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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

School Board/Superintendent - High School Auditorium
Public – View by 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

ADMINISTRATORS (*via Streaming*)

Doug Moeckel
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Byerly
Michelle Clark
Ben Learned

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 68 (*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 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 7C.-Mileage Updates and 8L.-Changing venues of 2020/2021 board meetings. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2020. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve paying the bills for August 2020 in the amount of \$769,510.56. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Hearing of Citizens – All those viewing the streamed meeting were asked for comments. He asked viewers to please specify their comments are to be directed to the board. The call for comments was repeated and time was given to allow those to participate and to accommodate the time lapse for streaming.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports – Dr. Kiser read the reports submitted by Mr. Thompson (high school), Mr. Zalud (updates on athletic events), Ms. Byerly (middle school), and Mrs. Clark (elementary), as well as reports from Mr. Learned on testing (K-8) and Kelly Bolton on the changes of federal funding of breakfast/lunches. He gave kudos to Mrs. Bolton on the many long hours she has worked to run this program.

B. MICollege Access Grant – Dr. Kiser stated that we received a grant of \$2,300 to fund the graduation expenses.

- C. Millage Updates – Dr. Kiser passed out copies of the L-4029s from 2018, 2019, and 2020. He explained that Grass Lake Community Schools had a significant millage reduction fraction this year. As a result, the school district's operating millage is currently at 17.6786, under the maximum allowable 18 mills that can be levied. This results in a loss of operating revenue for the school district, and should there be an additional millage reduction next year, the district would again be losing operating revenue. Based on our calculations, this would be a loss of approximately \$20,000 for this year. In order to get back to the allowable 18 mills again, we would need to go to voters for a renewal millage. We currently are working with our attorney to get further information, as well as the townships to calculate election cost. Once more information is available we will be presenting it to the committee. Comments and discussion.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Resolution of Board of Education to Staff

Dr. Kiser read the Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to recognize and show the school board's appreciation for the service of our teachers, staff, and administration throughout the recent demanding times.

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Resolution of Board of Education to Staff. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. COVID Learning Goals

Dr. Kiser explained that legislation is requiring goals K-8 be submitted. Goals for our high school were added even though not required. They have to be measurable goals and also reported midyear and at end of year. Additional meetings will be scheduled to review these mandated reports of the "Extended Learning Plan". Our district goals are broken down by building. He read highlights of the goals that were drafted for submission to the state. He explained that once approved this will be posted on the webpage. Comments and discussion.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Waskiewicz, to approve the COVID Learning Goals. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Supplemental Contract for Kelly Bolton, Food Services Director

Dr. Kiser explained the extra hours that Ms. Bolton has been working to implement the SFSP meal program (Summer Food Service Program). This supplemental contract will be for \$5,000 to be paid through December 31st. This is an allowable expense through the federal grant proceeds.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member McClure, to approve the supplemental contract for Kelly Bolton, Food Services Director. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Schedule Special Board Meeting January 25, 2021 to Complete Reporting Mandate of "Extended Learning Plan"

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to schedule a special board meeting on January 25, 2021 to complete the Reporting Mandate of “Extended Learning Plan”. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- E. Schedule Special Board Meeting May 24, 2021 to Complete Reporting Mandate of “Extended Learning Plan”

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to schedule a special board meeting on May 24, 2021 to complete the Reporting Mandate of “Extended Learning Plan”. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- F. Count Day, October 7, 2020 & February 10, 2021– Calendar Alteration to Face-to- Face Instruction

The previously approved calendar with Wednesdays being scheduled as virtual learning days, did not take into account that pupil count days are on Wednesdays. It was explained the many regulations required to accommodate the pupil count for students while virtual. He is recommending students attend face-to-face on those two Wednesdays.

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Burk, to alter the calendar for the pupil count days of October 7, 2020 and February 10, 2021 to face-to-face instruction for students. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- G. Resignation of Ashleigh Dowell – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Waskiewicz, supported by Member Seaburg, to accept the resignation of Ashleigh Dowell, elementary teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- H. Resignation of Nelly Smitterberg – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to accept the resignation of Nelly Smitterberg, special education aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- I. Hiring of Emily Leathead – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the hiring of Emily Leathead, elementary teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- J. Hiring of Rebecca Brown – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the hiring of Rebecca Brown, elementary teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- K. Hiring of Jessica Charles – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Jessica Charles, special education aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- L. Changing Venue of 2020/2021 Board Meetings

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure, to approve the changing of the venue for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school board meetings to the high school auditorium. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – Dr. Kiser gave an update for the solar panels. This is still in discussions as there were unanticipated obstacles.
10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.