1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Norice Rasmussen called the regular meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Community Room of the Central Services Facility and the Pledge of Allegiance was done.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
19/20-65 Since there was no objection, the agenda was approved by consensus as presented. Motion carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT
Maureen Fleet gave the financial report. The district has received our bond rating and we remained at an “A”, which is good. Bond sale in January and closing in February.

4. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS
   • None

5. CELEBRATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS
   • Student Representative Recognition – Wendy Lin’s tenure is quickly coming to an end as tonight she will give her final report. The Board honored her with a pen and a farewell reception prior to the board meeting.
   • The Inspiring Excellence document, which highlights a variety of GPS celebrations, was available for board members and audience members to view.

6. CONSENT AGENDA
19/20-66 Motion by R. Hansen, supported by K. Wierda, that the following items are approved under the consent agenda as presented.

   A. Minutes of December 3, 2019 Special Meeting
   B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – November 2019: $3,932,630.11
   C. Donation – United Way – Sponsor a Classroom (Elementary Schools): $2,850.00

   Ayes: 7
   Noes: 0
   Absent: 0

   Motion carried.
7. INFORMATION ITEMS (These items are for discussion only. No action is requested at the meeting.)

A. Student Representative Report – Wendy Lin
Student Representative Wendy Lin reported several activities taking place across the district – including a Holiday Dinner for GHS students and staff on December 11, GMS students participated in Spirit Week December 2-6, Baldwin Heights students are currently working on a care project, Lincoln Heights students attended a Big Idea Experience assembly on December 2, Walnut Hills students were able to participate in the Santa Sale December 4-6 and Cedar Crest students are currently holding a coin collection for a Cedar Crest family that recently experienced a devastating house fire.

B. Superintendent Report – Linda Van Houten
Brian Zdanowski presented the Athletic Department Strategic Plan. There are three key goal areas:
1. Comprehensive Strength Program – Provide the best in strength training for all athletes in all sports
2. Community and Youth Programs – Develop a comprehensive community and youth program plan with active participation
3. The Student Athlete Experience – Attain top league finishes and be a contender in the MHSAA Tournament in all sports

C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Michelle Blaszczynski
Michelle Blaszczynski invited Robotics Club members and advisor Claude Johnson to present to the Board. The Robojackets consist of 11 members this year and are looking forward to their next competition. This will be their third year of competing.

D. Director of Human Resources Report – Lisa Steed
Lisa Steed shared a staffing update as well as a recently received letter of resignation.

E. Board Committee Updates – Board Committee Chair Members
Board Committee Chair Members provided an update regarding two Personnel Committee meetings and the three board members that attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference provided a brief summary regarding their experience. Anna Thompson was selected as the 2020 Student Representative and will be joining the group starting in January.

F. Early Graduation Requests – Michelle Blaszczynski
Two letters requesting early graduation were shared. Administration recommends approving the request. These will be action items for the regular January meeting.

G. Special Board Meeting – Student Discipline Workshop – Norice Rasmussen
A Special Board Meeting for a Student Discipline Workshop was discussed. The group determined the training will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility for board members and administrators – the board will take action later tonight. Brad Banasik, Legal Counsel & Director of Labor Relations with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), will lead the training.

H. Montcalm County School Boards Association Update – Norice Rasmussen
Norice Rasmussen indicated there has not been another Montcalm County School Boards Association meeting since the last update. Board members should have received the survey for the next superintendent for MAISD, as Ron Simon will officially retire at the end of December. An information session is also being held on December 11th if anyone is interested in attending.
I. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Linda Van Houten
Kire Wierda reported the Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) will host HARK UP on Thursday, December 12 at 7:30pm. Tickets are currently on sale and available at the Daily News and at the door. This is a major fundraiser for EFG and will be a great show! Planning for the 2020 Yellow Jacket Challenge is underway as well. Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19, 2020.

J. Legislative Update (new or local interest since last MASB update) – Jim Anderson
Jim Anderson reported a brief legislative update and the board discussed the idea of voluntary meetings to discuss legislative issue.

8. ACTION ITEMS (Generally speaking, these items were discussed at a previous meeting.)

19/20-67 Motion by K. Wierda, supported by J. Petersen, to approve the Village Green Trip to Toronto, Canada April 2020.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

19/20-68 Motion by R. Hansen, supported by C. Mahar, to approve the early graduation request as recommended by administration.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

19/20-69 Motion by K. Wierda, supported by J. Petersen, to approve the Board Policy updates for the presented policies as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0

Motion carried.

- Fall NEOLA Update (Vol. 34 No. 1: September 2019)
  o 1420, 1615, 2265, 2628, 3210, 3215, 3220, 4215, 5330.02, 5512, 6800, 7300, 7434, 7440.03 & 8462
- Special Update: October 15, 2019
  o 2410, 2414 & 2418
- Other – District Initiated Updates
  o 0100, 1110, 2240.01 & 5517.01
- Other – Technical Policy Changes
  o 1623, 2260.01, 3123 & 4123

19/20-70 Motion by J. Petersen, supported by C. Mahar, to waive the option to repurchase property owned by the Veteran’s Club and lift any restrictions on said property.

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: 0
Motion carried.

19/20-71 Motion by J. Petersen, supported by R. Hansen, to set a Special Board of Education Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of a MASB training on Student Discipline.

9. UPCOMING DATES
   A. Finance Committee Meeting    Tuesday, December 10, CSF, 7:00pm
   B. Finance Committee Meeting    Wednesday, January 8, CSF, 7:00pm
   C. Curriculum Committee Meeting  Monday, January 13, CSF 6:15pm
   D. Next Regular Board Meeting    Monday, January 13, CSF, 7:00pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

19/20-72 Since all items on the agenda were covered, the Regular Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.
    Motion carried.

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Ronald Billmeier, Secretary

Approved: January 13, 2019