

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday February 11, 2013
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Travis Vrugink
Debbie Brady
Shannon Maynard
Tiffany Finch
Suzy Sczykutowicz
Craig Vitale

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 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 8C. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Jan. 14, 2013 and Special Meeting of Jan. 28, 2013 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Hart, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$634,526.47. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizen

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Strategic Goals

Mr. Hamilton talked about the progress being made on several of the goals. He asked Mrs. Clark to give some highlights of the "Leader in Me" Elementary program. Doug Moeckel gave a

brief update on the Wellness Initiative. Mr. Hamilton mentioned the Track Construction. He also described the new fitness program overseen by Ben Hamilton for elementary students. This brings in High School Students to work with elementary students 30 minutes/twice weekly. The students are currently working on a goal of walking enough miles to equal walking across the United States. They have met their first goal of walking enough miles to reach Traverse City.

B. Jackson 20/20

Mr. Hamilton gave highlights of the Jackson 20/20 meeting held at Jackson Area Career Center on February 6th. Alaina Ellison and Doug Moeckel also attended this meeting. Highlights included Kevin Oxley providing the C2C Strand.

C. Personnel Committee Meeting

The Personnel Committee and Board as a whole met the previous week to discuss some ideas for replacing Andrea Overmyer. Several options were discussed. Mr. Hamilton will send a list of dates to schedule a follow-up meeting to continue the discussions.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Accept Bid for High School Track Renovation

Travis Vrugink from GMB referred to the Bid Tab that listed the accepted bids from seven contractors for plans and specs for renovations to the High School Track. Also in consideration were alternate bids to make improvements and changes to the Middle School Track that include the addition of a regulation sized soccer field. Mr. Vrugink discussed the options open to the board in making this decision. He also answered questions which included the reasons for the rise in costs.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Burnett, to accept the bid from Ashpalt Solutions for the base bid only with PLM bond in the amount of \$254,200. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Resolution for Non Homestead Millage Renewal Request

This resolution is required to put the Non-Homestead Millage Renewal on the ballot in May.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the resolution for the Non Homestead Millage Renewal Request. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Project Safe Graduation

Tiffany Finch returned with answers to the board's questions regarding students who are in sports or who have a job being allowed to join the group later in the evening or to leave earlier to fulfill their other commitments. Ms. Finch stated that students will be allowed to be picked up or dropped off by a parent after obtaining prior approval from Ms. Finch.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the change of venue for Project Lead the Way to be held at the YMCA in Jackson. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Michigan Principals' Week – February 10th - 16th

Mr. Hamilton read a Proclamation from Governor Rick Syder in honor of Michigan Principals' Week, February 10th through February 16th. There were certificates and a copy of the Resolution for Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Satterthwaite, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Ellison and Mr. McCalla.

10. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton updated the board about phone calls received from reporters who wanted a statement about the Michigan Department of Civil Rights Lawsuit against the Warrior nickname/logo. Mr. Hamilton read the official statement of Grass Lake Community Schools as: "Grass Lake Community Schools does not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, or national origin."

11. Executive Session

A. Support Staff Contract Negotiations

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

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

12. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.