

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday February 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett
David Wright
Kimberly Seaburg
Tim Waskiewicz
John Paterra

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Darrell Hart
Kristi Shoemaker

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Brian Thompson
Doug Moeckel
Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Matt Maynard

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 7:02 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. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2014 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$776,406.28. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports - Unwritten

Because the second meeting in February is scheduled as the Chamber of Commerce Partnership meeting, the board members were given the opportunity to ask the

administrators any questions about happenings in their buildings. Mr. Waskiewicz made a request that the Administrators include upcoming items in their monthly reports to the board, as well as listing the things that have already occurred, to give the members an opportunity to attend events. It was also decided the members would be included on the e-mail list for the daily/weekly announcements that are sent to the parents from each building.

Matt Maynard was on hand to discuss the technology needs/concerns of the district. He listed items, in order of importance, that need to be addressed. Some items listed: upgrade the wireless density in the middle school and high school, refresh the 260 lab computers, refresh the *Project Lead the Way* computers, upgrade the elementary wireless density and refresh the classroom student computers. He also talked about additional items such as updating the switching infrastructure, phone system and refreshing the iPads. He pointed out that with 800 computers in the district; about 160 computers per year would need to be refreshed to update the technology every 5 years.

B. Preview for the February 24th Partnership Meeting

Mr. Hamilton reminded everyone that the Partnership meeting has been rescheduled for February 24th. A mailing was sent to all groups to notify them of the new date and asked that each group send more than one representative. He then gave the members a brief overview of what to expect. He hoped by the end of the meeting a determination would be made as to whether to move forward with an alignment of “missions and visions”.

C. Budget Committee Meeting of February 18th

Mr. Hamilton reminded everyone the next Budget Committee meeting would be Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m.

D. Energizing Education Update

Michelle Clark gave a brief update on the progress of Energizing Education. She said that all materials had been ordered and would be ready for pickup on Wednesday. The furniture will also be delivered on Wednesday. There will be six lounges. The program will begin Tuesday, February 18th. There are seven volunteers thus far with a possibility of five more. With 12 volunteers they would be able to help up to 60 children with the program. There will be a family night on March 6th at Michigan Theater and a similar family night is being planned for George Long in the future.

E. Literacy and Math Intervention Summer Program

Mr. Hamilton informed the members that a Literacy and Math Intervention Program is planned for this summer. The age group that will be targeted for help will be grades K-3. The cost is being covered with At Risk Funds. Transportation will be provided.

Mr. Arbuckle and Mrs. Sherwood are also putting together a summer camp, with project-based learning, to be paid for by parents.

F. Turnaround Parking at High School

Mr. Hamilton gave the members an update on the circle drive in front of the high school. The amount of cars parking here during school hours and after school activities has increased and has become a serious issue. There are plans to obtain signs to indicate this area as a "Fire Lane". They will also looking at the handicap parking design in the spring to see if adjustments need to be made.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

There were no action items.

9. Principals' Week – February 9th-15th, 2014

Mr. Hamilton read an announcement from Governor Snyder to honor Principals and the roles they play in the lives of the students. He then handed out certificates of appreciation to all of our administrators to acknowledge the many things they all do to make a difference in our district.

10. Unfinished Business

Member Seaburg announced that at the Band Solo and Ensemble Festival over the previous weekend, all seventeen students medaled with a score of I or II. Several would be moving on to state competitions.

Member Wright gave an update on County Wide School Board meeting that he had attended at Concord. He stated that the attendance was low due to the weather but that it was an interesting meeting with Concord talking about their excitement for their FFA and robotics programs. The next meeting will be held at Western.

Member Waskiewicz also mentioned the successful Winterfest held at the high school on the previous Friday.

11. Executive Session

a. Teacher and Support Staff Contract Negotiations

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

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

12. Adjournment

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.