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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday November 14, 2016
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janey Bisard
Rich Holcomb
Kimberly Seaburg
Heather Brown
Aaron Cole

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Waskiewicz
Darrell Hart

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Byerly
Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Linda Zenz
Jena Tengman
Sandy Wolfinger
Joanna Botte
Jonathan Claussen
Suzy Sczykutowicz
Natalia Morris
Tammy Claussen
Nate Baldermann
Amy Janz
Morgan Bell

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Rich Holcomb, President

Certified Correct

Kimberly Seaburg, Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Holcomb 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 Brown, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8F – Hiring of Jeff Wyers as Varsity Girls' Bowling Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Brown, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 10, 2016 and the Special Meeting October 24, 2016 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Brown, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$810,651.83. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence. Mrs. Byerly introduced the new special education teacher from the middle school, Joanna Botte, to the board members. She was hired at the October 10, 2016 board meeting but had been unable to attend.

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Kevin Oxley from the Jackson County ISD –

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to table this agenda item until the January 9th board meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Nate Balderman from Rehmann Robson introduced himself. He reviewed the financial statements from the 2016 audit. He highlighted the sections of Management's Discussion and Analysis, Statement of Net Position, Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. He pointed out the Notes section with more detailed explanations of each section. Also highlighted was the Required Supplementary Information which shows the MPSERS plan. He stated there was nothing of significance to point out. There were questions and comments from the board.

- C. Natalia Morris gave a brief update of the Senior Portfolios. She said there are 74 seniors, with 34 businesses represented in the panels. This year the presentations will be evaluated electronically with Google Docs. She gave thanks to the committee: Joe DeBoe, Judy VanPopperin, Doug Moeckel, Mark Burnett and Janey Bisard.
- D. Morgan Bell/IchallengeU – (*Morgan’s presentation was given out of order after Dr. Kiser’s Reports for Information.*) Amy Janz introduced one of her Forensics students, Morgan Bell, to highlight her winning presentation from the IchallengeU competition. This was a two week summer program in which she was partnered with another student from Michigan Center, and a local business partner, American One. They developed a 30 plus pages Strategic Plan and presented a speech based on this. She showed a short video of their winning speech.

7. Reports of Superintendent for Information

- A. NEOLA Updates – 1st Reading – Dr. Kiser referred to the synopsis that he created for the board members. He stated that after receiving a call from NEOLA this afternoon, an addendum regarding web site mandates would be given to the board members for a first reading in December.
- B. Thompson Foundation – Dr. Kiser gave an update.
- C. Writing Emphasis – Dr. Kiser informed that there is a process being developed in the curriculum to improve the writing process for all grades. Writing will be made a priority. New rubrics and evaluations to track the progress are being developed.
- D. Administrative Reports – Mr. Thompson, reminded the members that the second November board meeting is the student council dinner/meeting and that any suggestions for questions to be discussed should be emailed to him. Ms. Byerly and Doug Moeckel also reported.

Additional: Dr. Kiser and Member Bisard gave highlights of the MASB conference in Detroit.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

- A. Resignation of Robert Quinn – Bus Driver
Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Seaburg, to accept the resignation of Robert Quinn as bus driver. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.
- B. Hiring of David Gamble – Bus Driver
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Cole, to approve the hiring of David Gamble as bus driver with a hire date of October 25th. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.
- C. Hiring of Joe Niehaus – MS Boys’ Basketball Coach
Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Cole, to approve the hiring of Joe Niehaus as MS boys’ basketball coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.
- D. Approve Extension of Hours for Launa Steinhauer
Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Cole, to approve the extension of secretarial hours for Launa Steinhauer to 7 hrs/day. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.
- E. Approve Posting of Custodian Position
Dr. Kiser explained the need for additional custodial support. He discussed the choices of either part time or full time.

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the posting of an additional full time custodial position. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Hiring of Jeff Wyers – V Girls Bowling Coach

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Jeff Wyers as varsity girls bowling coach pending results of background check. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

- Training session with Rod Green on Thursday for the evaluation process at 6:30 p.m.
- Congratulations to Eric Burk on being elected to the school board and Member Bisard on her reelection.
- Reminder that our district is hosting the Jackson County School Board Association meeting on December 5th.
- Favorable comments of the Veteran's Day celebration at the elementary with special kudos to Dakota Bahlau and all others involved.
- Member Bisard gave some further highlights of the MASB conference in Detroit. The next conference is in May in Lansing.
- A thank you was given for all that made the Festival of Tables a success!

11. Adjournment

Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m