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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake High School
Auditorium

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Byerly
Michelle Clark
Ben Learned

APPROXIMATE GUESTS – 24

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 McClure, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 8H – Hiring of Tracie Frailey – Elementary Special Education Teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Maynard supported by Member McClure, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2021, with the addition to item 7A-Two Tier Busing of wording stating that the incentive was offered to both new drivers and current drivers. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein, to approve paying the bills for July 2021 in the amount of \$1,056,885.21. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence –

6. Hearing of Citizens – Jennifer Marshall had questions regarding procedures for mask wearing. Dr. Kiser stated that, at this date, they are planning on masks as optional, no mandated mask wearing. He is waiting for a direct mandate from someone with authority that may change that protocol. Another person asked for this to be repeated and a clarification of possible vaccine mandate. Dr. Kiser repeated that until further information is received, the choice is left to the discretion of the parents and students. Sean Kelly had questions about the repercussions if someone refuses to wear a mask if it is mandated. Dr. Kiser explained that we are a state governmental agency and therefore required to follow state mandates or risk losing state funding. Discussion.

A parent who chose virtual schooling last year wondered about her option of choosing virtual if the mandate changes. Dr. Kiser stated that currently there will not be a virtual option for elementary students.

A question was asked about the procedure for a district-wide shut down. Dr. Kiser explained that the procedure would be handled the same as last school year with the entire district transitioning to virtual. He also stated that incidents of positive cases would also be handled the same as last school year with only the needed areas to be shut down, i.e. grade levels, etc.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. NEOLA – this will be on the September meeting.
- B. Back to School Breakfast on August 23rd – Dr. Kiser invited the board to join in welcoming the teachers back.
- C. Member McClure asked there be a monthly update for two tier busing. Dr. Kiser said this could be added to future agendas. He also stated efforts are still being made to pursue other options.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Hiring of Nicholas Prentice – High School Teacher

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Nicholas Prentice as a high school teacher. Nick was introduced to the board members. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Aaron Ames, hired at the July 19th meeting was also introduced to the board.

B. Hiring of Emma Harris – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Emma Harris as an elementary teacher. Ms. Harris was introduced. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Hiring of Jessica Horodeczny – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the hiring of Jessica Horodeczny as a special education aide. Ms. Horodeczny was introduced. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Hiring of Randi Strachan – Special Education Aide

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the hiring of Randi Strachan as a special education aide. Ms. Strachan was introduced. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

E. Hiring of Hiring of Kyle McDaniel – MS Football Coach

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member McClure, to approve the hiring of Kyle McDaniel as a middle school football coach. Mr. McDaniel was in the audience. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

F. Hiring of Travis Wilkerson – MS Football Coach

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein, to approve the hiring of Travis Wilkerson as a middle school coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Resignation of Sheryl Broniak – Food Services Helper Server

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the resignation of Sheryl Broniak as a helper server in Food Services. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. Hiring of Tracie Frailey – Elementary Special Education Teacher

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the hiring of Tracie Frailey as an elementary special education teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – Doug Moeckel addressed an inquiry regarding the pursuit of possible outsourcing of busing for the 2022/2023 school year. He said he has been in contact with First Student, Dean Transportation, and METS. After this year's bus rosters are completed, he will pursue this further.

10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.