

Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 Immediately Following Organizational Meeting George Long Elementary Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Chris Maynard

Janey Bisard Kyle McClure Eric Burk Amy Humbarger Shari Hein Jonathan Claussen

ADMINISTRATORS

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

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 7

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Amy Humbarger, President

Certified Correct, Jonathan Claussen – Secretary

Submitted by Debbie Brady/April Salts



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1. Call to Order

President Humbarger called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of items 8C–Approval of METS and item 8D–Approval of Upgrades to Stoker Field, up to \$200,000. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the minutes of the regular on December 15th, 2021. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

A. Board Bills for December 2021

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve paying the bills for December 2021 in the amount of \$1,329,670.51. Questions and discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- 5. <u>Correspondence</u> None
- 6. <u>Hearing of Citizens</u> Kim Brown expressed her appreciation for the luncheon that was provided to the staff before the winter break. She thanked Franks for the wonderful food and the ladies in the office for their hard work in distributing the food to each of the buildings.
- School Board Appreciation Dr. Kiser read a resolution from the Jackson County ISD honoring the county districts' Board of Educations and their leadership as well as the contribution of hours each year in making important decisions for our district. Dr. Kiser added his personal appreciation for our board members.

As this was the last board meeting for Debbie Brady before her retirement at the end of January, appreciation was expressed with a bouquet of flowers and a cake for her years serving as secretary at the board meetings. She thanked the board.

8. <u>Reports of the Superintendent for Information</u>

- A. 2021/2022 Educational Goals Update Dr. Kiser stated the Assessments were completed and we are using the data to evaluate implement strategies to help those in need. The district has met the requirements.
- B. Countywide Board Meeting reminder February 10, 2022 Kyle McClure explained the Career Center would like to invite the county school board members and a guest to an assembly showcasing five additional career opportunities available to students in Jackson County through the Jackson Area Career Center. It will be a catered event to be held in the cafeteria at the Career Center on February 10th. Doors open at 5:45, Dinner/Meeting 6:00-8:30. They would like a commitment as to those who will attend to better plan the event. Some programs highlighted include: Rise Above, College & Career Access, 13 year middle college, Jax 3, as well as others.
- C. Strategic Planning update:
 - 1. February 22, 2022- Stake holder Meeting
 - Schedule a Special Board Meeting at 6:00pm Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure, to approve to schedule a Special Board Meeting on February 22, 2022. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
 - 2. March 12, 2022 Strategic Plan Meeting
 - 3. March 15, 2022 Strategic Plan Implementation Meeting
 - Administration only
 - 4. April 18, 2022 Final approval of Strategic Plan
 - Approval to change April 11, 2022 Board Meeting to April 18, 2022 Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Claussen, to approve changing the date of the April regular school board meeting to April 18, 2022. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. <u>Reports of the Superintendent for Action</u>

- A. Hiring of Regina Warner Account Payable/Payroll/Billing Coordinator Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Burk, to approve the hiring of Regina Warner as Accounts Payable/Payroll/Billing Coordinator. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
- B. Hiring of Emma Harris J.V Volleyball Coach

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the hiring of Emma Harris as J.V Volleyball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Approval of METS

Jonathan Claussen explained the recommendation from the Policies and Personnel Committee. He made the motion to enter into an agreement with METS for busing/transportation services beginning the 2022/2023 school year, supported by Member McClure.

Further discussion and explanation that this is not a move for one tier or two tier busing. This is to supplement our current transportation program. Member McClure wanted to emphasize that it is the district's desire to retain our current drivers and that METS will supplement whenever there is a need for additional drivers. This will take effect for the 2022-2023 school year. He also voiced the desire to protect the interests of our support staff; not to "take their jobs". Doug Moeckel gave additional comments. Questions were asked as to the timeline of whether the district would pursue one or two tier bussing for next school year. Dr. Kiser stated this decision will be made in March or April.

All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Stoker Field Upgrades – Up to \$200,000

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met and discussed upgrades to Stoker Field. A plan was formed for these upgrades. Initial plans include: adding new irrigation (which would require a new well), taking out the inside lanes of the track to widen the field, adding two new outside lanes, and removing the drain in the middle of the field and reseeding. Approval is needed to spend up to \$200,000 to make these upgrades. Future upgrades being considered include a new scoreboard, new fencing, and new bathrooms. It was stated that the field is currently utilized by the Boys/Girls Soccer teams, MS Football, Little League Football, and PE classes.

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Hein, to approve spending up to \$200,000 to make upgrades to Stoker Field. Further discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business - None

11. Adjournment – Business complete the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.