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**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
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**Grass Lake Community Schools**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary  
Media Center

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

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

**APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 20**

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Amy Humbarger, President

Certified Correct,  
Jonathan Claussen – Secretary

Submitted by Janelle Sherwood

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1. Call to Order

President Humbarger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Burk, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Correspondence – None

4. Hearing of Citizens – Emily Mathews addressed the Board of Education.

5. Strategic Planning – Rod Green from MASB addressed the board regarding the Districts Strategic Plan. He highlighted the timeframe for the district completing the Strategic plan, compile survey results, gather qualitative data, Board Retreat on March 12, implementation plan on March 15<sup>th</sup> and submit for School Board Approval on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Green asked for Board Feedback on the following:

Strengths of the School District:

Community Involvement

Flexibility of Educators

Strong Administration

Caring Teachers

Community Support

Stands out among other districts

Strong School of Choice

Relationship Building

Attractive District that people want to come to.

Areas of Improvement:

Communication to parents

Security

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

How to better address hearing of the citizens during meetings

Transparency

Need to be Proactive vs. Reactive

Facility Improvements – Preventative Maintenance

Succession Planning

Sharing of Knowledge Base

More opportunities on Board Education policies

More Purchase Power by combining services with other districts.

Barriers for the District:

Limited Funds

Change of Leadership (Board members, Admins)

Working together (Board, Teachers, Admins)

Lack of Community Support, Community Involvement

Need for Project Manager for managing special projects

Ensuring Man Power is adequate for all departments

Vision for the District:

Opportunities for all demographics

Encourage Students to be successful academically, as well as emotional wellbeing.

Offer Stem Programs and Skilled Trade Programs.

Provide a Campus Setting.

Improve facilities for growth opportunities.

Standout district to attract staff who want to be a part of it.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. One Tier Bussing Versus Two Tier Bussing – Some highlights included: Cost Analysis was provided for operating both single and two tier bussing, with the addition of the METS contract. Discussion regarding the Bus Driver shortage, a national problem that will continue to be an issue. Currently two tier system has been working well for Grass Lake , with the survey results showing that parents are happy with their being separation of the younger and old students. Dr. Kiser discussed the options the Board

has moving forward with regards to the busing situation. 1. Continue with two tier busing, with METS providing drivers for any shortages. 2. Go back to a Single Tier Transportation Department. 3. If the board is undecided, Dr. Kiser will make the decision to continue the two tier system. After much discussion on the topic, a motion was made by member Burke, supported by member McClure to move to a single tier transportation department at the start of the new fiscal year. Roll Call Vote, Humbarger-Aye, McClure –Aye, Claussen- Nye, Bisard-Nye, Burk-Aye, Hein-Nye, Maynard-Nye. Motion denied.

B. Approval to Purchase Plow Truck (\$35,000)- Some highlight's included: Dr. Kiser addressed the need to purchase a new plow truck, to replace the old Dodge that is no longer in working condition. Moved by Member Maynard supported by Member Hein, to approve the purchase of a new plow truck. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Some highlights included: None

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.