

# Grass Lake Community Schools

899 South Union Street • Grass Lake, Michigan 49240

(517) 522-5540 • Fax (517) 522-8195

## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 12, 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

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Brian Thompson

### **GUESTS**

Margaret Henthorne

Shannon Maynard

Carlene Pindzia

Guy Watkins, Jr.

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Mark Burnett, Secretary

# Grass Lake Community Schools

899 South Union Street • Grass Lake, Michigan 49240

(517) 522-5540 • Fax (517) 522-8195

## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary  
Library/Media Center

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 Paterra, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8 D. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2012 and the Special Meeting of February 27, 2012 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 \$615,056.71. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Spring Expo

Reminder – March 24 and 25. 10-5 on Saturday and 12-4 on Sunday. Mr. Hamilton added that there were more booths reserved than ever before.

B. JCISD Budget Hearing

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that Kevin Oxley, Superintendent of the Jackson County ISD, would be at the next school board meeting to present the JCISD budget with information specifically for Grass Lake Schools.

C. Budget Meeting

Mrs. Clark spoke to the board about an Early Five program that was being considered for next school year. She and Mr. Hamilton talked about it last year and have been discussing it again this year. She explained that the district previously (about 12 years ago) had this type of program. Mrs. Clark added that the district usually loses some students to Michigan Center or Napoleon Schools because they have Early Five programs. For the program to be cost-effective there would need to be about 15 students in the class.

Mrs. Clark told the board that she would like their approval to pursue the program, start advertising and prepare to test students during Kindergarten Roundup. She would also like to have information available at the upcoming Business EXPO.

The board said to go ahead and advertise and see what kind of response they get. The board members felt that it sounded like a benefit to the district.

D. Reading by Fourth Grade Committee Meeting and Meeting with DOE

Mr. Hamilton attended a meeting today that Rep. Shirkey had arranged with a representative from the MDE. Although the meeting was very informative, Mr. Hamilton is not sure where the county is going to go.

Reading by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee – Mr. Hamilton reported that Grass Lake's RTI model is at the forefront in the planning for this.

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that the Title I funding will be about \$12,000 less for next year. This money has been used to match the ISD funding for the RTI program.

E. First Reading – Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students Policy

Mr. Hamilton commented that there was nothing different than what was presented in the hearing. He reminded the board that they will vote on the policy at the next school board meeting.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Accept Resignation – Carol Wheeler, Cafeteria Helper/Server

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Pattera, to accept the resignation of Carol Wheeler, with regret. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Accept Resignation – Janet Welch, Cafeteria, Cook

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to accept the resignation of Janet Welch. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Hiring – Amie Christian, Playground Aide

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve hiring Amie Christian as a Playground Aide for George Long Elementary. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve the School Board Election Terms

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve changing the By-Laws of the Board to say that Board Members will serve six year terms. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

Member Burnett asked how many responded to Superintendent Hamilton's evaluation. Mr. Waskiewicz responded that about 75 – 80% responded.

Mr. Waskiewicz reported on the recent Jackson County School Board Association meeting that he had attended at Western Schools. He said they discussed board member terms, heard a presentation about their wireless network by teachers at Western Schools, heard updates from other school districts and held a discussion of upcoming bond proposals by several districts.

9. Executive Session

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, 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. Motion Carried.

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

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Hart, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.