

December 14, 2020

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District was called to order by President Watson on the above date in the media center at the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura high school building at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present – Watson, Upmeyer, Roberts, Larkin, and Toppin

Board Members Absent – None

Adoption of Agenda

Upon motion by Toppin, seconded by Larkin, and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Roberts, seconded by Upmeyer, and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the November 9, 2020, reorganization meeting and the regular held on the same date as presented.

Approval of Financial Reports and Bills

Upon motion by Roberts seconded by Larkin, and unanimously carried, the board approved the financial reports and bill lists to be paid from the following funds:

General Fund -	\$708,443.00
GHV Flex Fund -	<u>6,035.95</u>
Total	\$714,478.95

(The above amounts were included in November expenditures but were not approved at the November board meeting).

General Fund -	\$181,020.33
Management Fund –	476.01
Activity Fund –	21,091.05
PPEL Fund -	28,839.46
BASP Fund -	130.02
House Construction Fund -	45,509.01
Nutrition Fund -	31,017.94
Four Oaks Therapeutic Fund -	22,000.00

Grand Total

\$1,044,562.77

Upon motion by Roberts, seconded by Upmeyer, and on the following vote, Ayes – Watson, Upmeyer, Toppin, and Roberts, Nays – None, Abstain – Larkin, the following payment was approved:

Larkin Radon and Construction, House Construction Sup - \$6,180.00.

Recognition of Visitors/Open Forum

A brief update was given by Zoom by Grundmeyer Leader Services on the status of the superintendent search to date. Results of the stakeholder survey were shared.

Teacher Report

None.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal, Mike Meyering, reported that he was happy to be back face-to-face with students and that the Pre-School Desk Audit was completed.

Debra Steenhard, Middle School Principal, reported to the board that guidelines changed for the quarantining of students and staff and that it is a challenge to keep track of quarantined students. She also reported that the virtual band concert went well and that junior high sports are back in action.

Jim Haag, High School Principal, also reported that it was good to be back face-to-face and that he is proud of his teachers and Nurse Bonnie for all their hard work. He also indicated that band and vocal concerts will be live-streamed on K10W. Principal Haag informed the board that signage for all entries to all buildings has been updated to assist in an emergency situation for first responders, such as the fire department. An update on the house construction project was also given.

Dianne Hinders, Curriculum Coordinator, indicated to the board that her SPED teachers and paras are doing a great job. Also mentioned was that the Curriculum Desk Audit has been approved and that discussions are taking place on ISAPS.

Superintendent Williams requested of the board the permission to perform another survey of the teachers on the Wednesday early outs not that the district has had a few 2-hour early outs to see how it is working for the teachers and if they would like to see a change in this process.

Old Business

Lunch Committee Update

A lengthy report was given by representatives of the Lunch Committee. Information was shared on how our processes compare to other districts in our area. Discussion was held on outsourcing the food service. Upon motion by Upmeyer, seconded by Larkin, and unanimously carried, the board approved applying for a Request For Proposal from the Bureau of Food in Nutrition at the Department of Education. It was noted that this is to explore options only at this point.

Facility Use Agreement

Upon motion by Larkin, seconded by Toppin, and unanimously carried, the board approved the reversal of mandatory insurance coverage for COVID-19 for groups using the school facilities previously approved.

New Business

Approve Modified Allowable Growth for Drop Out Prevention

Upon motion by Roberts, seconded by Upmeyer, and unanimously carried, the board approved authority for modified allowable growth for At-Risk Prevention (Drop Out Prevention), in the amount of approximately \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 pursuant to a formula of the Department of Education and increasing the district's taxing authority by this formula amount.

Resolution for Depository Banks

Upon motion by Roberts, seconded by Larkin, and unanimously carried, the board approved the Resolution for Depository Banks as presented. There were no changes. Resolution on file in the superintendent's office.

Policy Update

Upon motion by Toppin, seconded by Upmeyer, and unanimously carried, the board revised Code No. 100.E1 Legal Description of District (correction in Liberty Township Section 22) and Code No. 102 School District Instructional Organization to update to the current PS-8 building for grades Pre-school to Eight. Second and third readings were waived.

Personnel

Upon motion by Toppin, seconded by Upmeyer, and unanimously carried, the board approved the following personnel item:

Appointment of Holly Fischer as Board Secretary/School Business Official effective January 1, 2021. The oath of office was administered by Secretary Schmidt.

Upon motion by Roberts, seconded by Larkin and unanimously carried, the board approved the following personnel items:

Resignations:

Darrell Schumacher – Asst. Boys Track Coach

Retirement:

Debra Rehm – Cook

William Quigley – Bus Driver

Employee of the Month Recognition

Upon motion by Larkin, seconded by Toppin, and unanimously carried, the Employee of the Month Recognition was awarded to Dianne Hinders. Board President Watson will present the plaque.

Miscellaneous

Interview schedule for superintendent search was briefly discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, upon motion by Toppin, seconded by Larkin and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned by Pres. Watson at approximately 9:17 p.m.

Steven W. Watson, Board President

Patricia A. Schmidt, Secretary