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GRASS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education/Student Council Dinner Work Session

Monday, November 25, 2013
6:30 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Cafeteria/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

David Wright

Darrell Hart

Kristi Shoemaker

John Paterra

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Brian Thompson

Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Debbie Brady

Giovanni Paterra

Madeline Brunt

Brittney Mercier

Makayla Brunt

Austin Poley

Alainey Embury

Rachel Waskiewicz

Elissa Wyne

Andrea Glaspie

Mahayla Edgar

Shelbie Coppernoll

Nick Prentice

Nicole Stark

Zoey Bommarito

Jessica Sherwood

Emily Tengman

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 in the Elementary Media Center at 6:30 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 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Dinner Break

The students and board members moved to the cafeteria to enjoy dinner after which they regrouped in the media center to continue with the meeting.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

There were no comments on the Administrative Reports.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. School Board/Student Council Discussion

Mr. Thompson divided the school board members into three groups and assigned them to three locations, each group with a different discussion topic. The students were divided into three groups and instructed that they would spend approximately 15 minutes with each group of board members so all would have a chance to discuss all three topics:

1. Keeping Grass Lake Schools on the cutting edge of technology
2. Developing anti-bullying programs
3. The length of the school day/year with the possibility of year-round school

Following the mini group discussions, the school board members and administrators shared the common thoughts from each of their groups' discussions. All emphasized the positive ideas that were learned from each of the discussions. The students suggested a follow-up meeting to see how the ideas presented have made an impact. Mr. Waskiewicz stated that the feedback that is provided by the students impacts the thoughts/decisions of the members for future discussions and invited the students to attend future meetings to see for themselves the decision making process. He explained that the "Hearing of Citizens" portion of each meeting is an opportunity for them to ask about progress on specific topics. All of the administration and board members reminded them of their accountability to lead the student body and to make changes and work to sustain them for the long-term. Mr. Hamilton added that the topics/issues discussed at this meeting are also a basis for challenges given to the administrators in each of their buildings.

Everyone thanked the students for attending and participating and gave commendation for their thoughts and candid opinions.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.