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BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes
 Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm
 Zinser Elementary
 3949 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Zinser Elementary School at 3494 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49534.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart (arrived at 6:32), LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, Director of Finance Gilchrist, and Student Representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Turner to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins expressed gratitude for the individuals and businesses who made various contributions to the District.
- B. Correspondence - None.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Zinser Elementary Spotlight - Principal Johnston and two 4th grade students shared how classrooms use the tenets of Capturing Kids' Hearts by beginning their presentation with Good News and ending the presentation with a Launch. A video narrated by Principal Johnston highlighted the four goals Zinser Elementary has identified to align with the Strategic Plan and how Zinser staff is working to meet each goal. Principal Johnston shared ways that she is collaborating with community partners, and how some volunteers support her staff in meeting the goals.
- B. Student Representative Reports - Mya shared that in Pathways the first graduate just rang the bell and celebrated the students who finished their first semester of GRCC-MTEC class. Chay'ce shared that winter athletics have begun and the High School is a buzz with excitement for the holiday break.
- C. Finance
 - 1. November 2024 Check Register
 - 2. Condensed Fund Statement
 - 3. Investment Income
 - a. Bond Invested Income
 - b. Invested funds
 - 4. Security Camera Infrastructure Enhancement
 - 5. FY25 Budget Changes - Director Gilchrist reviewed the significant changes impacting the budget that have occurred since the budget was originally adopted in June. These changes informed the budget amendment that was presented this evening.
 - 6. FY25 December Budget Amendment - Discussion ensued regarding the expenses related to the assistant athletic trainer and the proposed addition of a Human Resources Director.

Zinser Elementary
Spotlight

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS

FINANCE

IV. Public Comment: no audience member(s) addressed the Board.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Audience members who wish to make comments are invited to complete the appropriate form located at the entrance. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board. Inquiries requiring a response will be referred to the superintendent in the cases where contact information is provided. We ask all individuals making public comments to follow our board policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Action Items

A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. December 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
2. Certified Staff Personnel Report
3. November 2024 Check Register: General Funds expenditures of \$1,461,098.79 including checks 384013 through 384164; School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$42,574.07 using checks #75 through 80; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$578,515.16 using checks #75 through 80; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$96,782.00 on check #23; and Student Activity expenditures of \$35,053.67 using checks #97308 through 97323. Total expenditures for the month totaled \$2,221,565.09.

CHECK REGISTER

B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to purchase artificial turf for the varsity baseball and softball fields from Shaw Sports Turf in the amount of \$2,182,171 using 2024 Athletic Bond Funds. The installation of the turf includes the preparation of the fields by S&H Trucking & Excavating LLC. Pricing structure of the entire project abides by Sourcewell Contract #31622-SII. Report #24-061. **Motion carries 7-0.**

BASEBALL AND
SOFTBALL ATHLETIC
TURF AWARD
ACTION REPORT #24-
061

C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to purchase the proposed additional security cameras from Presidio in the amount of \$186,832.70 using a combination of Technology funds allocated in the 2020 Bond project budgets, and State of Michigan grant funds 2024-25 Section 31aa. Report #24-062. **Motion carries 7-0.**

SECURITY CAMERA
INFRASTRUCTURE
ENHANCEMENT
ACTION REPORT #24-
062

D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the 2024-2025 Amended Budget as presented. Report #024-063. **Motion carries 7-0.**

FY2024-25 BUDGET
AMENDMENT
ACTION REPORT 24-
063

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 1. 01/13/25 6:00 pm Organizational Meeting @ Administration Building
- B. Go Around: Supt. Hopkins shared the good news of Filter First Grant funds being awarded to our district for replacement and addition of drinking fountains with bottle filling stations.

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary