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Grass Lake Community Schools Special School Board Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2015

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Waskiewicz

Heather Brown

Darrell Hart

Janey Bisard

Rich Holcomb

Kristi Shoemaker

Kimberly Seaburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Robert Bullock

Brandi Bullock

Jena Tengman

Sandy Wolfinger

Girl Scout Troop 60157 & Parents

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 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Brown, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of items 6E and 6F. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

The Girl Scout Troop 60157 presented girls with the Bronze Award which is the First High Honor Award. These girls logged 20 hours working with the Leader in Me team.

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports – Including Strategic Goals

Member Bisard asked questions about the event that took place at MIS where some elementary staff volunteered to make money for the elementary. She also inquired about 6th grade camp.

B. Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Mr. Hamilton stated that enrollment numbers are up but that we are waiting to see final numbers. He will continue to monitor numbers. The elementary numbers are continuing to increase; it may be necessary to hire an additional teacher.

Mr. Hamilton provided information on the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and preschool enrollment.

C. Staffing

Mr. Hamilton provided information about the following postings:

- ½ time custodian position – this will most likely be at the high school
- Special Education Aides – interviews will be held on Wednesday of this week. There is one full time and one 30 day mandated aide position available.

6. Report of the Superintendent for Information

A. Approve the Hiring of Brandi Bullock – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Brandi Bullock as elementary teacher for 2015-2016. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve the Hiring of Brianna Kalmbach as ½ time Elementary Art Teacher

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Holcomb, to approve the hiring of Brianna Kalmbach as ½ time Elementary Art Teacher for 2015-2016. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve the Hiring of Tracy Boomer as Literacy Aide

Moved by Member Shoemaker, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Hiring of Tracy Boomer as Literacy Aide for 2015-2016. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve the Hiring of Crystal Brickner as Bus Driver

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Brown, to approve the hiring of Hiring of Crystal Brickner as Bus Driver for 2015-2016. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried

E. Approve the Resignation of Jessica Hertlein – Cafeteria Helper/Server

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Resignation of Jessica Hertlein. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried

F. Approve the Leave of Absence for Shannon Cook

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Shoemaker, to approve the hiring of Leave of Absence for Shannon Cook. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Round Table Discussion

- Mr. Thompson gave an update on Project Lead the Way

- It was reported that Casey Byrd, from U of M Dearborn, had provided STEM information and assistance for the Elementary STEM Team.
- There will be a conference call on Tuesday with the STEM team, 8/25/15 with ArduSat which provides experiments in real time (from space).
- The STEM Teachers, Mike Arbuckle, Sarah Sherwood and Nate Pittenger, visited JTV to talk about Grass Lake's STEM program.
- The Jackson County Superintendents are once again discussing the balanced calendar and early start before Labor Day and attempting to obtain a waiver. Mr. Hamilton will suggest they do "the research". He stated that one reason to move forward with this is to allow semester break before Christmas Break. There is also currently a conflict with Dual Enrollment schedules. Members Holcomb and Waskiewicz agreed with Mr. Hamilton's view that research needs to be done. They also felt there is a need for transparency and to move forward with a 2 to 4 year plan. Member Waskiewicz stated the School Board Association needs to play a key role in this. He stated his plans to bring this topic up at the next meeting.

8. Unfinished Business

- A reminder was given of the Hall of Fame Dinner scheduled for October 17th @ 7 p.m.
- A reminder was also given of the Festival of Tables on October 24th.

9. Executive Session

Moved by Member Hart supported by Member Holcomb, to move into Executive Session. The members voted by roll call: Member Brown – 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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. with the members moving into recess. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.