

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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### Work Session

Monday March 24, 2014

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

#### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Brad Hamilton  
Jeanene Satterthwaite  
Doug Moeckel  
Brian Thompson  
Michelle Clark

#### **GUESTS**

Debbie Brady  
Danielle Doctor  
Kristi Stevens  
HS Select Choir Students  
Jennie Shoemaker  
Brenda Musser  
Dawn Rigelman

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Leece  
Sara Bohn  
Karen Smith  
Georgianna Scarbrough  
Richard Beal  
Mr. & Mrs. V. Camilleri

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 with item 6A, Select Choir, being heard after item 4. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports including Strategic Goals

Member Wright asked Mrs. Clark how Kindergarten Roundup is handled. She explained the process and stated that a bus ride is given to the children. Eighty children are signed up at this time.

Member Shoemaker asked Mr. Thompson about the MME testing. He stated that all went well. Member Burnett then asked him about the Smarter Balanced testing. Mr. Thompson explained this is an on-line form of testing. They participated in the pilot of this test to prepare the students and the technology department in case it becomes mandatory.

Congratulations were given for the "1" rating for the band.

Mrs. Clark wanted to inform the members that since the writing of her report, Mike Arbuckle had two students that earned 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a poetry contest through Jackson District Library. They will be recognized at the Young Poets Society Banquet on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Congratulations were given to middle school student, Sean Hickey, who won the Jackson County Spelling Bee and for advancing to the national competition to be held in Washington D.C.

B. Update on Budget Process for 2014-15

Mr. Hamilton gave a reminder that the Budget Committee will next meet on April 15th @ 6:30 p.m. He mentioned that they are still waiting on the state aid package. Once this is received the decision making process can move forward.

C. Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce Partnership Committee Update

Janelle Sherwood and Mr. Hamilton presented results at the last Chamber Meeting from the Partnership Meeting and will be deciding on the next steps. The goal is to keep the momentum going and to build on what was accomplished at the Partnership Meeting. There were discussions about using an outside facilitator. Mr. Hamilton feels this would be a good idea to allow freeness of speech for suggestions and comments.

6. Round Table Discussion

A. Select Choir (*This item was moved up on the agenda; they performed after item 4*)

The High School Select Choir sang the two selections that were chosen for the High School Choir Festival hosted at Grass Lake. The songs they sang were *Come in from the Firefly Darkness* and *Roses I Send to You*. All present thanked Ms. Stevens and the students for their fine performance.

B. Danielle Doctor – Presentation of Student Created Spanish Videos

Mrs. Doctor was present to share some of the exciting things that the students in her Spanish students have been working on. She shared videos of her students conversing in Spanish, a “trailer” for a movie about a restaurant created with iVideo, and a creative “commercial” for Nutella, all done in Spanish. She stated that she currently has 11 students in Spanish 4. The points that are emphasized in the classes are:

- Gaining knowledge and understanding of other cultures
  - The students take field trips to events held in Detroit’s Mexican Town – El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) & Cinco de mayo (5th of May – a celebration of the battle of Puebla, Mexico). They also took trips to La comida-Lopez Taco House (a restaurant in Albion) and the Diego Rivera’s art exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.
- Connect with other disciplines and acquire information.
- Gaining insight into the nature of language and culture.
- Communicate in languages other than English.

- Students are orally assessed on speaking skills.
- Participate in Multilingual communities at home and around the world.
  - Mrs. Doctor stated that she is proud that her past and current students are aspiring to be lifelong learners of Spanish and named two students that have traveled or are planning trips to Spanish speaking countries.

## 7. Unfinished Business

### A. JCISD Budget Meeting

Mr. Hamilton referred to a handout from the JCISD Budget Meeting. He stated the ISD budget is fairly stable and gave some highlights of the meeting. Member Waskiewicz commented that he thought it was well led by Kevin Oxley and staff.

Mr. Hamilton gave an update of discussions he has had with Kevin Holyszko from Tremco. Mr. Holysko indicated the bid process needs to begin to gather all the information needed for the district to make decisions regarding roof repairs. He was given the go ahead to proceed through the process.

Member Paterra mentioned the Warrior Club Cash Bash. He said that all tickets were once again sold and that there was a good turnout.

## 8. Executive Session

### A. Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations

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

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

## 9. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.