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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2023

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Humbarger

Kyle McClure

Jonathan Claussen

Janey Bisard

Shari Hein

Mark Rankin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Maynard

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser

Brian Thompson

Jeanene Byerly

Misty Gunn

APPROXIMATE GUESTS: 0

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Amy Humbarger, President

Certified Correct,

Jonathan Claussen – Secretary

Submitted by Launa Steinhauer



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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-

All present voted Aye. Agenda Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes-

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023 and the minutes of the Budget Hearing of June 12, 2023. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment-

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to approve paying the bills for June 2023 in the amount of \$1,150,582.44. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence –

None

6. Hearing of Citizens -

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. NEOLA Updates:

Dr. Kiser reminded the board members to be sure they are able to log in and view the changes. He noted that he will present the synopsis at the July meeting.

B. Transportation

Dr. Kiser presented an option for leasing busses beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. He informed the board of circumstances and may bring a recommendation to the Board at the July meeting.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approval of Final 2022-2023 Budget

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard to approve the Final 2022-2023 Budget. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion was made to approve the final 2022-2023 Food Service Budget. Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Acceptance of Cara Arendt's Resignation

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Claussen to accept the resignation of Cara Arendt, elementary aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approval of Hiring Haley Neuland – MS Math Teacher

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard to approve the hiring of Haley Neuland, Middle School Math Teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business -
None

10. Adjournment -
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Grass Lake Community Schools Board of Education Budget Hearing

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6:30 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESEBOARD Chris Maynard

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amy Humbarger

Kyle McClure

Jonathan Claussen

Janey Bisard

Shari Hein

Mark Rankin

ADMINISTRATORS

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Michelle Clark

Brian Thompson

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1. Call to Order

President Humbarger called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Budget Hearing

A. Set Millage Rates for 2023-2024

Dr. Kiser explained the documents had changes which were made under advisement of financial advisor and attorneys.

This will be voted on in the regular meeting to follow.

B. Set 2023-2024 Preliminary Budgets

Dr. Kiser presented the preliminary budget. He stated the budget was built on an estimated increase of allowance of \$500 per pupil for the 2023-2024 school year, and the estimated twenty new students to the district. Discussion around the table included the use of Essers money and the many ways this can be utilized but must be done to promote student recovery. The increase in expenditures include wage increases, at risk summer school, and the hiring of an additional Special Education Teacher among other things noted. Dr. Kiser explained the increase in the operations budget which include many upgrades including Stoker Field, parking lot repairs, cooling tower motor, Middle School Media Center abatement, and Lockdown Safety System to name a few. Also included is the purchase of one bus, new teacher desktops as well as 230 new iPads for the elementary students. It was noted that the current iPads do not support the framework for testing, whereas the new ones will support this. Dr. Kiser moved on to explain the preliminary Food Service budget including expenses for salaries, substitute workers, benefits, food, supplies, and contract equipment and services.

The final budget will be presented at the next Board Meeting on June 27th.

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Adjournment

Business complete, the hearing was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Shari Hein

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

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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-
All present voted Aye. Agenda Approved.
3. Approval of Minutes-
Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Maynard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2023 and the minutes of the special meeting of June 2, 2023. 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 May 2023 in the amount of \$1,011,909.61. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
5. Correspondence –
 - A. Dr. Kiser - Policy for co-op athletics to be reviewed at next board meeting.
 - B. Hearing of Citizens -
 1. Mary Brooks: she and her company, Michiana Healthcare, are offering free CPR / first aid training for our employees and coaches.
6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information -
 - A. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Byerly: Kim Brown's retirement celebration went well. Emily Mathews has been working with Kim the last two weeks and is doing a great job. Denise Lotz is retiring at the end of the year. The PTO put on an end-of-the-year fun day and Student Council put on the 8th grade farewell party. Both went very well.

