Schools have agreed to amend the costs of the PSLO program to a 60/40 % split between the Schools and the City during the school year from the existing 50/50 split. The Schools will be responsible for 60% of the costs and the City for 40% of the costs. The City will be responsible for the total cost of both Police School Liaison Officers during the summer quarter when school is not in session.

Ayes: All Present

MOTION CARRIED

5B. Approval of November Bond Issue Call to Election, Resolution, and Ballot Language

It was moved by Buck and supported by Persky to approve the attached resolution which will place two separate bond proposals on the Tuesday, November 5, 2019 election ballot.

Proposal 1 is Ninety-Four Million Sixty Thousand Dollars ($94,060,000). If approved by voters, the estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is 2.42 mills ($2.42 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding for any single series is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.45 mills ($2.45 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

Proposal 2 is Twenty-Nine Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars ($29,400,000). If approved by voters, the estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2021 is 0.69 mills ($0.69 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding for any single series is twenty-one (21) years. The estimated average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.92 mills ($0.92 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

BACKGROUND: The bonding proposition noted within the attached resolution was discussed in detail at the June 17 regular board meeting. The proposal was developed and recommended by a citizen’s committee comprised of residents of Grandville Public Schools. Proposal 1 will address the following items:

- Space constraints at all elementary buildings with the addition of a new 7th & 8th grade Middle School and remodeling the current Middle School to accommodate 5th & 6th grades.
- Safety enhancements made at each of our schools by addressing interior classroom door glass and lock mechanisms, classroom sidelights, and a new fire alarm system at the High School.
- The recommendation earmarks $5,950,000 to install air conditioning (A/C) in all buildings currently without.
- The proposal also includes improvements and additions to the High School and Middle School Pools, Robotics Campus, the Maintenance & Transportation Facility and Early Childhood spaces.
- Technology needs will continue to be addressed through 2029, including improvements in classroom instructional multi-media equipment.
Proposal 2 will address the following items:

- Construction of a new Community Pool
- Conversion of current High School and Middle School pools into auxiliary/multipurpose space

If only Proposal 1 is approved by the voters, the debt levy would increase by 1.85 mills from 3.20 mills to 5.05 mills. This would result in an estimated $148 increase on a home with an assessed value of $160,000. See Proposal 1 estimated debt schedule.

If only Proposal 2 is approved by the voters, the debt levy would increase by 0.54 mills from 3.20 mills to 3.74 mills. The difference relates to the timing of issuance the debt in 2021 and current debt falling off. See Proposal 2 estimated debt schedule.

If both Proposal 1 & 2 were approved by the voters, the debt levy would increase by 2.75 mills from 3.20 mills to 5.95 mills. This would result in an estimated $220.10 increase on a home with an assessed value of $160,000. See Proposals 1 & 2 estimated debt schedule.

Superintendent Bearup explained the specific details of each of the two proposals, as had been outlined and discussed at previous meetings. The majority of the first proposal would include a new 7th/8th grade school building, air conditioning for those buildings without it, security upgrades, a robotics center expansion, necessary pool maintenance and upgrades for technology, Transportation and Maintenance facilities and Early Childhood spaces. The second proposal is for a community natatorium and aquatics center. If the second bond passes, the allotted money for pool maintenance would be repurposed for additional educational space.

The Board discussed various components of the potential bond. They were satisfied with the process the committees went through to get to the true needs of our district.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palmer, Orme, Persky, Klein, Buck, Heyboer Wondergem

MOTION CARRIED

5C. Approval of Cisco Maintenance Agreement Renewal

It was moved by Buck and supported by Persky to approve the renewal of our Cisco Maintenance Agreement.

Walter Keener, Network Administrator, explained the agreement renews support for all technology critical infrastructure. When asked by President Wondergem, Mr. Keener shared that he has been satisfied with the support provided by this agreement over the past year. He is very comfortable with the renewal and staying with the same support company.

Ayes: All present

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business, President Bob Wondergem adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Barbara Palmer, Secretary
Grandville Board of Education