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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2015

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janey Bisard

Rich Holcomb

Heather Brown

Darrell Hart

Kimberly Seaburg

Timothy Waskiewicz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristi Shoemaker

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Doug Moeckel

Brian Thompson

Michelle Clark

Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Debbie Brady

Sandy Wolfinger

Jena Tengman

Katy Tengman

Zoey Bommarito

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Kimberly Seaburg, Vice-President

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of items 8F and 9A. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2015 and the Special Meeting of August 24, 2015 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Holcomb, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$628,377.95. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

Mention of the invitation to the Jackson County Association of School Boards' Dinner and Organizational Meeting with a request for any outstanding RSVPs.

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Start of School Year Update

Mr. Hamilton acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Moeckel on the new directional signs for the district. He stated the initial plan for the electronic sign board came in today but said there is additional information needed on site plan review to send to the state for this sign as well as the plans for the pole barn which will possibly to be located at the old track.

He informed the members that at the Jackson County Association of School Boards meeting to be held on September 29th there may be information presented on three different topics: a resolution to raise the minimum age of legal access to tobacco products, the Work Ethic Diploma which has come out of Kentucky and information regarding the County Common Calendar. There was additional discussion and questions about the county common calendar.

Also discussed was the current enrollment numbers which looks to have increased by approximately 25 students.

B. Strategic Planning

An update was given on the STEM/STEAM initiative which is progressing very well. Mr. Hamilton stated we are very excited about it. There will be a parent meeting about the program on evening following this board meeting. The Leader in Me program falls under goal #4 and the Common County Calendar would also be fulfilling one of the goals.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve the Hiring of Emily Dentel – First Grade

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Brown, to approve the hiring of Emily Dentel as first grade teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve the Hiring of Adam Wilson – Third Grade

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Adam Wilson as third grade teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve the Hiring of Jessica O'Loughlin – Middle/High School English/Social Studies Teacher

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Jessica O'Loughlin as the Middle/High School English/Social Studies teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve the Hiring of Maygon Malinowski – Special Education/Reading Aide

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Maygon Malinowski as Special Education/Reading Aide for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve the Hiring of Nelly Smitterberg – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Nelly Smitterberg as a Special Education Aide for the 2015-2016 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Resolution to Approve the Reinstatement Committee

Mr. Hamilton explained that this process needs to be done each time a student has applied for reinstatement. The committee is to consist of 1 administrator, 1 teacher, 1 parent and 2 board members, with one of the board members to be appointed as a chairperson. Members Seaburg and Brown volunteered to be on the committee with Member Seaburg acting as chairperson. The names of a parent, teacher and administrator were given to the board. Mr. Hamilton briefly outlined the steps to follow for this process. A tentative date, time and location were chosen pending availability of all parties. The reinstatement recommendation will then be considered at the Special Board Meeting on September 28 for the approval of all members.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Holcomb, to approve the appointment of the Reinstatement Committee as outlined. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Update on the Search for Superintendent

Member Waskiewicz gave an update of the upcoming forum meetings for September 16th which are being conducted by Dr. Rod Green from MASB. Invitations have been sent out via email to parents, teachers, support staff and administrators. A reminder was given of the Board Workshop to be held on September 21st at 7 p.m. to establish the Candidate Profile.

B. Other Unfinished Business

Other positive mentions were made of the new district directional signage and the new angle parking at the high school.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Seaburg, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.