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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Doug Moeckel
Michelle Clark
Jeanene Byerly
Brian Thompson
Brian Zalud

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 10

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Kimberly Seaburg, President

Certified Correct,
Eric Burk – Secretary

Submitted by Debbie Brady

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1. Call to Order

President Seaburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Bisard to approve the agenda as presented with a change to Item 8H – drop the word “Counselor”. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Humbarger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2019. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve paying the bills for July 2019 in the amount of \$762,588.49. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Hearing of Citizens – None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Meeting Date Changes – Due to conflicts for three of the scheduled board meetings in the months of October, March and May, the board meeting dates for these months will be moved to the third Monday. The schedule on the website will reflect these changes.

Moved by Member Humbarger, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the following adjustments to the 2019-2020 board meeting schedule:

- October 14, 2019 will be changed to October 21, 2019
- March 9, 2020 will be changed to March 16, 2020
- May 11, 2020 will be changed to May 18, 2020

All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

- B. Elementary Social Worker Update – Dr. Kiser explained that Andrea Rumler, hired at the July 8th board meeting, initially accepted the position but then decided to take a position elsewhere. As we never signed a contract with her, this nullified the offer and the district offered the position to Elizabeth Jenkins. This will be voted on in the Reports of the Superintendent for Action portion.
- C. Back to School Night/Welcome Back Breakfast for Staff – Reminder that the Welcome Back Breakfast for staff members will be on Monday, August 19th at 7:45 a.m. and that Back to School Night is that same evening from 5-7 p.m. The board members were invited to attend both events.
- D. Brian Zalud – Athletic Awards – Athletic Director Brian Zalud explained that MHSAA would like to motivate students to be involved in sports throughout the school year, instead of only participating in one season. To encourage more participation, the Athletic Department added two new awards during the 2018-2019 school year: the Tri-Athlete Award and the Elite Warrior. The Tri-Athlete Award is given to high school athletes participating in all three seasons. The Elite Warrior is awarded to athletes that have earned 9 or more varsity letters in high school. This is open to all athletes, whether JV or Varsity.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Changes to Building/Technology Handbooks

Dr. Kiser explained the two versions of the Technology Handbook; the K-12 version has a new copay scale for students with multiple repairs to their devices and added copays for K/1st graders.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member McClure, to approve the needed changes to the handbooks for the middle and high school and approved the changes for the K-12 version of the Technology Handbook with the added new copay scale for students with multiple repairs to their devices and added copays for K/1st graders. Questions and discussion. 6 Ayes/1 Nay. Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Little Warriors Salary Increases

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Burk, to approve the increases to the hourly rate for Little Warriors Preschool/Latchkey. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approval of GSRP Contracts

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the contracts for the teacher and associate teacher of the GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program). All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

D. Resignation of David Wright - Custodian

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Claussen, to accept the resignation, as of August 15, 2019, of David Wright as custodian as presented. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

E. Resignation of Katelyn Beurer – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Humbarger, to accept the resignation of Katelyn Beurer as elementary teacher. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

F. Hiring of Benjamin Learned – Elementary Asst. Principal

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the hiring of Benjamin Learned as the Elementary Asst. Principal. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

G. Approve Elementary Asst. Principal Contract

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the Elementary Asst. Principal contract for Benjamin Learned. Questions. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

H. Hiring of Elizabeth Jenkins – Social Worker

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Humbarger, to approve the hiring of Elizabeth Jenkins as Social Worker. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

I. Hiring of Robert Patrick – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Bisard, to approve hiring of Robert Patrick as bus driver. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

J. Hiring of Susan Rodriguez – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Humbarger, to approve the hiring of Susan Rodriguez as a special education aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

K. Hiring of Denise Lotz – Asst. Cross Country Coach – One Year Only

Dr. Kiser explained that the coach, Jennifer Taylor, Rtl Coordinator, will have district commitments one evening a week which will interfere with her coaching practices and competitions. The schedule B stipend for this position will be divided between Ms. Taylor and Ms. Lotz.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Humbarger, to approve the hiring of Denise Lotz as an assistant cross country coach, for the 2019-2020 year only, and to divide the Schedule B stipend for this position. All present voted aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business – Mr. Moeckel gave a brief description of the progress for the Lockout program. Training for staff will be held on Monday after the Back to School breakfast. Member Seaburg stated that, while she thinks the Athletic Awards are wonderful, she thinks that academic awards need to be pushed as well. Discussion of the recruitment letter sent to our district families from a neighboring district.

10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.