

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday January 14, 2013
Following Organizational Meeting

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Waskiewicz
Mark Burnett
David Wright
Darrell Hart
John Paterra
Kimberly Seaburg
Kristi Shoemaker

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson
Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Tiffany Finch
Jennie Shoemaker
Shannon Maynard
Janey Bisard
Hailee Shoemaker
Chesney Shoemaker
Michelle Whitley
Derrick Klave

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 7:17 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of items 7G, 7H and 7I. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Hart, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2012 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Paterra, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$574,073.21. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Strategic Goals

Goals will be presented to District Leadership Meeting to be held after school on January 15th. Mr. Hamilton will keep the board apprised of progress.

B. Best Practices Funding

Mr. Hamilton recapped the discussion of Best Practices from the December meeting of the Jackson County Superintendents. A copy of a resolution was given to the board that will require formal action in February. It will identify the Best Practices with which we comply. Mr. Hamilton reviewed the eight Best Practice categories (A-H) and stated that district is required to meet seven out the eight categories to receive the \$52 per student reimbursement. He noted that the district is not attempting to qualify for item H, but pointed out that it would be impossible for any district to meet without the hiring of multiple teachers. Once the resolution is approved in February, we will submit it for the per student reimbursement.

C. Headlee Millage Dates

Mr. Hamilton discussed his meeting with Pat Berardo of Thrun regarding the need to hold an election to restore the 18 Non-Homestead mills that expire in 2014. The dates to choose from are May 2013, August 2013, November 2013, Feb 2014, or May 2014. He asked for "intent" to present to Pat Berardo. The board agreed to the date of May 2013.

D. SB 770 Ramifications for Grass Lake

Mr. Hamilton summarized his meeting with Kelli Lambrix regarding the effects that Senate Bill 770 will have on Grass Lake Community Schools. This bill affects school districts in the School Bond Loan Fund. Mr. Hamilton has also had conversations with Mike Shirkey and Randy Richardville. This bill could mandate that Grass Lake increase the 7.0 mill levy to ensure that the debt is repaid within the timeframe of the original loan. This is due to the decrease in taxable values because of lowering property values. Preliminary estimates call for a gradual increase of 1.28 mills or from 7.0 to 8.28. Mr. Hamilton stated Ms. Lambrix's willingness to meet with the board before the May closing date to give further explanations.

E. Personnel Committee Meeting

Mr. Hamilton asked that the Personnel Committee meet in the next couple of weeks to begin discussion of replacing the curriculum director position.

F. Security Measures

Due to the recent slayings at Sandy Hook Elementary, the need for additional security has been a concern. Quotes were handed out to the board for cameras and buzzers for front entrances. Mr. Hamilton also apprised the board of additional changes. The members stated their support and backing of decisions made by the Administrators in this process.

Janey Bisard asked to be heard as a representative from the law enforcement perspective. Administrators and Ms. Bisard discussed "safe zones" and a County Response System. Mr. Hamilton informed the group that a representative from Sheriff's Dept. will be at the next Superintendent's Association meeting to discuss procedures.

A motion was made by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve \$26,000 for the purchase of a monitor/buzzer security system. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Project Safe Graduation

Tiffany Finch addressed the board on proposed changes to the site of Project Safe Graduation. In the past all students were locked into the High School for the night. This year it is proposed that the students first attend an assembly at the High School at 8 p.m. then proceed by school buses to the YMCA. There they would have access to gyms, the rock wall, games, TV, the volleyball courts and a live DJ. YMCA would provide staffing and lifeguards at the pools. Grass Lake would also provide chaperones. The YMCA cost would be \$600.

There were questions regarding students in sports. Mr. Hamilton stated there would be further discussion before the actual event. The board will then vote whether to approve the changes.

H. GMB – Track Repair

Mr. Hamilton gave an update of the time line for the bids on the improvements on the track repair. Bids will be due on February 5th. Construction is scheduled to begin on June 10th. He stated that all indications show that the base is good, but there is a need for new asphalt and rubberizing. Updates to the Middle School track will include three lanes and improvements to allow it to be used as an official soccer field.

I. MASB – Review of Superintendent Evaluation Form.

Mr. Waskiewicz gave a copy of a new Superintendent Evaluation form to the board and to Mr. Hamilton. He suggested that the members review the new form and decide on its use by March 1st.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Accept Resignation of Andrea Malburg – High School Teacher

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the resignation of Andrea Malburg. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve the Hiring of Brian Thompson – 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve hiring Brian Thompson as the 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Hiring of Travis Rubingh – Middle School Wrestling Coach

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Paterra, to approve hiring Travis Rubingh as the Middle School Wrestling Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

A. School Board Recognition Month

Mr. Hamilton read the Resolution from the Jackson County ISD Honoring Boards of Education in honor of January as School Board Recognition Month.

- B. Mr. Hamilton discussed the meeting held at JCC on Saturday, January 12, 2013 regarding the charter school at JCC. Kevin Oxley is representing Jackson County Schools and the Superintendents at an open forum meeting being held this evening at JCC.

9. Executive Session

A. Support Staff Contract Negotiations

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

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

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Pattera, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.