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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 28, 2015
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson
Doug Moeckel

GUESTS

Debbie Brady
Sandy Wolfinger
Jena Tengman
Carlene Pindzia
Matt Maynard
Natalia Morris
Zoey Bommarito

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 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Correspondence

A Reminder of Jackson County Association of School Boards Organizational Meeting/Dinner, to be held on Tuesday, September 29th, was given.

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Ms. Satterthwaite was questioned about the new Chromebooks that are being used. Ms. Satterthwaite said she appreciated the faster start-up time of these devices and therefore the added teaching time. Ms. Morris was questioned as to whether she had enough numbers for portfolio night. She said they numbers are strong, but could use some more. Additional comments were made.

B. Strategic Planning

Mr. Hamilton referred to the goals covered in the administrative reports.

He then described a presentation that took place with the Thompson Foundation and the following discussion with John Cleary. He stated the process has been started and is moving forward. The presentation was attended by Mr. Hamilton, Brian Thompson, Doug Moeckel, Matt Maynard, Ben Muscott from the ISD, as well as Sarah Easter, John Cleary and Carl VanderZee.

Three areas were presented, which fall into the strategic goals:

- 1 to 1 Initiative
- New STEM/STEAM Elementary Program
- Digitizing Library Space – to make the library a more usable space

He then described the steps to obtaining a grant. First, in October, key teachers and administrators, would travel to Grand Rapids to do visitations. The second day would be a retreat for administrators. Second, there would be an audit of technology at Grass Lake and the ISD, looking at infrastructure at ISD, devices, etc.

Mr. Hamilton will have a conversation tomorrow with John Cleary, Carl VanderZee and Sara Easter. The district will be sent an agreement, but this will not be signed until we are told what, if any, the donation will be.

In November, Professional Development will be held to help all the teachers take the technology and apply it to help the kids learn and also to be able to show results with the technology. This will be 100% attended; everyone will participate. They will also utilize summertime and some class time for the training. He read excerpts from a brochure of this grant of the goals of the PD training as well as the follow through.

He stated there has been no monetary commitment given yet. The committee requested that Mr. Hamilton ask for the board members' reactions/thoughts. All members agreed that it is a phenomenal opportunity.

Mr. Hamilton stated that, if chosen to receive this grant, there will be a lot of work to do to put policies in place to roll this out for next school year.

It was explained the consultant that would be provided would not only work to get the technology in the district, but would also provide the professional development to be able to take full advantage of the technology and to help with implementation in the district.

C. Common County Calendar

Mr. Hamilton referred to the handouts given to the members regarding the Common County Calendar. He asked Sandy Wolfinger as union representative for the reaction from the Association. She stated that there were minor points for change, such as the day after the second semester ends as a professional development day, but overall the response was favorable.

6. Report of the Superintendent for Information

A. Approve the Hiring of Raymond Williams – Part Time Custodian

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Raymond Williams as part-time custodian. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve the Hiring of Deborah Shreves – Part Time Custodian

Moved by Member Brown, supported by Member Shoemaker, to approve the hiring of Deborah Shreves as part time custodian. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve the Hiring of Elizabeth Nicewander – Cafeteria Helper/Server

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Nicewander as a helper/server in the cafeteria. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Recommendation from the Reinstatement Committee

The members decided to enter Executive Session to discuss the Reinstatement Committee's recommendation before voting to approve the reinstatement of Student X.

Moved by Member Holcomb, supported by Member Bisard, to move into Executive Session. 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 Brown, supported by Member Hart, to move out of Executive Session. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. Session adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Brown, to approve the Recommendation from the Reinstatement Committee to reinstate student X, effective September 29, 2015, with conditions. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Unfinished Business

Additional comments were made.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Holcomb, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.