

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday January 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett
Darrell Hart
Florine Herendeen
John Pattera
Kimberly Seaburg
Tim Waskiewicz
David Wright

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Eric McCalla
Doug Moeckel
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Jane Anderson
Terri Burg
Kimberly Cross
Danielle Doctor
April Fulara
Margaret Henthorne
Shannon Maynard
Jessica Musser
Marilyn O'Leary
Barb Palmer
Suzy Sczykutowicz
Jennifer Taylor
David Taylor

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Mark Burnett, Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$643,086.46. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Strategic Planning Goals

Mr. Hamilton reviewed progress on several of the goals.

Goal #3: Mr. Hamilton reported that the Grass Lake Educational Foundation (GLEF) had tabled over \$6,000 worth of technology grant requests. They would be hearing statements

from the teachers at their meeting next Thursday. They were considering the possibility of bundling some of the ideas together. They were also considering having a separate technology category next year.

Goal #4– Bullying: Mr. Hamilton informed the board that the State recently passed legislation on bullying which the district will have to comply with. NEOLA would be reviewing the board policies to make sure they were in compliance. Thrun Law Firm strongly recommended forming a task force with parents, staff and students. This was a very serious law which required a very serious policy; one which includes measures of accountability.

Goal #6: Mr. Hamilton reported that the GLEF fell under that goal. The GLEF had the idea of an Advanced Studies Scholarship, which they hoped to present for the first time this year.

B. Energy Essentials

Mr. Hamilton gave a brief history of how the program started and explained that most school districts were able to save about 10%. Mrs. Sczykutowicz sent a letter to staff reminding them to turn off unused lights, keep the heat down, keep their doors to the hallway closed, etc. They were starting to involve students in the program now. Mr. Hamilton added that the GLEF was looking at starting a Green Energy initiative at the school.

There were questions and discussion about the lights in the parking lots. Mr. Hamilton commented that other districts have motion sensor lights in their parking lots.

C. November Election Date

Mr. Hamilton said that he would know more about what other districts were doing after the superintendents' monthly meeting at the ISD on the upcoming Friday. He reported that the Committee did meet to review the options and Mr. Waskiewicz briefly reviewed their discussions. He added that the new law doesn't give them many options.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Resolution for Sinking Fund Investment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Resolution for Sinking Fund Investment. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve the Hiring of Jessica Musser – 4/6 Spanish

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring Jessica Musser as the 4/6th Spanish Teacher at the middle school. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hamilton added that Ms. Musser was doing a great job and the district was very lucky to have her.

C. Approve Hiring of Eddie R. Cobb – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Hart, to approve hiring Eddie R. Cobb as the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Hiring of Andrea Cabana – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Wright, to approve hiring Andrea Cabana as the 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton read a letter from Governor Snyder, recognizing that January was School Board Recognition Month. In addition to a copy of the Governor's letter, board members also received a letter from State Board Superintendent Mike Flannigan and a certificate of recognition.

Member Burnett asked Mr. Hamilton why, when legislators were proposing that districts consolidate, more charter schools were being created. Mr. Hamilton told them about a recent e-mail conversation he had with Rep. Shirkey about that exact same subject. There were more comments from Mr. Hamilton and some board members.

9. Executive Session

A. Teacher Contract Negotiations

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to move into Executive Session. The members voted by roll call voted: Member Hart – yes, Member Seaburg – yes, Member Paterra – yes, Member Wright – yes, Member Burnett – yes, Member Herendeen – yes, Member Waskiewicz – yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to move out of Executive Session. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.