

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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Monday October 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Waskiewicz

Kristi Shoemaker

Janey Bisard

Darrell Hart

Kimberly Seaburg

Mark Burnett

Rich Holcomb

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Brad Hamilton

Brian Thompson

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Jeanene Satterthwaite

### **GUESTS**

Debbie Brady

Nancy Peters-Lewis

Linda Zenz

Heather Brown

Shawn Brown

Brad Coffey

Carlene Pindzia

Ben Dandrow

Natalia Morris

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Kristi Shoemaker, 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 Seaburg supported by Member Bisard, to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 8A. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Hart, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2014, and the Work Session of September 22, 2014 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$579,008.97. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

Public comments were made to the board.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Superintendent Report

- Kelli Lambrich called regarding a proposal for pursuing the bond refunding.
- An update was given on the Adams' Poured Wall property.

- He explained the phrase “Connected Community Schools” which explains how public schools are working together in many ways.
- Debbie Brady had attended a MASB workshop where a recommendation was given to provide information for board meetings to the members 5-7 days prior to the meeting.
- The GLEF will be hosting a “Meet the Candidate” night October 27<sup>th</sup> for a portion of the board meeting. This will be a Q & A session for the public to become familiar with the candidates running for school board. Ben Dandrow will be the moderator.

B. 2014-2015 Budget Revision Timeline

Randy Purvis of Drake Watters has been in contact with Mr. Hamilton. He will at the 1st board meeting in November to explain the audit.

C. Partnership Committee Report

Mr. Hamilton recapped the Partnership Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 3rd.

D. Portfolio Night, National College Application Week, Spring Break Trip to Italy – Natalia Morris

Natalia Morris and Nancy Peters-Lewis, from the College and Career Access Center, talked about College Application Week which will be the first week in November and conducted during the Senior Transitions Class. The goal is to get 100% of students to apply to and be admitted to some form of college or vocational school. Ms. Peters-Lewis explained how they help match students to post high school education and also provide assistance with affordability through scholarships and FAFSA. Questions were asked by the board.

Ms. Morris stated that Senior Portfolio Night is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m. There are currently 91 seniors scheduled to present their portfolios. Students are also putting videos on the website this year.

Ms. Morris then gave an update on the plans for the 2015 Spring Break trip to Paris, Venice, Florence & Rome. Last date to sign up will be Dec. 11th. She also stated that plans are being made for the trips for the next three years.

E. Schedule Personnel Committee Meeting

A date of Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. was scheduled for the Personnel Committee to meet.

F. Update on GLEF Festival of Tables

The 2014 Festival of Tables will be held on November 15th. Mr. Hamilton stated some of the programs that were made possible with the funds from this event in the past and hopes it will continue to help other student programs.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Leave of Absence for Jennifer Pflueger – Cafeteria Helper/Server

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the leave of absence for Jennifer Pflueger. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Hiring of Amie Christian – Elementary School Cafeteria Aide

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Shoemaker, to approve the hiring of Amie Christian as Elementary School Cafeteria Aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton passed out a proposal for teacher merit pay for the 2014-2015 school year and asked that that a motion be made at this meeting. This proposal complies with section 1251 of the revised school code. He explained this brings us into compliance with Best Practices.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Holcomb, to approve the Teacher Merit Pay Proposal for the 2014-2015 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Additional comments were made by the board.

10. Executive Session

A. Teacher Contract Negotiations

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

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Hart, to move out of Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. after which the members went into recess. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.