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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2021

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium- limited in person attendance

Public virtual streaming on www.grasslakeschools.com

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janey Bisard
Kyle McClure
Eric Burk
Sheri Hein
Jonathan Claussen
Chris Maynard

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy Humbarger

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Doug Moeckel
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Byerly
Michelle Clark

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 3 in person, 67 via streaming

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Kyle McClure, Vice-President

Certified Correct,
Jonathan Claussen – Secretary

Submitted by Debbie Brady

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1. Call to Order

Vice-President Kyle McClure called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Burk, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve paying the bills for February 2021 in the amount of \$745,760.37. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Hearing of Citizens – Ruth McDaniels asked about the 2-tier bus system. Dr. Kiser stated that more information would be given in the Reports for Information portion.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Administrative Reports – Michelle Clark talked about kindergarten enrollment, currently at 58. She said they are working on the summer school program. Other items: March is Reading Month and report cards going home March 10th. Brian Thompson: testing cycle is underway and Winterfest during the first week in March with an outdoor activity night. He highlighted the first ever movie production from Grass Lake's Theater Society of *Exposed! What Really Happened?* He gave kudos to Mrs. Janz and all those that worked very hard on this production dealing with the

different delays such as COVID shutdowns. Jeanene Byerly reported she is working on a master schedule including some Outreach classes for students who have experienced learning loss over the past 12 months. Also: a Virtual National Junior Honor Society induction handled virtually this year. D. Moeckel highlighted how the transportation department has been handling the driver shortage including drivers running two different runs consecutively. He especially wanted to thank building administrators, Michelle Clark, Ben Learned, Brian Thompson and Jeanene Byerly, for taking responsibility to help monitor students before and after the school day to help with this process. He also thanked Brian Zalud for the support with the frequent delayed departures for athletic events.

- B. Reconfirm Extended Learning Plan – This is to reconfirm that, to this date, the Extended Learning Plan in place has been successful.
- C. 2-Tier Busing – Dr. Kiser explained that the district would need seven additional bus drivers to continue with the one tier system. He stated that the district realizes that a 2-tier system will have a huge impact on several areas such as parents, daycare, athletics, and teacher start/end times. He also acknowledged that this will be a major change for families with elementary students. The district is still continuing to explore ways to lure drivers, as well as looking at different plans, but without additional drivers we have to continue to pursue to implement a 2-tier system. We also need to look at long term solutions because of the possibility of losing additional drivers to retirement in the next couple of years. Comments and discussion.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Return to School Plan

The Policy and Personnel Committee met. The consensus was that the district would make the move to five days/week with same bell schedule we are currently using. Comments and discussion. Some considerations: test results, special education and other students are not getting the support they need, and providing more normalcy. Dr. Kiser stated that several parents have expressed their support for their students to return to five days/week of face-to-face instruction.

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Burk, to alter the “Return to Learn Plan” from four days/week face-to-face instruction to five days/week face-to-face instruction using the current starting and end times of the school day beginning March 22, 2021. A roll call vote was taken: Eric Burk – yes, Janey Bisard – yes, Chris Maynard – no, Jonathan Claussen – yes, Shari Hein – yes, and Kyle McClure – yes. Ayes 5, Nays 1. Motion carried.

B. Recommendation to hire Kyle McDaniel – Asst. Track Coach

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein, to approve hiring Kyle McDaniel as the assistant track coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Recommendation to Hire Christina Orban – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Burk, to approve hiring Christina Orban as a special education aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. College & Career Access – Nancy Peters-Lewis, Executive Director

Nancy Peters-Lewis gave a brief overview of the beginnings of this program and what services they provide. This starts at elementary level through high school to work with students to expose all students to their options for college, whether community college, trade school or university so they can make an informed decision for their future plans. They also offer adult education as well as ESL. She stated that Grass is always one of the top in the county. FAFSA completion is 80%.

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.