

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Board of Education Workshop

Monday, February 27, 2012

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

Darrell Hart

Florine Herendeen

John Paterra

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Andi Overmyer

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Terri Burg

John Gehrig

Margaret Henthorne

Jen Senkmajer

Shannon Maynard

Jennifer Taylor

Susan Townsend

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 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Board members had a few questions for the administrators about their reports.

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Hamilton handed out an information alert from the School Equity Caucus. He said he had already responded to it, but encouraged board members to do so as well.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the RTI presentation on the agenda was actually a prelude to a county-wide initiative on getting kids to read by the 4th grade.

Before the first board meeting in March, there would be a hearing at 6:30 on the new bullying policy.

C. Budget Report

Mr. Hamilton reported that there was no new information. He and Andi were looking at the templates for the incentive on student growth. The initial budget does not include that incentive.

6. Round Table Discussion

A. RTI Presentation – John Gehrig, Susan Townsend, Jen Senkmajer, Andi Overmyer, Jeanene Satterthwaite and Michelle Clark

Ms. Overmyer started a PowerPoint presentation to review the following three areas:

1. Program: K-5 Literacy, 6-8 Literacy and 6-8 Math
2. Resources
3. Data

Susan Townsend began the presentation. She reviewed the three tiers of the RTI model. Michelle Clark explained how the program was being used in the elementary building. John Gehrig explained what he has been doing to work with the elementary teachers. Mrs. Clark explained that all teachers were using the same Fountas and Pinnell Assessment System. All teachers visited Homer Elementary to see the Daily Five and CAFE program in action.

Mrs. Satterthwaite talked about how the program works at the middle school. All the middle school ELA teachers have gone to Olivet to see how their program works. All three teachers were able to go to the Scholastic Warehouse Sale and buy books to use in their classrooms. Mr. Gehrig works with those teachers every week. The two special education teachers are also involved.

Jen Senkmajer described how she began working with the middle school math teachers in November. She explained what data they looked at to determine which students should receive services because there was not a math assessment kit similar to that used by the ELA teachers.

Ms. Overmyer reviewed a list of resources that is available for the teachers. Then she reviewed how data is collected to determine who should receive services and how data is stored for future use.

Mrs. Clark reviewed what's happening in Kindergarten; she showed the beginning of the year assessments and the improvement so far for 1st through 5th grades.

Then charts were shown of middle school students receiving Tier 2 Interventions. Mrs. Satterthwaite talked about the charts that showed improvement at each middle school grade level for ELA. Ms. Senkmajer talked about math assessments. Mrs. Overmyer then reviewed the focused professional development schedule.

Ms. Townsend reviewed the plans for 2012-2013: to implement math RTI for K-5, continue the partnership with JCISD, continue and improve data collection and review, and coordinate focused professional development.

There was discussion and questions for the RTI people.

B. MEAP Analysis

Ms. Overmyer talked about the changes in the scoring that make the scores look lower. There were some questions and discussion. There will be a more detailed presentation in March.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.