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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janey Bisard
Amy Humbarger
Tim Waskiewicz
Eric Burk
Jonathan Claussen
Kimberly Seaburg
Kyle McClure

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Michelle Clark
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Byerly
Doug Moeckel
Ben Learned

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 12

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Amy Humbarger, President

Certified Correct,
Jonathan Claussen – Secretary

Submitted by Debbie Brady

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1. Call to Order

President Humbarger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of items 8C and 8D. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Meeting of January 13, 2020, Board Workshop January 25, 2020, and Special Meeting January 27, 2020 as presented. Comments – Minutes from January 27, 2020 need a change in names of school board members present. Delete Heather Brown, replace with Jonathan Claussen. Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to accept minutes with change. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve paying the bills for January 2020 in the amount of \$1,008,024.30. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence –

6. Hearing of Citizens – Juanita Meyerink asking about help being provided for administration in dealing with bullying.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Administrative Reports – Michelle Clark reported on items at the elementary school: The PD on January 20th was very good. K-2 staff attended a conference in morning to help students dealing with trauma. They joined the rest of the staff in the afternoon to hear speaker Tim Cusack. 3rd grade teachers and Mr. Learned attended a STEM academy. PTO hosted the first Son/Mother dance. Count Day is February 12th. New Literacy Coach from the ISD is working on a plan to support of

teachers. March 19th is the first parent meeting for Kindergarten Roundup. Jeanene Byerly reported on events at the middle school: Mr. Gogol is working with spelling bee students, 8th grade students Career Center trip and Robotics trip were cancelled due to snow days. She also had encouraging things to say about Tim Cusack on the 1/20 PD day.

Brian Thompson reported happenings at the high school: testing, Winterfest, Forensics tournament, Power Lifting, Wrestling tournament. He stated the schedules for next school year are being built.

Doug Moeckel talked about snow removal schedules and checking roads.

Ryle Kiser reported the countywide calendar has been set for 2020-2021 school year. Discussions are underway for the 2021-2022 calendar also.

- B. Elementary & High School Heating/Cooling – Dr. Kiser first updated the board on the issues with the heating unit with the elementary gym. Consumers Energy had previously tested without detecting issues. Rechecked during morning time and detected minute amounts of Carbon Monoxide. Of reading of 9 is the accepted standard with our readings being a 3 down the hall. Parts have been ordered and both units on gym are being replaced. The high school heating has a cooling tower with pipes that are cracked. This isn't an immediate concern until air conditioning is needed.
- C. Solar Energy Update – Dr. Kiser stated he is investigating dropping solar panels behind elementary school to feed to high school and elementary. These will be based on the ground. He has talked to the attorneys for guidance. Will be partnering with Consumers. Significant cost savings to the district.
- D. Security System Update/Transfer to Central Security Alarm – At the end of March the district will be moving away from Safety Systems to Central Security. The owner lives in Grass Lake. Some of the systems will be upgraded also.
- E. Jackson County Association of School Boards – Tim Waskiewicz
February Meeting Report & March 7th Meeting Update –February 8th meeting was at Columbia Central. They were given a presentation from the elementary of the Michigan League of Academic games. This was a series of games, solution based. Grass Lake district will be hosting the next meeting on March 7th.
Discussion about what to present. ESports was suggested. Breakfast will be provided.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. NEOLA – Final Reading/Approval

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the NEOLA updates to policies 1420, 2265 2450, 2628, 3210, 3220, 5230, 5330.02 (not recommended), 6800, 7300, 7440.03, 8462, and reissued 8400 (already adopted),

and Administrative Guidelines 2240B, 5230, 6146, and 7440.03 as presented.
Discussion.

President Humbarger asked if anyone felt strongly about 5330.02. Discussion. It was decided to revisit this policy at a later time after more data is accumulated.

All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

B. Resignation of Kyle Gray – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Claussen, to accept the resignation of Kyle Gray as bus driver. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

9. Closed Session – Negotiations

Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) it was moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Bisard, to move into closed session to consider negotiations for contracts for support staff and administrative contracts. A roll call vote was taken: Tim Waskiewicz-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Amy Humbarger-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg yes, Janey Bisard - yes. Motion carried.

A 5 minute recess was taken at 8:17 p.m.

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.