Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011
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
Eric McCalla
Doug Moeckel
Andi Overmyer
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Jane Anderson
Jimi Bommarito
Jon Bromley
Sandy Bromley
Joy Brunt
Allison Burg
Terri Burg
Kathy Camilleri
Lauren Cannarile
Andrea Clark
Shane Clark
Jessie Frey Cochrane
Angelee Connors
Shannon Cook
Jessica Crandell
Danielle Doctor
Evie Erickson
April Fulara
Tiffany Finch
Carrie Good
Stephanie Hoppe
Karen Jenks
Emily Kellner
Taylor Koncelik
Cindy Lester
Denise Lotz
Tina Bednarski Lynch
Lisa Malmo
Gloria Masterton
Shannon Maynard
Natasha Mazerov
Carol McCown
Jean McKim
Kathy Mietelka
Rachel Molnar
Natalia Morris
Penny Murray
Patti Muto
Sherry Paszkiet
Walt Paszkiet
Giovanni Paterra
Carlene Pindzia
Lizzi Pine
Fritz Schinck
Sue Schinck
Jennifer Sullivan
Suzy Sczykutowicz
Megan Stark
Alan Taylor
Jennifer Taylor
Morgan Taylor
Emily Tengman
Jena Tengman
Jamie Willis
Kylie Wirpio
Sandy Wolfinger
Laura Zegarlowicz
Linda Zenz

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 Paterra, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

   Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10 and the Special Meeting of October 24, 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 $892,785.07. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

   None

6. Hearing of Citizens

   High School teacher Sandy Bromley addressed the board. She announced she would be retiring at the end of the semester. She read a letter with her comments about curriculum, books, hiring, assessments, schedule, planning time, etc.

   Parent Tina Bednarski Lynch read a letter to the board. Parents Jessie Frey Cochrane, Joy Brunt, Jean McKim and Kathy Camilleri also addressed the board. Students Allison Burg, Giovanni Paterra, Jimi Bommarito, Gloria Masterton and Lizzy Pine expressed their sadness over Mrs. Bromley retiring. Teachers Angelee Kovach Connors, Jennifer Sullivan and Penny Murray added their comments and concerns about Mrs. Bromley retiring.

President Waskiewicz thanked everyone for their comments and thoughts. He added that the board could not respond to the comments or questions because of the ongoing negotiations.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

   A. Strategic Planning

      Nothing new

   B. School Board/Student Council Dinner

      November 28, 6:30 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

   A. Annual Summer Tax Resolution

      Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Burnett, to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

   B. Approve the Hiring of Kathy Camilleri – Bus Driver

      Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve the hiring of Kathy Camilleri as a bus driver. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

   C. Policy Review – Approve Policy 1422.o2, 312.o2, 4122.02, 1443, 1460, 3160, 4160, 1461, 3161, 4161, 1623, 3123, 4123, 2260.01, 3131, 3143, 5771, 6510, 6520, 9160 and Administrative Guidelines 1623A, 3123A, 4123A, 1623B, 3123B, 4123B, 2260A, 3122A, 4122A, 2260.01A, 2260.01B, 2260.01C, 4160G, 4162B, 6510C, 8420C, 8420D, 9150A, 9160A, 9160C

      Mr. Hamilton asked if the board wanted to continue to handle the policy approval the same way, by receiving a summary of the policy changes, as opposed to copies of everything, which could be quite lengthy.

      Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to table the policy changes until the next board meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

   A. Breakfast in the Classroom Update

      Food Service Director Carlene Pindzia made a few comments about her handout to the board. She explained that teachers had expressed their concerns about having breakfast in the classroom, which led her to prepare the report for the board. She also explained that

the number of students eating breakfast had increased so dramatically in part because they weren't embarrassed to be singled out by going to the cafeteria for breakfast. Mr. Hamilton asked if inconvenience outweighed the benefits to the students.

Mr. Waskiewicz thought it would be beneficial to have a subcommittee review the breakfast program, rather than a discussion in an open meeting. Then the subcommittee could make a recommendation back to the board.

Natalia Morris reminded the board members about Portfolio presentations on Thursday. Mr. Waskiewicz congratulated the football team and everyone involved for a great season.

9. Executive Session

A. Teacher Contract Negotiations

Moved by Member Hart supported by Member Paterra, 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.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.