

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday March 11, 2013
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Waskiewicz
David Wright
Darrell Hart
Kimberly Seaburg
Kristi Shoemaker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

John Paterra
Mark Burnett

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Doug Moeckel
Alaina Ellison

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Shannon Maynard
Christie Orban-Simpkins
Megan Videto
Tom Norris
Annette Norris
Craig Vitale

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

John Paterra , Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Jan. 14, 2013, Regular Meeting of Feb. 11, 2013 and Special Meeting of Feb. 25, 2013 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Hart, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$647,262.07. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

Mr. Hamilton read a letter from the Special Olympics that gave commendation for three High School students who volunteered to help at the Special Olympics district basketball game on March 2, 2013. The letter stated that the students "handled themselves extremely well and were very helpful and supportive of not only the athletes, but to all of those involved".

6. Hearing of Citizen

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Spring Expo

Mr. Hamilton reminded everyone about the Annual Spring Expo on March 16th and 17th. He noted that the district will have a display table with information including the Festival of Tables, Non-Homestead millage information, Kindergarten Round-up and Little Warriors Preschool and Latchkey. He invited all to attend. He also mentioned that there will be record number of booths this year.

B. C2C Update – Cradle to Career

The Strategic Action teams are forming and meetings are scheduled throughout the county. Grass Lake is hosting the Elementary Action Team on March 27th at the High School in a room yet to be determined. He encouraged the members to participate in the various action teams. He also announced that they are trying to set up an online access called “LIFE systems” so that others can be a part of the process even if they cannot be there.

C. Non-Homestead Millage

Mr. Hamilton showed the members a fact sheet that explains the non-homestead millage. He stated that this has been put on the school website and paper copies will also be available at the Expo to inform voters that this is a renewal of the millage voted on ten years ago which needs to be renewed for the next 20 years.

D. Pre-School/Latchkey Program Update

Christie Orban-Simpkins gave a brief update/overview of the Little Warriors Preschool and Latchkey program with a slide presentation. She discussed the growth the program has seen since its beginning in 2007. Initially it had an enrollment of 55 children and has now grown to 220 children. One of the factors in the growth is the addition of children as young as one year of age in the Toddler program. Another factor is parent satisfaction in the program, so that children who began in the Preschool program transition into the Latchkey program after becoming school aged. A key to higher enrollment in the summer program is the addition of weekly field trips. Children not normally in daycare attend to take advantage of these fun and educational excursions.

E. “The Leader in Me” Initiative

Alaina Ellison and Megan Videto were on hand to give a brief description and summary of this exciting leadership program based on the work of Steven Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. They showed a brief Prezi presentation explaining the 7 Habits and a short video explaining the leadership foundation system. The video explained that this is “a better way of doing what we are already doing”, not a curriculum or “one more thing”. They have visited other schools to see firsthand the positive way in which it can affect the entire culture of the school. The cost for setting up the program is approximately \$50,000. This covers the

cost of materials, coaching, etc. They are pursuing grants to cover the cost. After the initial cost, this program is self-sustaining.

F. Academy for Manufacturing Careers and American Tooling Center

Doug Moeckel outlined the partnership of Grass Lake High School and the Academy for Manufacturing Careers and American Tooling Center in providing 8th through 12th grade students with this unique opportunity. He then turned the presentation over to Annette Norris who further explained how the program began, what it entails and what it hopes to accomplish. She stated that this program has no cost to the district. American Tooling pays to train young people in apprenticeship positions through access to online units based on manufacturing elements. It also offers them the opportunity to earn a journeyman's card. This program is designed to fill the current void of trained workers and to supply the students the capability to earn an income to support a family.

G. Strategic Goals

Mr. Hamilton pointed out that many of the above items presented align with the strategic goals and that there are also several other ways in which various goals are being worked on.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

None

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. Executive Session

A. Support Staff Contract Negotiations

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

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

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.