

Board of Education Regular Meeting (Tuesday, October 14, 2025)*Generated by Kimberly Grilli on Wednesday, October 15, 2025***Members present**

LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM**A. Opening Items**

Procedural: 1. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 2. Roll Call - All present

Discussion: 3. Five Principles of Cruiser PLC

Discussion: 4. Review of Belief Statement and Board Norms

B. Agenda Approval

Action 2025-262: 1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

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

Information: 1. Guidelines for Public Participation - NONE

E. Recognitions and Presentations

Action 2025-263: 2. Recognize October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and National Italian American Heritage Month

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education adopt resolutions recognizing October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and National Italian American Heritage Month.

Motion by John Kershner, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Discussion, Presentation: 3. Teaching and Learning Update - Report Card Walkthrough

- Mr. Morbitzer - GOOGLE - OHIO REPORT CARDS - then type in Groveport Madison Schools. We are at 3.5 stars. This year we are in the top 73.8% of the State. MS North and MS Central got 4 stars!!!! Chronic Absenteeism rate went down from 35% to 31%!!! Progress is 4 stars as is GAP Closing. Grad rate is 3 stars. Every school has increased in some or many tests. MS Central really did a great job, they got a 5 star in Gap Closing. MS North got a 5 star for Gifted Services. HS - improvement in ALL End of Course Exams!!!!

F. Board Items**G. Superintendent's Agenda**

Report: 1. Department Reports -

- Busing - CBS - Safety Bus week. We are doing good. Keeping up with enough drivers. Our fleet and operation is fantastic and best we know of in the State of Ohio.
- Spec. Ed. - We have a Special Ed committee (with GMLEA) and so far it is kicking off very well. STACK model is in full effect. Training is underway.
- Human Capital - Parapro testing is underway and starting college conversations with college advisors.
- Business - GPE water intrusion issue - Can we put a permanent solution of a drain/storm sewer. Goes from out front to back parking lot. Plus add other maint. fix that needs done near the basement at MSC. The total estimate cost is \$250,000. Sands Decker did the Civil Survey. WIRT ROAD (downtown Groveport) - by GPE..they are taking down a building and making a light and road more square instead of a triangle road. Work will happen in front of our buildings with utilities. They will try to do a lot of that work next summer when we are not in session. City is working with us to try to have minimal impact to us.
- Student Services - Enrollment is still happening. Working with Nationwide Children's Hospital to get it open ASAP.

Action 2025-264: 2. Approve Nationwide Children's Hospital MOU, Conveyance Agreement, and Agreement for Sharing Data

- John - Stipulates a NURSE at every school..do we have that NOW? We have nurse sharing buildings. Page 3 Line 7 - Need clarification.

- Kathy - Just received this information today and she wants to amend motion - To be 1st read tonight and then a 2nd read later.
- John - Can we wait?
- Grube - It would delay start of opening for a month if we wait until next month to approve this.
- John - Clarify nurse at every school?....transportation cost?
- Grube - We use van service at district expense and driver. II item 1 - Says Childrens will provide all medical equipment. Which does not relate to the Conveyance agreement.

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Nationwide Children's Hospital MOU, Conveyance Agreement, and Agreement for Sharing Data.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Motion Fails

Not Present at Vote: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-265: The Board recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Nationwide Children's Hospital MOU, Conveyance Agreement, and Agreement for Sharing Data. Ms. Walsh wants to amend the motion to: I move to amend the motion on the floor so that this item, The Nationwide Children's Hospital agreements be received as a first read only with no vote for approval tonight and be returned for second and final readings after review with community input at a special board meeting. Also, I would like receipt of full financial information and full legal review. Ms. Gray added to the motion - If any board member has any questions, have them to the superintendent within 72 hours as of October 14, 2025.

Motion by Kathleen Walsh, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-266: 3. Approve Certificated Personnel Items

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

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-267: 4. Approve Non-Certificated Personnel Items

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

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-268: 5. 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 LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh

Abstain: John Kershner

Action 2025-269, Minutes: 6. Approve the July, August and September Board Meeting Minutes - John abstains because of accepting Records committee minutes and depth of records.

The Treasurer recommends the Groveport Madison Local Board of Education approve the Board meeting minutes for the July 8, 2025, August 12, 2025 and September 9, 2025 regular meetings, the June 16, 2025, September 2, 2025 and September 16, 2025 special meetings, and the accept the September 9, 2025 Records Committee Meeting.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh

Abstain: John Kershner

Action 2025-270: 7. Approve Special Education Contracts

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the following Special Education contracts and amended contract.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-271: 8. Approve Kings Island Trip

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Senior Class Kings Island Field Trip as indicated on the attached form.

Motion by John Kershner, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-272: 9. Approve Swim Team Trips

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Swim Team Trips as indicated on the attached form.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-273: 10. Approve Basketball Trips

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the GMHS Basketball Team Scrimmage Trips.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-274: 11. Approve MOUs with GMLEA

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the MOU with GMLEA.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-275: 12. Approve Model UN Trip

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Model United Nations Trip December 7-9, 2025.

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Action 2025-276: 13. Approve Contract with Accurate Electric

The Superintendent recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the contract with Accurate Electric.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by John Kershner.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower

No: Kathleen Walsh, John Kershner

Discussion: 14. AV Proposals for Boardroom

- John - One proposal - the guy is coming in Thursday to get the hearing aid loop working and so he can get a better deal. So, hearing system could get working and give us more detail.
- Kathy - Did we have a scope? No, each contractor had their own scope (NATE).
- John - Need 3rd party software for each speaker.
- Grube - Should we get scope so each bidder can have exactly what we need for their bid?
- John - I agree with Mr. Grube. I think we need scope and parameters.

H. Treasurer's Agenda

Procedural: 1. Treasurer's Reports

Action 2025-277, Discussion: 2. Four Year Forecast Report

The Treasurer recommends that the Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education approve the Four Year Forecast as outlined in the attached report.

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

I. Executive Session

Action 2025-278: 1. Recommendation to Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

The board moves to enter into executive session to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the individual requests a public hearing pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G) (1) and to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(5).

Motion by Libby Gray, second by LaToya Dowdell-Burger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Kathleen Walsh, Seth Bower, John Kershner

J. Reconvene Executive Session

K. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Discussion: 1. Board member comments and/or special announcements, and other business.

- Latoya - Congratulations to HS on award ceremony for students...155 students were recognized.
- Libby - Congrats.

L. Adjournment

Action 2025-279: 1. Motion to Adjourn

11:51 pm

Motion by LaToya Dowdell-Burger, second by Libby Gray.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: LaToya Dowdell-Burger, Libby Gray, Seth Bower, John Kershner

Not Present at Vote: Kathleen Walsh