

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2011

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

Doug Moeckel

Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Jane Anderson

Angela Berent

Kristin Bradley

Jessica Crandell

Danielle Doctor

April Fulara

Dan Fulara

Lindsay Gaddy

Carrie Good

Stephanie Hoppe

Gail Kuhl

Kristen Lenkowski

Lisa Malmo

Shannon Maynard

Carol McCown

Natalia Morris

Sherry Paszkiet

Carlene Pindzia

Nate Pittenger

Fritz Schinck

Sue Schinck

Jennifer Sullivan

Jennifer Taylor

Sandy Wolfinger

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., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda with the addition of item VI C., hiring of Jessica Hertlein. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

Gail Kuhl read a letter to the board. She said it was her personal concerns and not that of the union.

Carrie Good asked the board to look at staff morale in the elementary building and make it more of a priority.

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Board members had comments and questions for the administrative staff members.

Mr. Hamilton gave the board members another handout from JCEG. He reported that three members of JCEG had been invited and attended the superintendent's meeting at JCISD last Friday. He said that the group was not against schools; they want to help schools go after legislators to see the importance of education and the schools.

The superintendents had three suggestions for the JCEG group to focus on: technology integration in teaching and learning; early childhood development; and parent involvement. They are going to take those back to JCEG and ask them to work on the three things. The superintendents feel this would be a way for JCEG to make a change in education in Jackson County. Mr. Hamilton added that the next JCEG meeting would be November 15 at 7:30 a.m. and he was looking for someone from the board to attend the meeting.

B. Strategic Planning Committee Update

Mr. Hamilton handed board members a version of the strategic plan that he had reduced to make it more realistic for the district. He reviewed for the board the goals that he felt the district could really work on at this time. He added that he was going to go over the same handout the next day in a meeting with the administrators. The next Strategic Planning Meeting would be in 6 months.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. October Budget Revisions

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the October budget revisions included in the board packet, and answered questions from some board members.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Budget Revisions as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Resolution to Declare Exemption From Future State Tools For Teacher And School Administrator Evaluation

Mr. Hamilton informed that board that, with the passage of the resolution, the district could use a locally developed plan or any other plan in the state. Otherwise, the district would have to use the state tools.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Resolution to Declare Exemption From Future State Tools for Teacher and School Administrator Evaluation. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Hiring of Part-Time Cafeteria Aide, Jessica Hertlein

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring Jessica Hertlein as a Part-Time Cafeteria Aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. November School Board/Student Council Dinner

The next board meeting, on November 21, will be the annual School Board/Student Council dinner. It will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria this year. Mr. Hamilton added that Mr. Thompson would come up with the topics and format for this year's meeting with the students.

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton stated that the Festival of Tables follow-up meeting would be held on the upcoming Thursday night at 7 p.m., in the elementary library. He reminded board members about the football game on Friday at 7 p.m.

9. Executive Session – Teacher Contract Negotiations

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

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

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.