

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, October 22, 2012

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

Darrell Hart

Florine Herendeen

John Pattera

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

### ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Brian Thompson

### GUESTS

Debbie Brady

Kathy Mietelka

George Gogol

Kim Gorman

Kristy Shoemaker

Edward Lewis

Kathy Radvan

Gracie Radvan

Jack Bagby

Kelly Bagby

Barrett Bagby

Connor Bagby

Dan Rigg

Nancy Rigg

Jeremiah Rigg

Rebecca Rigg

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 Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda with the change in order of item VII A to be presented after item IV. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### 3. Correspondence

None

### 4. Hearing of Citizens

None

### 5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

#### A. Administrative Reports

Board members had comments and questions for the administrative staff members.

#### B. Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Hamilton reminded everyone that Strategic Planning begins tomorrow night. Dave Wright and Tim Waskiewicz stated that they will be attending. Mr. Hamilton announced that there will be 30-35 participating.

#### C. Budget Revision Process

Mr. Hamilton is watching the changes that will be happening in the next couple of weeks before making revision. He will then present the Revised Budget at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

## 6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

### A. Bus Policy Waiver for Lockwood Subdivision

Services Sub Committee looked at all aspects based on a request filed by a parent living in the Lockwood Subdivision. Areas looked at were sufficient space on buses as well as the precedents that would be set. It was decided that students could be accommodated. This is being conducted as a trial. Mr. Burnett clarified this would not be a policy change. Each situation would be reviewed individually.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the waiver for K-12 students living in Lockwood Subdivision to be allowed to ride the bus. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### B. Approve the rehiring of Kimberly Sitarz – High School Counselor

Mr. Waskiewicz asked for a history. Brian Thompson explained that the hiring of the 1<sup>st</sup> candidate fell through and the 2<sup>nd</sup> finalist was no longer available. Mr. Thompson contacted Ms. Sitarz to ask for suggestions from her. She then stated that she would be interested in returning to Grass Lake. She will be returning to the position on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve rehiring Kimberly Sitarz as the High School Counselor. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### C. Approve the hiring of Jason Embury – J.V. Boys Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Burnett, to approve the hiring of Jason Embury as J.V. Boys Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### D. Approve the hiring of Brad Coffey – Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve hiring Brad Coffey as the Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### E. Approve the hiring of Abbey Rood – Varsity Competitive Cheer Coach

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the hiring of Abbey Rood as the Varsity Competitive Cheer Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

### F. Approve the hiring of Alex Maxson – Middle School Competitive Cheer Coach

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Alex Maxson as the Middle School Competitive Cheer Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

## 7. Round Table Discussion

### A. Presentation from the Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers

George Gogol, Kim Gorman and Kathy Mietelka with the aid of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students Barrett Bagby, Gracie Radvan, Connor Bagby and Jeremiah Rigg gave a slide presentation of 4 core classes and 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

- *Language Arts* – Kim Gorman explained that the kids create excitement for books with each other. 378 books have been read this year. Students also learn to be better writers through studying how different authors put words together and then try to emulate their style.
- *Math* – Kathy Mietelka talked about Math Back. Students learn key vocabulary terms to explain how they solve problems. The idea is to get students to think mathematically using Team Work and Explaining Thought Process.
- *Science* – George Gogol discussed the Battle Creek curriculum. It is a hands-on Science curriculum based on lab journals using the Scientific Method. Labs included Potential and Kinetic Energy and Magnetic Energy.
- *Social Studies* – George Gogol explained this subject. They use the Core Concepts of Geography while using globes. Other ideas discussed are Election 2012 and Time Zones and Universal Time.
- *A Camping Adventure* –  
The students gave a slide presentation of their favorite activities at camp. All of the students stressed that they had learned that without teamwork things couldn't be accomplished.

Mr. Burnett asked the students questions that they were able to answer.

Mr. Hamilton then read a notice from the JCISD naming George Gogol as one of the teachers who are participating in Mystery Skype. Mr. Gogol explained that his students will be trying to decipher in which state, and possibly which city, another classroom of students are located. They will do this with 10 questions and also by using Google mappers with minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude.

### B. November School Board/Student Council Dinner

The board meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> will be the annual School Board/Student Council dinner. It will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria. Mr. Thomson asked the Board to e-mail him with any suggestions for topics of discussion.

8. Unfinished Business

Reminder that the Spaghetti and Swing will be on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.