

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Work Session

Monday, October 28, 2013

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Waskiewicz

John Paterra

Darrell Hart

Kimberly Seaburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Burnett

Kristi Shoemaker

David Wright

ADMINISTRATORS

Doug Moeckel

Brad Hamilton

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Alaina Ellison

Eric McCalla

Michelle Clark

GUESTS

Megan Videto

Becky McEldery

Jennifer Sullivan

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 7:03 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. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports –

Member Waskiewicz asked Michelle Clark about the MEAP tests administered via computer. She explained that the tests were done in an hour. This was the first time the tests were done on a computer rather than with paper and pencil. Another plus was that administrators could monitor the pace of taking the test.

Other points that were covered:

- a. 75 parents attended the “Leader in Me” Parents’ Night
- b. Member Waskiewicz asked Ms. Satterthwaite about the arena style conferences at the middle school. She stated that all went well.
- c. Member Seaburg asked Mr. Thompson about the meeting on the common schedule. He informed the members the next meeting would be tomorrow night.

B. Strategic Planning

Mr. Hamilton mentioned that updates on the goals were given in the board reports. He has reviewed all strands and strategies. The administrators will go over all of the goals and review progress. Mr. Hamilton is happy with things, but stressed that we need to stay on top of it. Need to make a decision in the next month as to whether another planning session will be held in the spring or will wait until fall.

C. Budget Revision Process

ISD become another player in the works and are now doing budget reports. The old reports used to have a "Month to Date" to allow Mr. Hamilton to see trends but the last reports that were run do not have a MTD. The ISD is working to add the MTDs to the reports. The budget revision will be in first board session in November. Administrators will be meeting Tuesday to talk about timelines for budgeting and filters to be installed. There is a need to develop a common process for budgeting throughout the buildings.

6. Round Table Discussion

A. Athletic Hall of Fame Committee

Job well done! Mr. McCalla was on hand to receive certificates for the Committee. Mr. Waskiewicz was surprised and impressed with the event. The Hall of Famers commonly talked about the team and the group, rather than individual accomplishments. They all had great things to say. It was interesting what the athletes learned from their experiences. The dinner was fun. The members thanked Mr. McCalla. Mr. Waskiewicz asked whether it would only be honoring athletes. Mr. McCalla stated there is a community person category, but it must be athletic based.

B. Presentation from Elementary Light House Team

Michelle Clark, Alaina Ellison, Jennifer Sullivan, Becky McEldery and Megan Videto were on hand to discuss the "Leader and Me" process. The complete Lighthouse Team includes: Becky McEldery, Alaina Ellison, Michelle Clark, Jennifer Sullivan, Mike Arbuckle, Megan Videto, Sarah Sherwood, Andrea Worthing and Kari Allen. Alaina Ellison and Michelle Clark presented a "Leader in Me" video. Some of the themes of the program are: being responsible and getting along with others, instilling a strong work ethic, and doing the right thing even when no one is watching. This can't be exclusively about academics. A demonstration was given: Reactive (bottle of soda-reacts negatively to bad things.....shake and explode) vs. Proactive (water-reacts positively.....shake and no reaction). The team developed a three year plan leading them to where they want the school to go. A "LEADER DAY" will be announced. The students will be presenting in the spring. Ms. Videto brought the program to us from Frost Elementary and prompted our team to adopt it in our district. Ms. Videto saw dramatic improvements with the student at Frost. Parma Elementary is also doing the program along with about 50 schools in the State of Michigan. They are working toward having a Student Lighthouse Team who will be making decisions.

C. November School Board/Student Council Dinner

Mr. Thompson polled the members regarding the format for the School Board/Student Council Dinner. Mr. Waskiewicz commented that he likes the revolving groups to get more kids involved. Currently there are 25-26 members on the Student Council with an increase in male representatives currently numbering seven. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2013.

7. Unfinished Business

We have been pursuing advertising for the district with HIBU (Grass Lake Area Magazine). Ads will have our themes on a full page inside the magazine. Specific subject areas will be included on a rotating basis. We will continue to advertise on MLive, Website, JTV and K105.3, but at a reduced level.

Member Waskiewicz asked about Halloween activities at the elementary. There will be an elementary Halloween Fun Day and a parade at Stoker field at 2:15 p.m.

Everyone was reminded of the Manchester game on Friday for football pre-districts.

Member Paterra mentioned that the November 11, 2013 meeting time coincides with the Veterans Day program. Member Paterra asked the members to consider moving the meeting to 7:30 p.m. so that all could attend. Member Hart suggested 7:45 p.m. to allow sufficient time for the program.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg to approve the change in time of the November 11, 2013 board meeting to 7:45 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra supported by Member Hart to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.