

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday December 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

David Wright

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

John Paterra

Darrell Hart

Florine Herendeen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Sara Bohn

Shannon Maynard

Kristi Shoemaker

Chesney Shoemaker

Guy Watkins Jr.

Judy VanPopperin

Kent VanPopperin

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., 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. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12 and the Work Session/Special Meeting of November 26, 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 \$598,462.27. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

Mr. Hamilton briefly mentioned the News from the Capital and inquired whether the Board had received a copy. All agreed that they had.

6. Hearing of Citizens

Sara Bohn voiced issues with the Red Cross Blood Drive at the High School. She would like to see better notification to parents before the event. Her concern is that students are not reading the instruction paper given to them and therefore are not informed enough to make correct decisions about whether to give blood or not. She was particularly concerned about the students not paying attention to the limitations to their activities after giving blood. She felt that parents should have advanced notice so they could help guide their children's decisions on this.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Strategic Planning Goals

Mr. Hamilton explained that the booklet handed out to the members of the Goals will be reworked and finalized and will then be handed out to the staff. To begin the process to accomplish the Goals, he will first meet with the Administrative Team who will define who is assigned to specific tasks. They will then meet with the Leadership Team. Mr. Burnett mentioned that he had enjoyed the process in previous planning sessions. He appreciated the way in which the ideas were streamlined into the final document. He was also mentioned that he was impressed with this year's turn out at the celebration gathering.

B. C2C – Cradle to Career

Mr. Hamilton gave the board a brief summary regarding the C2C. He pointed out how closely the C2C's goals match with Grass Lake district's Strategic Goals. He also wanted the members to be aware that this group is aligned with different community groups who are advocates of public education. They are trying to work for the benefit of the schools in the county and to attract business to the communities. In the preliminary stages, they have been meeting once a month. They have progressed to assigning an Action Team that will be assigned to each goal.

C. Curriculum Director Position

Brad wants to begin to discuss ideas and gather input from the school board on the direction they would like to take to go in replacing Andi Overmyer when she vacates her position in the spring. Mr. Burnett voiced that he will be interested to see what ISD offers through the Consortium. He wants to discuss further how to define the role of Curriculum Director since the job has evolved since its implantation. Mr. Hamilton wants to gather ideas from the board before approaching the ISD. The members, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thompson all praised Ms. Overmyer's accomplishments while working for the district. She has cultivated good communication and contacts within the State to keep everything running smoothly. She has also been a valuable asset to the district in keeping pace with the many changes that the State has made over the past few years.

D. School Board/Student Council Dinner Next Steps

Mr. Hamilton asked for ideas on how to follow up on the suggestions learned from the discussion with the Student Council. Mr. Thompson stated that the Strategic Goals, specifically Goal #2, go hand in hand with ideas from students. Mr. Pattera inquired specifically about the discussion of stricter punishments given for alcohol misuse. There was a discussion about which direction to take on this topic, sub-committees or policy committee. Member Wright would like research/feedback regarding policies of other districts on punishment outside the extra-curricular arena before making any changes. It was decided to continue the discussion in a Work Session on January 28th. It was requested that Mr. Thompson invite some of the Student Council members to attend.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

- A. Policy Review – Approve Bylaw 0151, Policy 1422/3122/4122, Policy 2260, Policy 2271, Policy 5136, Policy 6110, Policy 6320, Policy 7542, Policy 8321.

Member Waskiewicz inquired whether an electronic form of the policies could be provided instead of paper copies or scanned images in the future. He also requested more time to review the changes before approving them. Mr. Hamilton will follow up on this with NEOLA.

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve the NEOLA Policies as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

- B. Approval of Fall Budget Revisions

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Fall Budget Revisions as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton thanked Florine Herendeen for her 8 ½ years of service to the Board and mentioned that she will be missed. Member Paterra presented a bouquet of flowers from the members.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.