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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2021
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kyle McClure

ADMINISTRATORS

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

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 15

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Hein, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2021. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Maynard, to approve paying the bills for October 2021 in the amount of \$843,814.17. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Hearing of Citizens – Emily Mathews spoke of concerns about CRT (Critical Race Theory).

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

- Michelle Clark – Some highlights included: PD day held on 10/18, the Book Fair which was a huge success, conferences offered face-to-face, virtual, or phone conversations. Vision and hearing testing being done.
- Brian Thompson – gave reminders of the Student Council Board Dinner/Meeting on November 22nd, Senior Portfolios, and the upcoming play, Much Ado about Nothing. He encouraged all to attend.
- Ben Learned – also spoke of elementary conferences, Halloween/Black and Orange day and stated that Mrs. Leathhead has now moved into the 3-5 grade RTI position.
- Jeanene Byerly – stated the first all school assembly was held. She mentioned the emergency evacuation on October 21st and stated that all did an amazing job. She

thanked her staff with a staff bowling event. Questions about the evacuation and what was learned. It was stated that a list is being drafted. The NJHS induction is upcoming.

- Doug Moeckel – He is meeting with all three vendors to discuss outsourcing and to receive proposals. Questions about the success of the two tier system. Mr. Moeckel stated it is going well, the routes are all on time and everyone is settling in to the new routine nicely.

B. Reminder of Special Board Meeting - November 22, 2021

This will be for the Student Council Dinner/Meeting but will also have some action items on the agenda.

C. ESSER III Funds Update – Survey is going out for community input on ideas for spending. A committee is being formed to meet November 18th. The final plan will be presented as an action item for approval on the November 22nd meeting. He explained that some of the categories are geared for “Return to Learn” but that this doesn’t apply to our district.

He also informed the board of the update from MASB for ETS (Emergency Temporary Standard) for employees to either be vaccinated or meet criteria to come to work.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. NEOLA – Final Reading/Approval

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the final reading of the NEOLA updates as presented. Member Claussen read a statement about the policy involving Title VII and Title IX and his concerns about the recommended verbiage (which is being recommended to be changed from transgender identity to gender identity).

Discussion.

4 Ayes, 1 Nay. Motion carried.

B. Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution. Questions. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Resignation to Retirement of April Fulara – High School Teacher

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the resignation of April Fulara, high school teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Resignation to Retirement of Debbie Brady – Administrative Assistant

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the resignation of Debbie Brady, Administrative Assistant, to retirement. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Resignation of Elizabeth Niceswander – Cafeteria Cook

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Niceswander, cafeteria cook. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Termination of Adeline Harvey – Cafeteria Aide

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Burk, to approve the termination of Adeline Harvey, cafeteria aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Hiring of April Salts – Administrative Assistant

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the hiring of April Salts, Administrative Assistant. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. Promotion of Alexandra Schweda to Cafeteria Cook

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Burk, to approve the promotion of Alexandra Schweda to cafeteria cook. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. Promotion of Lisa Cybulski to Cafeteria Helper Server

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the promotion of Lisa Cybulski to cafeteria helper server. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – Dr. Kiser stated that the Building and Grounds Committee needs to meet to discuss a few issues. Member Humbarger said that a Jackson Area School Board Meeting update will be presented by Member McClure at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.