

Board of Education Regular Meeting (Tuesday, September 9, 2025)

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Members present

Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: 2. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Procedural: 3. Roll Call - Ms. Dowdell-Burger is absent. The rest of the Board members are present.

Discussion: 4. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

B. Agenda Approval

Action 2025-240: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda
Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

C. Call to Order**D. Public Participation**

Procedural, Information: 1. Guidelines for Public Participation - NONE

E. Recognitions and Presentations

Action 2025-241: 1. Recognize September 11 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison School Board adopt a Resolution recognizing September 11 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-242: 2. Recognize September 15, 2025 to October 15, 2025 as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution recognizing September as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Presentation: 3. Cell Phone Policy Presentation - HS and MS Principals talked about how great the school year is going with no cell phones. There have been very limited problems. Could not be going better. It's great that it came down from Gov. Dewine.

Presentation: 4. Cruiser PLC Update - Going great. GMLEA is fully IN. Teachers are behind this.

F. Board Items

Presentation: 1. City of Groveport Presentation on Development Activities - New development starting South of 33 off of Ebright. 296 acres. Will be all types of homes. 15 year build out to totally finished. Timeline starts in mid-2027 and ends in 2035.

Discussion: 2. Modular Discussion - We will need additional meetings to develop a plan.

Discussion: 3. Student Advisory Committee Update - Get applications for this coming up year. Can do it online or on final forms.

Discussion: 4. Educational Trust - Golf Outing -June 12, 2026

G. Superintendent's Agenda

Presentation, Report: 1. Department Reports -

- Spec. Ed. - Working to identify best practices for Special Ed testing, home instruction, etc. Working on STACK processes. Teachers and aides are being trained.

- Business Services- Still hiring for Classified staff. Expansion at Lil Cruiser - 6 classrooms and offices - will be est. \$1.7 million. We have a floor plan attached. Additional 60 kids. We have 51 on the waitlist to get tested. MSC flooding update - We do have someone "on-call" everyday, it is a Maintenance employee. Civil Engineering firm will have survey and possible solutions for that area and space. Timeline of how fast we responded - Maintenance got call and was there within one hour and twenty minutes. (dealing with their own flooding). Within 3 hours we had 2 Maintenance employees on site, while still dealing with rain.
- Student Services - Has enrolled 932 students for 2025-26 year. Working with Nationwide Children's to open clinic. Temporary clinic will be open in Nov. 2025.
- Human Capital - Reviewed graphs of hiring practices in regards to gender, race, and classifications.

Action 2025-243: 2. Approve Student Handbook - Libby and Kathy had some questions that were answered by Admin. Titles and names will be updated.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Student Handbook.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-244, Minutes: 3. Approve the minutes for the for the July 8, 2025 and August 12, 2025 Regular Meetings

The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the minutes for the July 8, 2025 and August 12, 2025 Regular Meetings.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Action 2025-245: 4. Approve Classified Personnel Items

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Classified Personnel Items:

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-246: 5. Approve Certificated Personnel Items - Kathy just got it and so she said NO.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Certificated Personnel Items:

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner

No: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2025-247: 6. Approve Payment-In-Lieu Transportation Reimbursement

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve payment-in-lieu of transportation reimbursement. The Ohio law allows for public school districts to determine the impracticality of transporting resident students attending schools not located within the district after consideration of a number of factors. Upon that determination, the school district is permitted to offer payment-in-lieu of transportation to the parent/guardian. The Transportation Department has completed studies and residents in affected areas will be offered payment-in-lieu of for the 2025-2026 school year. The initial list of families being offered payment-in-lieu-of transportation is attached as Executive Content since it lists students' names.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner

No: Kathleen Walsh

Action 2025-248: 7. Approve Special Education Contracts -

- Kathy - New Story - approved at April meeting. Pull out IDP - New Story for this meeting. We have 11 kids going to New Story (2 medical sensitive).
- John - Dreams on Horseback would be a great plan.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached Special Education contracts - on the 21 contracts left.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-249: 8. The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the attached Special Education contracts New Story - IDP agreement - Motion to table. Same contract as April 23rd.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-250: 9. Approve Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Schorr Architects, Inc. for Preschool Project
The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education table the attached resolution selecting Schorr Architects, Inc. as the design professional and authorizing the design services agreement for the preschool project.

Motion by Seth Bower, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-251: 10. Approve High School Band Trip - Wilmington, Ohio High School

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Groveport Madison High School Band Trip to Wilmington, Ohio High School.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Abstain: Seth Bower

H. Treasurer's Agenda

Presentation, Report: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Action 2025-252: 2. Permanent Appropriations Report

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Permanent Appropriations

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-253: 3. Update Admin Office Salary Schedule

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve of adding Transportation to the Treasurer's Office/Supervisor/Tech/Maint/EMIS column

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

I. Executive Session

Action 2025-254: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:47 pm. Reconvene at 10:47 pm.

The Superintendent recommends that Groveport Madison Board of Education go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or in the investigation of charges and complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the individual requests a public hearing per ORC 121.22 (G)(1).

Motion by Libby Gray, second by Seth Bower.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

J. Reconvene from Executive Session

K. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

L. Adjournment

Action 2025-255: 1. Motion to Adjourn

Adjourn at 10:55 pm.

Motion by John Kershner, second by Kathleen Walsh.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner