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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Cisco Webex/phone access
Host – Superintendent’s Office

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT *(via remote access)*

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS *(via remote access)*

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

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 7 *(via remote access)*

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 7:00 p.m. via Cisco Webex.
Dr. Kiser gave a reminder that all motions would be voted on by a roll call vote.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Humbarger to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of Item 9.-Closed Session, GLEA Negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation. A roll call vote was taken: Kyle McClure-yes, Amy Humbarger-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Humbarger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2020 with corrections to numbering of additions and deletions in Item 2., and addition of names of all three companies who submitted a bid to Item 8B. A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

A. Board Bills for April 2020 –

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve paying the bills for March 2020 in the amount of \$688,485.51. A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Only communications from MASA and MASB that the board is receiving.

6. Hearing of Citizens – All those tied in by remote access were asked for comments. There were none.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Staff Reduction – A proposal to the school board regarding staff reductions. The custodians have completed all summer cleaning at this time. He is recommending a furlough of five custodians, keeping one on custodian on staff to work in cafeteria and daycare. The furloughed custodians would still receive benefits from June 15th to July 31st. This would be a savings of \$29,000. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Member Humbarger stated she appreciated Dr. Kiser’s efforts to acknowledge the needs of the employees while still saving the district money.
- B. 2020/2021 Preliminary Budget Discussion – Dr. Kiser said there is now talk in the legislature of cutting the current year’s funding to school districts with a prorated amount of \$650/student, despite the promise that the state had given that it would not cut this year’s funding if the districts continued to pay employees. This would amount to approximately \$300,000-\$325,000.

Dr. Kiser gave five scenarios with possible projected cuts per pupil to next year’s state aide to give the board members an idea of the potential effects on the budget. Questions and discussion regarding the start date for the next school year and what the potential plans for learning might be.

Dr. Kiser explained that to include option of virtual learning to the schedule, even part time, the district would need a seat time waiver from the state. He stated there has been no discussion of waivers from the state at this time.

He said there is a wide variety of opinions and concerns from parents. A survey will be sent to parents later this week to get a better understanding of their concerns. The state is estimating a loss of about 20,000 students across the state to virtual schooling.

There was a discussion of the Fund Balance recommendations. Dr. Kiser said the state recommends 5% to 8%, ours has been approx. 15%. We were allocated some stimulus money to help with virtual learning, but our amount was the lowest in the county as the amount was based on Title I. Questions were asked regarding the forecast for year two. Dr. Kiser stated experts are projecting a 3-5 year recovery period.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Resolution for JCISD Budget

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Resolution for the Proposed Jackson County ISD 2021 FY Budget.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

B. Resignation to Retirement – Patricia Muto, Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Seaburg, to accept the resignation to retirement of Patricia Muto, elementary teacher, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

C. Staff Reduction

Dr. Kiser clarified this would only be a change to income. They would still be receiving benefits until July 31st. The furlough would be reevaluated at that time.

- Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Burk, to furlough Kim Cross, custodian, from June 15th to July 31st.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

- Moved by Member Humbarger, supported by Member Seaburg, to furlough Steve Sierminski, custodian, from June 15th to July 31st.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

- Moved by Member Humbarger, supported by Member Burk, to furlough James Tester, custodian, from June 15th to July 31st.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

- Moved by Member Burk, supported by Member Bisard, to furlough Raymond Sanford, custodian, from June 15th to July 31st.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

- Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Bisard, to furlough Raymond Williams, custodian, from June 15th to July 31st.

A roll call vote was taken: Amy Humbarger-yes, Kyle McClure-yes, Jonathan Claussen-yes, Eric Burk-yes, Janey Bisard-yes, and Kimberly Seaburg- yes, Tim Waskiewicz- yes. Motion carried.

9. ~~Closed Session – GLEA Negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation~~ - *deleted*

10. Unfinished Business – Brian Thompson stated he had four scenarios for graduation. Doug Moeckel gave updates of repairs on coolers.

11. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.