

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2013
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Michelle Clark
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Doug Moeckel
Brad Hamilton
Brian Thompson
Drew Thompson

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Linda Zenz
Randy Purvis

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 7:01p.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

Mr. Hamilton reminded all once again about the Jackson Co. School Board Association Dinner. Members Waskiewicz, Seaburg and Paterra all verified that they were planning to attend.

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Audit Report – Randy Purvis

Randy Purvis from Drake Watters was on hand to give a report of the audit. He talked about the changes to the GASB 63 Statement format and described the changes to definitions. He said that the GASB 65 is required to be changed next year but he recommended that it happen this year so that the terminology would match. He stated that these are changes from Washington.

He then talked about the GASB Statement 67 and 68 which deals with the Unfunded Pension Liability. Next year, unfunded liability will be prorated for the district. He wanted to prepare the members that on next year's report the numbers will show up in the

Statement of Net Position. It will be put on the books as a future obligation. Next year they will be required to report 10 years of history. He then talked about the Fund Balance and cited reasons for the decrease such as no ARRA money, IDEA money and lower enrollment, but he stated that overall it was a good year.

Mr. Purvis ended by thanking the board for the opportunity to work with Grass Lake Community Schools and stated that it was a pleasure working with the staff. Mr. Hamilton acknowledged that the feeling is mutual.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Leave of Absence for Kitty Leemon

Moved by Member Hart supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Leave of Absence for Kitty Leemon. Members Waskiewicz, Seaburg, Paterra, Wright, Shoemaker and Hart voted Aye. Member Burnett abstained. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Leave of Absence for Jennifer Pflueger

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Leave of Absence for Jennifer Pflueger. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. Administrative Reports – Including Strategic Goals

The members asked questions about some of the points in the reports, specifically about enrollment numbers.

8. Unfinished Business

Kimberly Seaburg described the Marching Band Invitational at Chelsea Schools our band had attended.

Member Shoemaker informed all that the Equestrian Team won Districts. They are competing again this weekend, although she described how expensive these competitions are and stated the hope for donations to help defray the costs.

Mr. Burnett asked about the meeting that Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thompson attended on the Unbundled High School. Mr. Hamilton described that this first meeting was to set the schedule for future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled in October. The goal is to have something in place by next year. They are attempting to make a “window” for each district, either in the

morning or afternoon, so that all districts have opportunity to take advantage without changing their schedules. They are also trying to design this by region to make it easier for all districts.

Mr. Burnett asked about the first late start Wednesday. Jeanene Satterthwaite stated that the middle school teachers worked in school improvement groups. Both Ms. Satterthwaite and Mrs. Clark felt it was time well spent.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he and Doug Moeckel had appeared on JTV that afternoon. He then went on to talk about the Hall of Fame dinner held on the previous Saturday evening and emphasized what a positive experience it had been for all in attendance. He was very proud of Grass Lake and the comments that had been made about the heritage of the community. The speeches and conversation had all centered on pride of the teams and the positive influence of growing up in Grass Lake instead of individual accomplishments. He said that the entire evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Waskiewicz agreed whole heartedly.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.