

# **GRASS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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

Monday, July 10, 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

### **APPROXIMATE GUESTS: 4**

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 Bisard, supported by Member Hein to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of June 26, 2023. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.
4. Correspondence  
None
5. Hearing of Citizens  
None
6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information
  - A. Miscellaneous Update:  
Stoker Field: Dr. Kiser announced that the opening date for public access to the walking track at Stoker Field will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. The field will be open in time for soccer and football practice. We have ordered a new flag pole and the visitor side bleachers should be going up next week.  
  
Light board: The new light board in the auditorium has been installed.

B. NEOLA Updates

Dr. Kiser read each policy change. In discussion at the table, a few minor changes were made. Dr. Kiser will amend the policies as discussed and he will bring them back to the board to adopt the policies in August.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Repayment Application

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member McClure to approve the School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Repayment Application in the amount of \$5,576,065.03. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. It was noted that we are in repayment instead of borrowing funds to meet our debt obligation. Member Claussen stated that the qualified bond debt millage for tax year 2023 is 7.65 percent, the combined beginning balance owed was \$6,292,833.03 with an estimated repayment balance of \$5,576,065.03 remaining.

B. Designation of Bank Depositories

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Claussen to name Comerica Bank, Grass Lake Branch, as the depositor for the school district's funds for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Facsimile Signature

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Hein to authorize the use of facsimile signatures where and when applicable. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Investments

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein to authorize the Superintendent (or designee, Janelle Sherwood) to work with the financial advisors to invest available surplus funds in whatever state licensed investment repository yields the best return for the school district for the 2023-2024 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approval of Annual Retainers

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Bisard to retain the services of Gabridge & Company for auditing purposes, Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as legal counsel, and NEOLA for our board policies for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion. All present voted: Ayes: Amy Humbarger, Kyle McClure, Jonathan Claussen, Janey Bisard, Shari Hein; Nays: Mark Rankin. Motion Carried.

F. Adoption of By-Laws

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member Hein to adopt the By-Laws as found in the 0000 series of the Board Policy Manual. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Acceptance of Resignation of Randi Strachan, High School Aide

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to accept the resignation of Randi Strachan, high school aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

H. Hiring of Tarra Ade, High School Aide

Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member Claussen to approve the hiring of Tarra Ade as high school aide. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

I. Approval of Busing/Transportation Lease Agreement with Hoekstra Transportation

Dr. Kiser recommended leasing 10 buses from Hoekstra for \$21,634 per bus. The district plans to hold on to three of our current buses. Discussion continued. It was noted that the lease will not impact our staffing of our bus drivers. Current employees will be retained to drive the leased buses. Moved by Member Hein, supported by Member McClure to approve the bus leasing agreement with Hoekstra. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business -

None

10. Adjournment -

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.