

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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Monday, October 14, 2013

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly Seaburg

Darrell Hart

John Paterra

Mark Burnett

David Wright

Kristi Shoemaker

Tim Waskiewicz

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Brian Thompson

Jeanene Satterthwaite

### **GUESTS**

Debbie Brady

Natalia Morris

### **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 Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Shoemaker to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2013 and the Special Meeting of September 23, 2013. All present voted Aye.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve the board bills in the amount of \$847,384.26. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Hamilton directed attention to the following items on the agenda.

B. 2013-2014 Budget Revision Timeline

Mr. Hamilton stated that he would like to present the first revision at the next board meeting. He reminded the members that the ISD is also in the picture this year and we are waiting for reports from them as well.

C. Budget Committee Meeting Dates/Process

There was a discussion of how to proceed with the budget process. It was decided that Mr. Hamilton would first meet with the Administrators to go through items. They would identify areas to begin to look at. The board members would then be brought up to speed on the findings and then begin the process. It was mentioned that the first meeting may be with the Budget Committee.

D. Joint Meeting in January

Mr. Hamilton announced that an invitation to the second board meeting in January would be extended to the Downtown Development Authority, the Village, the Grass Lake Township, the Wellness Committee and the Chamber of Commerce to have a discussion of how work together to grow the community of Grass Lake. A Partnership Committee has already been formed to begin the process to find the commonalities between all groups.

E. Portfolio Night, National College Application Week, Spring Break Trip to Europe – Natalia Morris

Ms. Morris was on hand to update the board on three points of interest. First she wanted to remind all of Portfolio Night scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., with presentations every half hour. As there are ninety-six seniors there is a need for 16 committees, 4 people on each committee. All 20 high school teachers have volunteered, but there is a need for several more volunteers to fill the committees.

Second, Ms. Morris wanted to inform the members that our high school will be participating in National College Application Week the first week in November. The goal is that every student applies to at least one college. This opportunity will be offered during the Senior Transition class. On Wednesdays, which is Student Health Day, college representatives will also be available to talk to students.

Lastly she wanted to talk about the trip to Europe scheduled during the week of spring break. At this time there are 15 people (students and parents) scheduled to travel to London, Paris, Switzerland and Germany. She mentioned there is also a group of juniors that are in the preliminary planning stages of a trip to Italy and Greece for next year. There will be further updates at future meetings of the progress of these trips.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. No Action Items

9. Unfinished Business

Mrs. Clark mentioned that Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, would be the first parent meeting for the *Leader in Me* program. One hundred parents have responded to attend. It will be held at 6 p.m. and she extended an invitation for members to also attend.

Mr. Hamilton stated that at the meeting with the Jackson County School Board Association there was an informative C2C presentation that brought members up to speed. He mentioned that we can have presenters come to our district next semester.

Member Paterra reminded everyone that October is Bully Awareness Month.

Member Burnett mentioned that a good time was had by all at the Festival of Tables. Mr. Hamilton added that there were more sponsors and donations and a record 39 tables. The winning table was Blue Spruce Dental with their "Duck Dynasty" Table. There wasn't a final tally as yet, but he was confident the event had done very well despite additional expenditures to make the event sustainable in years to come. He also described the addition of the Super Silent Auction which sold 5 items.

Mr. Thompson announced that Homecoming Week went well.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.