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

Monday, October 12, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium  
Limited Live Attendance and Live Streaming

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

Ryle Kiser  
Jeanene Byerly (virtual)  
Doug Moeckel  
Brian Thompson  
Michelle Clark

**APPROXIMATE GUESTS** – 7 in attendance & 80 via Streaming

**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. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020. 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 September 2020 in the amount of \$756,252.98. Questions. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – Request by Kristen Sandoval to reconsider the policy in the Athletic Code of Conduct requiring student athletes to ride the bus when traveling to athletic events. Athletic Committee met; after review, they recommended no change to the policy.

6. Hearing of Citizens – Ed Johnson had a question about the Supreme Court ruling regarding the wearing of masks. Dr. Kiser explained the Dept. of Human and Health Services reinstated the decision about wearing masks under a separate law. The Supreme Court ruling does not affect this law. Currently we are under a mandate to wear masks.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Administrative Reports – Brian Thompson talked about PSAT testing and the upcoming homecoming activities. Michelle Clark also talked about testing. She stated the students are doing well with wearing masks. Ms. Bahlau's science class cleaned the fish pond and planted some plants. Dr. Kiser gave highlights from Mr. Learned's report about testing and Ms. Byerly's middle school report. Doug Moeckel gave kudos to the custodians for their

flexibility and drivers for their continued efforts in sanitizing and overseeing that all students wearing masks. Dr. Kiser highlighted the Food Services report from Ms. Bolton. He said he had visited the cafeteria that day and that 500 lunches had been served. He also stated that President Trump is planning to sign an extension of the federal free lunch program through the end of the school year.

- B. Pupil Count Update – Dr. Kiser said the numbers from pupil count were 1281 which is a decrease of 42. The current requirements to be able to count students are to show that we are communicating with 75% of students on a weekly basis. This is not an issue for Grass Lake as we have at least 75% enrolled in face-to-face learning.
- C. Extended Learning Review & D. Return to Learn Plan Review – The plan was to get base line testing done to be able to assess how the students are doing. This has been accomplished. We also need to monitor that teachers are continuing to facetime with students regularly. He gave kudos to the virtual teachers. They have made the change to virtual admirably.
- E. Solar Harvest Update – Attorneys advised more stringent guidelines on contract wording. Solar Harvest is not in agreement with the suggestions. The district will not be pursuing at this time.

#### 8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

- A. Resignation – Marc Comstock, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the resignation of Marc Comstock as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- B. Resignation – Nathan Harbottle, JV Boys Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the resignation of Nathan Harbottle as JV Boys Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Pay Scale Increase for Little Warriors Preschool & Child Care

Dr. Kiser explained we were starting to lose employees because the pay scale isn't competitive. As we are situated so close to Washtenaw County the need is to be competitive with their rates. We also want to be able to continue the 5 star rating in our program so need to have a lead teacher in each room. He explained that with the increases we will still be able to generate a profit. Discussion.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the pay scale increase for Little Warriors Preschool & Child Care as presented to go into effect on October 13, 2020. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- D. Cancel Special Meeting of November 23, 2020 – Student Council Dinner/Meeting  
Dr. Kiser explained this is due to current meeting restrictions.

Moved by Member Burk, supported by Member McClure, to cancel the special meeting of November 23, 2020. 5 Ayes, 2 Nays. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business –

- Dr. Kiser stated he will be bringing more information to the November meeting on the Headlee Rollback and operating millage renewal to look at refinancing some of the bonds.
- Member Seaburg announced that each year her Girl Scout Junior/Cadette Troop 60112 chooses Hometown Heroes to receive a delivery of cookies. This year the troop chose the staff and teachers at Grass Lake as this year's Hometown Heroes. They will be receiving cookies in the upcoming week.
- Update on the Lockdown system – there was a meeting with Lockdown on 10/1. A couple of corrections still need to be made and a couple of concerns addressed; it is almost finalized. Dr. Kiser gave kudos to Mr. Moeckel for his tireless work on this project. Discussion.

10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.