

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday June 15, 2015

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janey Bisard  
Rich Holcomb  
Heather Brown  
Kimberly Seaburg  
Darrell Hart  
Kristi Shoemaker  
Timothy Waskiewicz

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

### ADMINISTRATORS

Brian Thompson  
Michelle Clark  
Jeanene Satterthwaite

### GUESTS

Debbie Brady  
Linda Zenz  
Larry Hook  
Carlene Pindzia  
Jena Tengman  
Katy Tengman  
Emily Tengman  
Natalia Morris

Leora Moody Hite  
Pamela Neuendorf  
Gerald Neuendorf  
Donald Moody  
Marjorie Moody  
Bill Laflin  
Ruth Laflin  
Jim Stormont

Craig Kahler  
Michael Gresens  
Nate Watson  
Sandy Wolfinger

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 7:01p.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 addition of item 8H. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Brown, to approve the minutes of the Workshop May 4, 2015, Regular Meeting May 11, 2015 and Workshop May 18, 2015 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$799,874.34. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Award High School Diploma to Donald Moody, Vietnam War Veteran

Mr. Thompson read Public Act 181 of 2001 which defines the criteria to qualify veterans to receive their high school diploma. He stated he was pleased to be able to award the diploma to Mr. Moody and congratulated him. The board members also shook his hand and congratulated him.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Reminder Second Meeting in June Date/Final 2014-2015 Final 2014-2015 Budget Revision Process

A reminder was given that the second board meeting in June would be held on June 29, 2015 at 7 p.m. when the final revision for the 2014-2015 budget would take place.

B. Reminder Partnership Committee Meeting – June 24<sup>th</sup>

A reminder was given of the meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Elementary Media Center.

C. First reading for Policies 1240, 1420, 3220, 3120, 4120, 3139, 5320, 5350, 5517.01, 8400, 2260.01, 5112, 5114, 5460, 8390

Reminder that these policies would be voted on at an upcoming meeting and that if there are any questions these should be directed to Mr. Hamilton.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2015-2016

Member Seaburg stated this is a routine membership done every year to allow us to participate in the MHSAA.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Shoemaker, to approve MHSAA Membership for 2015-2016. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Adopt Bond Refunding Proposals

Craig Kahler from Fifth Third Securities addressed the board to notify the board that the bonds were sold last Thursday. It was a good day on the market. He stated have a good credit rating which brings big names in the bidding process. Sold 2 series of bonds; taxable series and / takes us out of a variable rate with state and locks into a fixed rate, which are at 40 year lows. He thanked us for allowing them to be a part of the process.

Nate Watson from PFM gave a breakdown of the savings to the district.

Mike Gresens from Thrun addressed the legal issues. Stated it is ok to move forward. Directed the members attention to the resolutions and bond purchase agreements for the Series A and Series B and explained these in detail.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the resolution for the refunding of the Series A Bonds. 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 Holcomb, supported by Member Hart, to approve the resolution for the refunding of the Series B Bonds. 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.

C. Approval of 2015-2016 Tax Rates and Preliminary Budget from Budget Hearing

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Holcomb, to approve the 2015-2016 Tax Rates and Preliminary Budget from Budget Hearing. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Set Lunch Prices for 2015-2016

Carlene Pindzia, Food Services Director, gave a report of the cafeteria department with a breakdown of breakfast/lunch costs and revenues. She also listed the percentages of expenditures. She gave recommendations for increases to both students' and adults' breakfast and lunch costs.

She then gave an update on the Healthy Hunger Free Law. There is a new tier added each year. She explained the Professional Qualification requirements and the Professional Development for all staff.

She also explained the "Smart Snack" law and new legislation regarding this law before the state. This law had originally eliminated "bake sales" in schools. The new legislation will allow bake sales with certain criteria.

Moved by Member Shoemaker, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the recommended lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Adopt Continuing Disclosure Compliance Policy

Mike Gresens, Thrun Law, explained this policy and how it pertains to the bonds. This is an SCC requirement for the district to annually provide to the market the district's financial information and operating data and to report any changes in status.

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to adopt the Continuing Disclosure Compliance Policy and Resolution. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Adopt Resolution for 5 Year Joint Recreation Plan

Jim Stormont explained this entitles Grass Lake's district, village and township the ability to operate systems of public recreation and playgrounds for the Grass Lake Community. He provided demographic information to the members. He then stated that plans for development have not changed. He added there are plans to further take advantage of the lake.

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Seaburg, to adopt the Resolution for 5 Year Joint Recreation Plan. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Approve Resignation Letter for Andrea Worthing – Elementary Art Teacher

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the resignation of elementary art teacher, Andrea Worthing. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

H. Approve Resignation Letter for Karen Beers – Elementary Aide

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Brown, to approve the resignation of elementary aide, Karen Beers. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Member Waskiewicz gave an update on the superintendent hiring process. There will be a workshop to discuss the ongoing search for a new superintendent on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in the Elementary Media Center with a consultant from MASB to discuss issues to move forward in the process. He talked about an outline they will be receiving on Wednesday to help while going through this process.

Additional comments were made by the board.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.