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**Grass Lake Community Schools**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Monday September 18, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary  
Library/Media Center

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janey Bisard  
Heather Brown  
Aaron Cole  
Tim Waskiewicz  
Kimberly Seaburg  
Eric Burk  
Amy Humbarger (*appointed*)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Ryle Kiser  
Michelle Clark  
Doug Moeckel  
Jeanene Byerly

**APPROXIMATE GUESTS - 155**

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Heather Brown, President

Certified Correct,  
Kimberly Seaburg – Secretary

Submitted by Debbie Brady

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1. Call to Order

President Brown 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 Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 10C – Introduction of Andrew Sullivan/New Liaison Officer, item 11J – Hiring of Amber Parker/ Special Education Aide, and item 11K- Resignation of Eric McCalla/ Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Cole, supported by Member Burk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017 and Special Meeting of August 30, 2017. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Cole, to approve paying the bills for July 2017 in the amount of \$662,035.48. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence – as distributed to the board members.

6. Hearing of Citizens – Member Brown explained there is a maximum of 30 minutes for the Hearing of Citizens portion, with a maximum of 5 minutes for each speaker. Making public comments were: Mark Fuller, Dale Foster, Dr. Daniel Shumer (Pediatric Endocrinologist with U of M), Chris Riggs, Carmelin Loveland, Jacqueline Bogdanski, Terri Nealy, and Robert Sutherby.

Member Brown stated the board had sought counsel and will be meeting next Monday in a closed session to address these issues further.

A five minute recess was taken.

The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

## 7. Interviews of Candidates for Open Position of School Board

President Brown introduced the candidates: Mark Burnett, Greg Cagney Jr., Amy Humbarger, Jamie Peacock and Gary VanSickle explained the process to be followed:

- The candidates will be interviewed in alphabetical order. Candidates #2 through #4 were excused to wait in the hallway. After introducing themselves, the candidates were each asked questions by the board members:
  - 1) What motivates you to become a board member?
  - 2) What role does policy play, and have, in the function of a school board?
  - 3) What is your vision of education in this community?
- Closing comments from candidates.

The applicants were asked to return and were thanked for their time and interest in applying for this position. The school board members were asked to write on individual ballots their top two choices of candidates. The ballots were collected and Dr. Kiser explained that the selections would be graded as 2 points for the first choice and 1 point for the second choice. The voting cards results were read:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Mark Burnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger
2. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Greg Cagney, Jr.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Mark Burnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger
4. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Mark Burnett, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger
5. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Jamie Peacock
6. 1<sup>st</sup> choice – Amy Humbarger, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice – Greg Cagney, Jr.

The votes were tallied:

- Amy Humbarger - 9 points
- Mark Burnett - 6 points
- Greg Cagney - 2 points
- Jamie Peacock - 1 points
- Gary VanSickle - 0 points

Second round questions posed to the top two scoring candidates, Amy Humbarger and Mark Burnett:

1. Who should set the rules governing board procedures, methods and behavior, and who should enforce them?
2. What goals do you hope to achieve if you are appointed?
3. What is the most important responsibility of a school board?

There were comments by the school board members. A roll call vote was taken: Timothy Waskiewicz – Amy Humbarger, Kimberly Seaburg – Amy Humbarger, Janey Bisard – Amy Humbarger, Aaron Cole – Amy Humbarger, Eric Burk – Amy Humbarger, Heather Brown - Amy Humbarger.

Amy Humbarger was appointed as new school board member.

8. Swearing in of New School Board Member

Superintendent Kiser gave the Oath of Office to new board member Amy Humbarger.

9. Updating Committee Assignments – Committee assignments were updated and will be posted on the web site.

10. Reports of the the Superintendent for Information

- A. Administrative Reports – Michelle Clark, Jeanene Byerly, and Doug Moeckel gave reports. Mrs. Clark and Dr. Kiser gave highlights of the high school and athletic reports.
- B. Jackson County Association of School Boards Organizational Meeting – A reminder was given of the September 26<sup>th</sup> of the JCASB Organizational Meeting/Dinner.
- C. Introduction of Andrew Sullivan – Liaison Officer. Officer Sullivan stated he has been with the sheriff's office 10 years, and has served on the special response team and narcotics team. His duties as Liaison Officer also include two other school districts.

9. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

- A. Bathroom Stall Bid Approval  
Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to accept a bid for new bathroom stalls not to exceed \$10,000. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- B. Resignation of Tiffany Finch – Middle School Teacher  
Moved by Member Cole, supported by Member Burk, to accept the resignation of Tiffany Finch as middle school teacher. 6 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion Carried.
- C. Resignation of Brad McClelland – Bus Driver  
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Burk, to accept the resignation of Brad McClelland as bus driver. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- D. Hiring of Kara Toteff – MS Teacher  
Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Kara Toteff as middle school teacher with a start date of August 21, 2017. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

- E. Hiring of Angel Fraley – Bus Driver  
Moved by Member Cole, supported by Member Burk, to approve the hiring of Angel Fraley as a bus driver. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- F. Hiring of Launa Steinhauer – JV Volleyball Coach  
Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the hiring of Launa Steinhauer as JV Volleyball Coach. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- G. Hiring of Jill Kleine – MS Volleyball Coach  
Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Cole, to approve the hiring of Jill Kleine as MS Volleyball Coach. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- H. Hiring of Amelia Solis – Cafeteria Helper/Server  
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the hiring of Amelia Solis as a cafeteria helper/server. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- I. Hiring of Theresa McDonald – Cafeteria Aide  
Moved by Member Cole, supported by Member Burk, to approve the hiring of Theresa McDonald as a cafeteria aide. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- J. Hiring of Amber Parker – Special Education Aide  
Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the hiring of Amber Parker as a special education aide. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.
- K. Resignation of Eric McCalla–High School Asst. Principal/Athletic Director  
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Cole, to accept the resignation of Eric McCalla as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, effective at end of school day September 29, 2017. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

10. Unfinished Business –

- A reminder that, beginning in October, the rotation of the venue for the board meetings will change to Grass Lake Middle School Library/Media Center.
- The board members discussed donating a raffle basket for Festival of Tables. The date of the fundraiser is October 21.
- Hall of Fame – October 13, dinner on October 14.

11. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.