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**Grass Lake Community Schools**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Monday, September 13, 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  
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 McClure, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the agenda as presented. Member McClure asked that discussion of the two-tier busing be reflected in the minutes. Dr. Kiser explained that an update will be presented in Doug Moeckel's administrative report which will be entered into the minutes. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Bisard supported by Member Claussen, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2021. 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 August 2021 in the amount of \$794,594.93. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Hearing of Citizens – Dr. Karl Heidrich read a statement regarding giving soccer as much consideration for dedicated funds and facility consideration as is given to other sports in the district.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

- A. Administrative Reports – Doug Moeckel gave an update on busing. There are eight regular runs and one Career Center run. These are being covered by the eight permanent drivers from last year and one new driver to cover the Career Center run. The two tier system has seen an increase in elementary riders so he is looking at adding an additional ninth run. He has one substitute in training that could be

utilized to cover this run, be this would once again leave us without substitute drivers.

He has had some limited success with those interested in subbing in a limited capacity because of being available only for morning, only afternoon, or sporadically, but nothing on a consistent basis. Drivers who have reached out that are interested in permanent runs move on once they learn of our efforts to return to a one tier system as they are looking for consistently more hours.

He stated that he is preparing requests for proposals for outsourcing our system in an attempt to draw from a larger pool of drivers. He is asking for pricing for twelve “stop and go” runs to match the current student population growth we are seeing in our buildings, plus the additional Career Center run.

Brian Thompson gave an update for the high school including Homecoming Week activities, Jackson College Early College, and PSAT testing. Also, Amy Janz is putting on a fall play production, “Much Ado About Nothing”. This will take place in November. Jeanene Byerly stated that the middle school was fully staffed this week. She introduced Felicia Thornton, new Social Worker hired at the August meeting. Ben Learned highlighted items happening at the elementary including testing being completed the previous week and the start of CrossBraining, a formative assessment app. He also explained that the indoor greenhouses would be turned into sound rooms for quiet places to record during CrossBraining. They have held an assembly for the Australian Didgeridoo Workshop, which was sponsored by the Coppersnail. He stated that it was nice to have a little normalcy back in the schedule and gave kudos to staff that have helped with shortage of substitutes.

- B. NEOLA – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Dr. Kiser asked if there were any questions. Questions and discussion regarding policy 5517. He also explained that the update on Title IV will need to be updated to make us compliant with federal regulations. Member Claussen asked that the synopsis be provided and included in the minutes at the next meeting.

## 8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

### A. Change of School Board Meeting Venue

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Claussen, to approve changing the venue of future 21/22 school board meetings to George Long Elementary Media Center, beginning with the October board meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

### B. Resignation of Michelle Creger – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Burk, to accept the resignation of Michelle Creger as an elementary teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

- C. Resignation of April Salts – JV Girls Basketball Coach  
Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard, to accept the resignation of April Salts as the JV girls basketball coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - D. Hiring of Jennifer Terry – Elementary Teacher  
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the hiring of Jennifer Terry as an elementary teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - E. Hiring of Amanda Teel – Middle School Spanish Teacher, October 4, 2021  
Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the hiring of Amanda Teel as middle school Spanish teacher as of October 4, 2021. Amanda Teel was introduced. Jeanene Byerly recognized Danielle Doctor for the assistance while looking for a new Spanish teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - F. Hiring of Lindsey Jones – Cafeteria Aide  
Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen, to approve the hiring of Lindsey Jones as a cafeteria aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - G. Hiring of Lisa Cybulski – Cafeteria Aide  
Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Bisard, to approve hiring of Lisa Cybulski as a cafeteria aide. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - H. Hiring of Sheryl Broniak – Bus Driver  
Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Bisard, to approve the hiring of Sheryl Broniak as a bus driver. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - I. Hiring of Steven Riddle – MS Football Coach  
Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard, to approve as a middle school football coach. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
9. Unfinished Business – Jackson County School Board Association Organizational Meeting, September 28 @ 6:00 p.m. Board members were asked to RSVP to Deb Brady so she could forward these by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Member Hein voiced her appreciation for the COVID dashboard on the district's website.
10. Adjournment – Business complete, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.