**GRAFTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**GHS Library Media Center**

**March 19, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**UNAPPROVED**

1. **Call to Order – Mike Donahue**

Mike Donahue called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

1. **Introduction of Guests - All**

**Board of Directors Present**: Mike Donahue, Kerry Feutz, Tammy Taylor, Ann Roskos, Renee Riddle, and Joann Ward, Michelle Bigler

**Board of Directors Excused**: April Shanks, Amanda Olejniczak, Mike Cibulka

**Members Present**: Karen Walton, Ann Gerkie, Lisa Tagliapietra, Mary Helen Hogan

**Guests**: Carrie Walls and Kate Hardt

1. **Minutes of Previous Board Meetings (January)**

The meeting notes were approved as submitted

1. **Off-Cycle Grant Request**

Kate Hardt presented an overview of the off-cycle grant request that was submitted. Per Kate this issue is a district wide/community issue would impact the sound equipment that is used by the high school band and performing arts, elementary schools, middle school performing arts and band as well as district wide meetings and community groups who utilize the District school space like Grafton Gladiators and Little League.

It was explained that the FCC has reallocated 600 megahertz range of wireless frequency to cellular data use. This air space works all microphones that our district currently has. Because of the reallocation of this airspace there is potential that the current system would experience interference from outside sources which would result in the current system becoming unreliable. To take advantage of an offered discount, a purchase would need to be completed in the next six months with a price tag of approximately$ 50,000 for 20 microphones. This digital system is the best option for the district in case the FCC will reallocate anymore space in the future, the new system would not be impacted.

The submitted grant requested $15,000 to be used toward the purchase of the new system. Grafton Music parents have raised approximately $9,000 to date. Kate also stated that multiple outside grant requests have been submitted and are pending.

Discussion was held on the submitted request and Kerry Feutz provided the Grant Committee’s opinion that the request be denied due to not meeting the established criteria of the GEF and Grant Committee that funds will be utilized for projects identified to be innovative and advance the learning and teaching opportunities in the district. The GEF has documented in the Grant criteria that the Foundation will not fund the replacement of existing equipment that should be funding through the school district budget. Additional discussion was held regarding the scope of the Foundation and the intention to keep the district moving forward vs falling into absorbing budget shortfalls.

A motion was made and seconded to deny the off-cycle grant request. The motion was passed via voice vote.

1. **Treasurers Report – Ann Roskos**Discussion was held regarding a donation that was accepted by the Foundation for a specific designation of veterinary books for the high school. The donation money was being passed thru the Foundation to utilize our 501C3 status.

Specific discussion was held on what criteria the GEF wanted to utilize when accepting this kind of pass-through donation. General opinion was that any donation made to the GEF needs to be accepted without restriction and that the direction of all funding needs to be completed at the approval of the Board.

It was decided that donors should be told that all funds distributions are at the discretion of the GEF and that “directed donations” need to follow an abbreviated approval process. Kerry agreed to draft a form to be utilized and will present at a future meeting.

1. **School Board Meeting Updates - Josephine Maehl**

All construction is on track and moving along well

1. **Grant Committee Update**

It was motioned and accepted to fund $60,000 worth of grants for the 2018 grant cycle

1. **New Board Member**

A motion was made and approved to elect Lisa Tagliapietra to a two-year term as a new board member

1. **2018 Color Blast – Lisa Tagliapietra**

Lisa reported that Jill Ruland’s family is very honored at the GEF decision to hold the 2018 Color Blast in remembrance of her and that members of the family will be in attendance to start the run (along with all Grafton 4th graders participating). Everything else is on track for a successful event.

1. **GES Salvage Project**

Plan was to auction off at GES items at the Soupor Bowl in January 2019.

It was reported that the district is planning a “Good Bye to GES” night which may be a good time to raffle off select items of interest vs holding until the Soupor Bowl. Renee and Lisa will follow up on coordinating

1. **Other Matters - All**

Discussion held on local merchants requesting information on our non-profit to establish directed donations for “Prom 2.0” Per earlier meeting discussion it was decided to not facilitate these directed donations as the purpose of the funds does not meet the established criteria at this time.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm