

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012

Grass Lake High School

7:00 p.m.

Library/Media Center

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Brad Hamilton  
Michelle Clark  
Doug Moeckel  
Jeanene Satterthwaite

### **GUESTS**

Debbie Brady  
Margaret Henthorne  
Shannon Maynard  
Sheri Paszkiet  
Rachel Durkee  
Lindsay Marshall

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Tim Waskiewicz, President

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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 Herendeen, to approve the agenda as presented with addition of VIII – I. Hiring of Maygon Malinowski. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Burnett supported by Member Wright, to approve the minutes as presented. All present voted Aye.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$730,260.19. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

There was a reminder given regarding the upcoming Jackson County Association of School Boards Organizational Meeting. Mr. Waskiewicz informed all that he would be attending and inquired whether any of the other members would be attending. Mr. Paterra and Mrs. Seaburg both answered in the affirmative.

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Start of the School Year Update

Superintendent Hamilton informed the board members that the 2012/2013 school year is off to a good start and there were no major issues. There is still no official count in the buildings as of yet, but it is projected that numbers may be down slightly. Pupil count day is expected to be Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. The State hasn't officially announced the date. Governor Snyder is still deciding whether there will be more than 2 count days, so the districts are waiting for an announcement.

B. Strategic Planning

Superintendent Hamilton announced that strategic planning will be continuing in late October or early November. On September 18<sup>th</sup> Andi Overmyer and Brad Hamilton are meeting with Tovah Sheldon. The desire for at least two board members on the leadership team was expressed.

C. Natalia Morris and Sherry Paszkiet – School Trip Update

Sherry Paszkiet made a presentation to the Board on plans for the upcoming School Trip. A trip to Costa Rico is planned for Spring Break. This will be a nine day trip leaving on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, and returning on April 6<sup>th</sup>. They are in negotiations with two tour groups to get the best price. Included in the package will be white water rafting, zip lining and beach outings. It is a coast to coast package. The projected cost will be between \$2100 and \$2200 per student, more for adults. Back to School Night didn't attract as many upper classmen as desired, mostly adults and underclassmen. There will be payment plans offered. Educational Tours (EF) is offering incentives of drawings to win scholarships. Insurance is included in the packages plus there is additional insurance plans offered for individuals to purchase. A ratio of 1 adult for 6 kids is most desirable. They would like a minimum of 12 bookings. Another meeting for students will be held during forum on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Transportation Handbook

Motion by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Transportation Handbook as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Elementary Handbook

Minor changes to include no late start on Wednesdays, Lunch Prices, etc.

Moved by Member John Paterra, supported by Member Dave Wright, to approve the Elementary Handbook as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Middle School Handbook

Minor changes including rules about Kindle usage, dress code, lunch prices etc.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Middle School Handbook as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve High School Handbook

Brad Hamilton informed that there were minor changes regarding references to dual enrollment and online classes.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the High School Handbook as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Athletic Code of Conduct

No changes known.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Athletic Code of Conduct as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Hiring of Joe Walsh – Elementary Teacher (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve the hiring of Joe Walsh. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Approve Resignation of Elizabeth Tracey – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Darrell, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the acceptance of the resignation of Elizabeth Tracey. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

H. Approve Hiring of Donna Hill – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the hiring of Donna Hill. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

I. Approve Hiring of Maygon Malinowski – Playground Aide

Moved by Member Kimberly Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the hiring of Maygon Malinowski. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Member Seaburg commented that the plans for the Festival of Tables are coming along.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.