

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake Middle School

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Hart

Florine Herendeen

John Paterra

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Burnett

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Brian Thompson

Andi Overmyer

Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Margaret Henthorne

Karen Jenks

Matt Maynard

Shannon Maynard

Kevin Oxley

Susan Townsend

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct,

Mark Burnett, 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 Herendeen, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda with the addition of VI. F., Approve Hiring Alison Desmarais, and VI. G., Approve Hiring Bradley Jayne. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. JCISD Presentation on RTI Initiative – Susan Townsend and Kevin Oxley

Jackson County ISD Superintendent, Kevin Oxley, explained that the purpose of RTI was to provide interventions at an early age to reduce the number of students who needed special education services. He then introduced Susan Townsend, also from JCISD, who gave a PowerPoint presentation about the program they were working on with Grass Lake.

Ms. Townsend explained that Grass Lake was a pilot for the program, which is designed to be an imbedded coaching model. She reviewed the tiers of the proposed model and the support system for the tiers. The program provides one coach in ELA and one coach in math to work with the elementary teachers.

Superintendent Hamilton added some comments, explaining what went in to deciding on this model, which he feels is very teacher friendly. He added that they were working with the ISD to be able to do a K-8 ELA and Math intervention program.

B. Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Mr. Hamilton stated that the enrollment appeared to be up a little bit. The Kindergarten numbers, especially, seemed very high right now.

He asked the board to give him authorization to add another kindergarten teacher if he feels it is needed. He is exploring all the options right now, such as possibly moving teachers around.

The Board gave Mr. Hamilton their approval to hire a teacher if he felt it was necessary.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Rescind the Layoff Notice for Angela Berent

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to rescind the layoff notice for Angela Berent. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Adopt NEOLA Policies

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve adopting the NEOLA policies. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hamilton reported that, in addition to the NEOLA policies, the Policy Committee had also discussed a transportation policy change. The discussion was on transportation policies for schools of choice students. They discussed whether it would add some increased safety by redoing some routes so they went into other districts to make better bus stops. This might also allow for easier transportation of school of choice students.

Mr. Waskiewicz reported that the committee looked at current routes, current stops, maps, etc. There was much discussion about traveling into another school district.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to adopt the policy as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hamilton added that new laws dictate that the policy committee will have to meet to develop policies for recall of staff, among other things.

C. Approve 2010-2011 Annual Report

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the 2010-2011 Annual Education Report. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Leave of Absence for Sally Dwyer

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Wright, to approve the leave of absence for Sally Dwyer. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Hiring New Bus Driver, Beth Palmer

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve hiring Beth Palmer as a bus driver for the district. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Hiring Alison Desmarais – Middle and High School Special Ed. Teacher

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve hiring Alison Desmarais as a middle and high school special education teacher for the district. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Approve Hiring Bradley Jayne – Long Term Sub for Elementary Music Position

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve hiring Bradley Jayne as a long term substitute for the Elementary Music Position. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Satterthwaite answered questions about the new 6th grade schedule.

B. Indicators of Success

C. Strategic Goals

D. School Improvement

Mrs. Overmyer gave a Power Point presentation on the end of the year student achievement and assessment. She reviewed county wide common assessments and reviewed some observations after seeing the scores. Then she went over the MEAP/MME scores in math, reading, writing, science and social studies, then gave her observations about those scores. Brad cautioned about the use of data. Some of it was very important. Other data did not show the whole picture.

Next were ACT trends and then School Report Card information. All buildings and district met AYP.

Mrs. Overmyer then reviewed the GLCS School Improvement Goals, which had come from the data retreat process. Next were the K-12 Indicators of Success. She said she had counted indicators for the last school year and came up with around 200 indicators. She and Mr. Hamilton and the principals continue to monitor the indicators, but she felt they needed to come up with a better document and process to monitor progress.

Mrs. Overmyer followed this by reviewing professional development topics for the upcoming year and, "What do we do next?"

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that Tuesday, August 30, 7:30 a.m., was the staff breakfast and Back to School Night would be held that same Tuesday, from 5-7 p.m. Mrs. Seaburg informed the board that on Monday night, August 29th, there would be an open house and tour of the middle school band room that her daughter, Zoey Bommarito, and her daughter's fellow Girl Scout, Carlie Murdock, had renovated to earn their Girl Scout Silver Award.

9. Executive Session

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to move into Executive Session. Roll call vote: Member Hart – yes, Member Seaburg – yes, Member Paterra – yes, Member Wright – yes, Member Herendeen – yes, Member Waskiewicz – yes.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.