

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Board Work Session

Monday April 29, 2013
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Burnett

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson
Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Shannon Maynard
Evie Erickson
Jessica Amburgey
Angela Berent
Kim Khon
Shelbie Khon
Andrew Khon

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 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Hart, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizen

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Members thanked the administrators for including updates in their reports on how each of their buildings/departments are working on specific strategic goals. Questions were asked and answered about the middle school's RSVP program, the ACT scores at the high school and the bus driver training that was held for several visiting schools. All three schools were commended on receiving the Green Schools award.

B. Update on Non-Homestead Millage Request

Mr. Hamilton reported that he has already met with the bus drivers and the elementary staff and plans to meet with the middle school and high school staff to explain the renewal of the non-homestead millage. He also wanted to remind all that the \$968,000 that is generated from this tax is critical to the district.

C. Update on Budget Process for 2013-2014

Mr. Hamilton gave a brief update on the happenings at the state level. The Senate and the House are currently working on finalizing versions of the state budget. One of the issues being debated is the Common Core, which has already been adopted by 46 States. Everyone is waiting to see what will be decided.

D. Athletic Committee Meeting Update

Mr. Hamilton asked if the members desired any further discussion of the Athletic Committee meeting. Member Waskiewicz referred to the website that had been discussed and mentioned that he liked the structure and the advertising possibility it offered. Mr. Hamilton said that he would follow up with Mr. McCalla.

6. Round Table Discussion

A. Middle School Staff Presentation

Evie Erickson, Angela Berent and Jessica Amburgey presented different ways that they are incorporating the Common Core standards through different areas of learning, specifically multi-media.

Mrs. Amburgey discussed using multi-media in the Spanish class. Students recorded themselves discussing certain topics in Spanish. They would then be able to listen and critique themselves. Other ways to incorporate multi-media were a music video about pronouns and a video competition.

Mrs. Berent showed a video in which the students showcased Grass Lake. It featured photos of our schools, the Grass Lake downtown area and local landscape. They were excited to share the video with Mrs. Erickson's friend in France. Mrs. Berent also shared a poem written by a student titled *Storm*. Student's posted their poems on the International Poetry Guild website. U of M students responded to the poems by giving commendation and constructive suggestions. Through this media, our students were able to learn critical feedback and earn awards. 31 awards were given to our students.

A virtual poster by Nick Pepper's class was shown. Each 8th grade student, on Glockster, made an electronic poster about a chemical element. The posters were then loaded on an interactive Table of Elements. When an element is clicked on, one of the student's posters of this element pops up.

Using Animoto, Shelbie Khon presented her video, about the book *Hunger Games*.

7. Unfinished Business

Mr. Waskiewicz stated that the play *Once Upon a Mattress* was a success. Ms. Seaburg reminded all that the middle school and high school bands would be going to the state competition on Friday. Also a reminder was given that the prom will be held on Saturday.

8. Executive Session

A. Support Staff Contract Negotiations

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

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

9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.