

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2012

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

Darrell Hart

John Pattera

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Seaburg

Florine Herendeen

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Debbie Brady

Shannon Maynard

Randy Purvis

Kristi Shoemaker

Linda Zenz

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 Hart, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Wright, to approve the minutes 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 \$595,415.26. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Presentation of 2011-2012 Audit – Randy Purvis, Drake, Watters & Associates

Mr. Purvis reviewed the Audit Letter and the audit process, and reported that there were no findings during the audit. He then turned to the audit report and reviewed the different sections.

Things that Mr. Purvis felt the board should be concerned about: No more ARRA funds or bailouts. About 16% of enrollment is from school of choice which is guessed numbers.

Fluctuating gas prices and per pupil funding are also a concern. But overall it was a good year.

Mr. Purvis answered questions from board members, including questions about the planned reduction in fund equity.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Count Day Information

Mr. Hamilton reported that as predicted, the numbers are down from Spring count to fall. His concern is that numbers usually are lower in the Spring count. He stressed the need to market the community.

B. Strategic Planning Update

The two meetings are set for October 23rd @ 4-8 p.m. and October 30th @ 4-7 p.m. There should be at least 2 or 3 board members present at both meetings. Mr. Wright volunteered. Mr. Waskiewicz and Mr. Burnett also expressed willingness to participate.

Mr. Hamilton would like to have District Leadership members join the committee. He would also like to see as part of the committee: Members of the Community, Chamber of Commerce, Village, etc. There are common threads in all groups so the hope is to get representatives from all groups to take ideas back “to get all arrows pointed in same direction”. He would also like to recruit some students to bring their perspective into the mix.

C. High School Counselor Update

Mr. Hamilton announced that Stephanie Meyer, hired at the last board meeting, did not work out. They are looking at other candidates.

D. School Improvement Update

Mr. Hamilton asked if there were any questions to take back to Andi Overmyer on her presentation at the last meeting. Mr. Burnett announced that it was a good presentation and Mr. Waskiewicz liked the manner in which it was presented. He added that it was very easy to follow and understand.

E. Health Care Consortium

Mr. Hamilton has attended two meetings regarding the Health Care Consortium. Currently the policy holder language does not allow the district to meet the Best Practice. Another concern is that individual districts would not be the policy holder. He explained that as of now, it is a partnership between willing parties where every district could get a percentage of votes. MEA originally wanted equal vote with Superintendents, but as it currently stands, this will not be happening. This is a Consortium with MESSA. Idea is that with increased

members, there would be lower costs. But they found that when Jackson Public was added into the group, it actually raised costs. Therefore, it is still in discussion.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

None

9. Unfinished Business

Mr. Paterra wondered if anything was planned for Anti-Bullying month. Ms. Satterthwaite announced that there will be a Cyber Bullying assembly. Mr. Burnett inquired about deadlines for Write-in candidates.

Mr. Hamilton requested a meeting with the Support Services committee on a busing issue. He asked Mr. Moeckel to join the meeting. He also requested a meeting with the Building/Grounds Committee to discuss report from GMB about Track issue. He will ask Eric McCalla to join. Both meetings were scheduled.

Mr. Waskiewicz announced that the Festival of Tables was a big success. There was great participation with about 265 people. There were 35 tables, up from 34 last year. There were also 190 auction items. No final tally as of yet.

10. Adjournment

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