

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2012
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett
Florine Herendeen
John Patera
Kimberly Seaburg
Tim Waskiewicz
David Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Darrell Hart

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Doug Moeckel
Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Bailey Clark
Alaina Ellison
Margaret Henthorne
Danielle Lee
Dave Lutchka
Lisa Malmo
Shannon Maynard
Penny Murray

Trevor Murray
Barb Palmer
Carlene Pindzia
Larry Shaltis
Jennifer Taylor
Rachel Wilson

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 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda, with the addition of a new Item VII. A., Power Point Budget Presentation by Mr. Hamilton. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Wright, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2012 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$575,494.62. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

County Commissioner from District #2, David Lutchka, discussed the County Commissioners' Strategic Goal in Math:

Mr. Lutchka explained to the board that the county commissioners had put together a county strategic plan, with the assistance of a variety of local businesses. Public Safety was the biggest concern and the largest budget item. Economic Development was second and education was considered very important. Employers said many new hires didn't have the necessary math skills.

In a recent citizen survey, the commissioners found that economic development was very important. They are looking at ways to draw businesses to the communities. JAMMA has launched a website called "Made in Jackson." Radio commercials will begin in June, "Pure Jackson."

High School student Bailey Clark gave a presentation to the board on the recent trip to Europe. Nine students and three adults went on the trip. Bailey showed photos from the trip and talked about what they learned. Mrs. Clark, who was a chaperone on the trip, added that it was a great trip and very well organized.

Mr. Hamilton thanked the senior cast members and adult staff/volunteers for a wonderful production of "**The Sound of Music.**" He introduced each of them and presented them with a certificate. The senior students were: Jessica Abbott, Danielle Lee, Trevor Murray and Megan Stark. The adult staff and volunteers were: Lisa Malmo, Larry Shaltis, Colleen Flynn, Bradley Jayne, Kristi Stevens, Darin Good, Candice Dunnigan and Barb Palmer.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Budget Presentation

Mr. Hamilton gave a PowerPoint Presentation, 'When Do We Cut Off an Arm or a Leg?'

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the Executive Version of Proposed Appropriations, the House Version and the Senate Version. He added that the district would hopefully know by June 1 which version will be approved. He commented that the Senate version would benefit Grass Lake the most.

Mr. Hamilton reviewed personal property taxes, insurance costs, proposed kindergarten legislation, retirement rates, proposed retirement legislation, the impact of rising retirement costs, the district enrollment and special education costs. He looked at previous cuts that the district had instituted, current cost savings, community support, the fund balance and the history of the fund balance. He also reviewed what drives the decision making, projections, variables and next steps,

B. NEOLA Policy Update

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the handout and informed the board that the updates would need to be approved at the next board meeting.

C. Strategic Goals

Mr. Hamilton reported that the strategic goal process would be gearing up again in the fall, although they were considering changing the process.

D. Building and Grounds – Reschedule walk through

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that they would be waiting until after graduation to schedule the walk-through of the buildings and grounds.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve "Resolution in Approval of the JCISD Budget for 2012-2013

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the "Resolution in Approval of the JCISD Budget for 2012-2013.". All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Band Trip – Rachel Wilson

Mrs. Wilson was present to ask the board for permission to take all music department students to Cedar Pointe on Saturday, June 2.

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Music Department trip to Cedar Point. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve the Hiring of Kelly Bolton – High School Cafeteria Aide

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the hiring of Kelly Bolton as a high school cafeteria aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Teachers for Probationary Status

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve Rachel Wilson for a third year of probation. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve Alison Desmarais for a second year of probation. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a third year of probation for Crystal Claus. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a second year of probation for Becky McEldery. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to approve a fourth year of probation for Shannon Cook. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Teachers for Tenure Status

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve tenure for Andrea Worthing. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve tenure for Alaina Ellison. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Paterra, to approve tenure for Penny Murray. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve tenure for Laura Zegarlowicz. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve tenure for Joel Cook. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Accept Resignation Request – Dennis Glandon

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to accept the resignation request of Dennis Glandon. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation

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

Moved by Member Herendeen, 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 Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.