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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2016

6:30 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Waskiewicz

Kristi Shoemaker

Heather Brown

Darrell Hart

Janey Bisard

Rich Holcomb

Kimberly Seaburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser

Michelle Clark

Brian Thompson

Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Debbie Brady

Wendy Stapleton

Jena Tengman

Melinda Penhallegon

Duane Penhallegon

Nancy Rigg

Natalia Morris

Kathy Mietelka

Middle School Lighthouse Team

Nancy Peters-Lewis

Natalia Morris

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Rich Holcomb, President

Certified Correct

Kristi Shoemaker, Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Closed Session – Expulsion Hearing

The members voted by roll call to enter Closed Session: Member Waskiewicz – yes, Member Seaburg– yes, Member Hart – yes, Member Bisard – yes, Member Brown – yes, Member Holcomb – yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to move out of Closed Session. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Correspondence – None

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. College and Career Access Center of Jackson – Nancy Peters-Lewis explained the collaboration with each of the 13 Connected Schools in Jackson County. In Grass Lake’s district she works closely with high school counselor, Kim King, to aid students with writing cover letters for resumes, phone skills and the FAFSA. She handed out a Data Snapshot with the breakdown and percentages on the FAFSA Completion Rate, 2015 College Application Week and Students Who Enter into a 2-4 Year Institution and explained each of these areas. They also assist students to prepare for college in areas such as scholarships, grants, understanding the costs and gave websites that have tips and tools for students and parents – College and Career Access website, www.jacksoncac.org/ and www.knowhow2go.org/. She gave kudos to some of the offerings in our district that help prepare our students: Leader in Me/LEAD programs (in elementary and middle schools), College Week, the Senior Transitions class and Portfolio Night (high school). She stated the

goal of helping the 24% of students who do not pursue 2-4 year colleges get into a “skill trade”. There were questions and comments from the school board.

- B. Middle School Lighthouse Team Presentation - Six middle school students explained the goals and accomplishments of the Lighthouse Team with a slide presentation. They contrasted the Lighthouse Team with the former MS Student Council and stated its goal is to empower every student. They then explained the different committees and some of their duties:

- Service Committee –Food Drive.
- Welcoming Committee – welcomes new students and staff to the district
- Bulletin Board Committee – they have redesigned the board in cafeteria to make it more appealing to better share communications with students
- Assembly Committee – oversees monthly assemblies
- Yearbook Committee

They explained some of their future goals such as beautifying Stoker Field. The board members asked questions and thanked them for their presentation.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. NEOLA Policies – 1st Reading – Dr. Kiser explained the revisions to the policies and bylaws that have been recommended by NEOLA and Thrun.
- B. Thompson Grant Updates – There was a meeting with Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Cleary. They were given an update of the progress of the grant.
- C. Gap Scholarship Update – Brian Thompson also gave an update on the progress of the students who have applied for the Gap Scholarship to Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Cleary. He stated 10 students have applied.
- D. Administrative Reports – There were questions and comments.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

- A. Closed Hearing Vote

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the expulsion of the student based on information presented during the closed session. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

- B. Approve JCISD Preliminary 2016-2017 Budget

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Shoemaker, to approve the Jackson County ISD Budget. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

- C. Approve Schoology Contract

Dr. Kiser is waiting to hear a clarification of the training cost for the training portion.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Brown, to approve the Schoology Contract of up to \$15,050. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Gym Credit for Marching Band

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve granting Gym credit for Marching Band Students. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. Unfinished Business

- Comments were made about the impressive standings of the track team at regionals.
- A thank you was given to the GLEF for hosting the fundraiser held the previous Friday and their continuing support for the district.
- Reminder of graduation on June 5 @ 2 p.m.

9. Executive Session to discuss negotiations and the superintendent evaluation.

The members voted by roll call to enter Executive Session: Member Waskiewicz – yes, Member Seaburg– yes, Member Hart – yes, Member Bisard – yes, Member Shoemaker – yes, Member Brown – yes, Member Holcomb – yes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to move out of Executive Session. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. Adjournment

Business complete; the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.