Brian Thompson: graduation went great and Project Safe went very well. Currently working on scheduling. Mr. Thompson noted that Grass Lake has the highest number of enrollment in Jackson College courses, and the highest success rate in the county (96 percent). Grass Lake had its first senior graduate with an associate degree and a high school diploma. In sports, Grass Lake had another great year, totaling five conference championships, four district championships, one regional and one state championship. Grass Lake has now won a total of 22 state championships across 8 different sports.

Mrs. Gunn: George Long had a great year. She expressed how great communication was with staff, parents, etc. Summer school will start up again. There will be a small group that will attend CPI training and a group that will be working on our SEL curriculum this summer. Last, we are expecting another large incoming kindergarten class.

B. NEOLA Updates

Every board member should now have a login and password for NEOLA and will be able to review updates. In July, Dr. Kiser will give a synopsis of the changes and in August, the Board will adopt them.

C. Strategic Plan Updates

This is a 5-year plan. Dr. Kiser explained what we did this year and the plans for next year including Character Strong and looking at new SEL programs. Misty Gunn and the elementary teachers are creating programs based on themes; the middle school is planning to use the Kevin Love Program; and the high school plans to use Trails through UM. Other plans include security, lockdown maintenance, technology and hardware, facilities and grounds, and finishing up Stoker Field. Member Claussen inquired whether we have the instructions for public use on Stoker field. Dr. Kiser answered stating we have not opened it to the public yet since the field is not ready at this time as improvements are continuing over the summer.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation

President Humbarger asked for a roll call vote to approve the 2023-24 superintendent evaluation that was completed in closed session at the superintendent's request, and under the provisions of the open meetings act. Roll call vote: Humbarger – yes, McClure- yes, Claussen- yes, Bisard- yes, Hein- yes, Maynard- yes, Rankin- no. Superintendent Evaluation approved.

B. Approval of 2023-2024 Tax Rates from Budget Hearing

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Rates from the June 12, 2023 Budget Hearing. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Approve Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget from Budget Hearing

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Hein to approve the Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget from the June 12, 2023 Budget Hearing. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approval of Superintendent Contract

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard to approve the 2023-2024 Superintendent Contract. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Approval of Administrator, Central Office, and Supervisor Contracts

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Claussen to approve the 2023-2024 Administrator, Central Office, and Supervisor contracts. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

F. Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. Approval of Meeting Dates for Regular Board Meetings/Special Board Meetings for 2023-2024 School Year

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Hein to approve the meeting dates for the Regular Board Meetings/Special Board Meetings for the 2023-2024 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. Approval of teacher desktops purchase of \$72,000

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member McClure to approve the teacher desktops purchase of \$72,000. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. Approval of Sarah Sherwood as Educational Technology Coordinator

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to approve Sarah Sherwood as Educational Technology Coordinator. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

J. Resignation for Retirement – Denise Lotz

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Maynard to accept the resignation for retirement of Denise Lotz. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

K. Resignation of Rochelle Chezick – Elementary Teacher

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Bisard to accept the resignation of Rochelle Chezick, elementary teacher.

L. Hiring of Resha Willis – Social Worker

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Bisard to approve the hiring of Resha Willis, Social Worker. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

M. Hiring of Kayla Kolb – 4th Grade Teacher

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein to approve the hiring of Kayla Kolb, fourth grade teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

N. Hiring of Brooke Sharkey – 1st Grade Teacher

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member McClure to approve the hiring of Brooke Sharkey, first grade teacher. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

O. Hiring of Halee Bergman – Special Teacher and Math Interventionist, Elementary

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to approve the hiring of Halee Bergman, Special Teacher and Math Interventionist, Elementary. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

P. Hiring of Janine Hawley – Special Education, High School/Middle School

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Bisard to approve the hiring of Janine Hawley, Special Education, High School/Middle School. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Q. Approval of Stoker Field Fence - \$42,000

Moved by Member Maynard, supported by Member Hein to approve the Stoker Field Fence in the amount of \$42,000. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Dr. Kiser took a moment to recognize Member Bisard for receiving three certificates of achievement through MASB.

10. Adjournment -

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.