

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2012

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett
Darrell Hart
Florine Herendeen
Kimberly Seaburg
Tim Waskiewicz
David Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Paterra

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark

GUESTS

Deb Easterday
Carrie Good
Margaret Henthorne
Shannon Maynard

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing of June 11, 2012, the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2012, and the Special Meeting of June 29, 2012, as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Hearing of Citizens

None

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Summer Updates

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that the middle school roof project was about 90 – 95% done.

Mr. Hamilton had received a proposal to purchase an additional mower. There were currently two good mowers, but three people who did mowing. The board had no objection to Mr. Hamilton proceeding with his plans to purchase the mower.

Mr. Hamilton reported that there were a number of applicants for the elementary music teacher opening, and several with both instrumental and choral music experience.

So far there were only a few candidates for the Elementary Coordinator/Dean of Students posting. The original posting requested candidates with a degree in counseling. With that posting, they were looking for someone to take over the counselor responsibilities and assist the elementary principal. Although they were not sure if any of the candidates was exactly what they were looking for, they still planned to interview several of them. Mr. Hamilton stated that they were considering reposting the position without the requirement to have a counseling degree, to see if anyone internally might be interested.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the counselor position has been paid for with At-Risk Funds, but if administrative responsibilities were added to the position, those funds could not be used to pay for the position. There was discussion of hiring a K-8 counselor and a separate coordinator/dean of students. Mr. Hamilton concluded that if they were not satisfied with the current applicants, they would go ahead and look internally for a dean of students and also hire a social worker/counselor.

B. Proposal from GMB for High School Track Repair

Mr. Hamilton explained that Eric McCalla had brought the problems with the track to his attention. Since GMB was the original architect on the high school project, Mr. Hamilton asked them to come and tour the track with him. The GMB representatives took pictures and went back to review them with his superiors. Mr. Hamilton added that the problem was more than a surfacing issue; it's a structural problem with the asphalt, which should not be occurring this soon after the installation.

GMB returned with a proposal that they would take bids, manage the repair project and oversee the work that needed to be done. They proposed cutting out and replacing the bad areas and then resurfacing the track. It could be run on but it wouldn't look good. The initial repair wouldn't be as expensive, but eventually it could cost \$200,000+ to completely redo the track. No action was required at this time. Mr. Hamilton just wanted the board to be aware of the issues. He thought it would probably be another season before any work would have to be done.

Mr. Waskiewicz added that Mr. Hamilton should look elsewhere if he wasn't comfortable with what GMB was offering.

C. Special Education Millage

Mr. Hamilton has signs supporting the upcoming Special Education Millage that anyone could take to put in their yard. So far it has been well publicized and comments have been positive. Mr. Hamilton will put anyone willing to help with the campaign in touch with the local coordinator, Alaina Ellison.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Application

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Hart, to approve the School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Application. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Staffing Recommendations for 2012-2013

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the recommendations in the packet that were being contemplated. If approved, Susan Solo would be recalled as the high school media specialist and to teach one block, an elementary teacher would be hired, an additional hour of Spanish would be added to the middle school schedule, and a zero hour would be added at the high school five days a week for the first semester.

The zero hour at the high school would be for Project Lead the Way. Mr. Hamilton explained that the program had been taken off the high school schedule for next year. Since it was being added after schedules were set for the first semester, there was no room for it during the regular school day. It could be part of the regular schedule during the second semester.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the staffing recommendations for 2012-2013. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Payroll Services Proposal from JCISD

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Wright, to approve the Payroll Services Proposal from JCISD. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

Mrs. Sczykutowicz informed the board that Mr. Wolfinger had fixed the planter that was broken in front of the elementary building. She added that his wife planted the flowers in them and watered them every day. She asked the board to send a thank you letter to the Wolfingers.

Mrs. Sczykutowicz also informed the board that she was available if anyone wanted to walk through the buildings so she could explain the projects that were being done in the summer.

Mr. Hamilton handed out a copy of an insert going in The Salesman and the Grass Lake Times, promoting the school.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.