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Grass Lake Community Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake Middle School
Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Humbarger
Kyle McClure
Jonathan Claussen
Janey Bisard
Shari Hein
Chris Maynard
Mark Rankin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

ADMINISTRATORS

Ryle Kiser
Jeanene Byerly
Michelle Clark
Misty Gunn
Brian Thompson

APPROXIMATE GUESTS: 10

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. **Agenda Distribution**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Member Bisard, seconded by Member Hein, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 13, 2023. Discussion. 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 November 2023 in the amount of 1,278,867.28. Discussion. Roll call vote: McClure –Aye; Claussen –Aye; Bisard- Aye; Hein- Aye; Maynard- Aye; Rankin- Nay; Humbarger- Aye. Motion carried 6-1.

5. **Correspondence**

A. MASB Board of Directors

6. **Hearing of Citizens**

A. Kevin Caldwell

B. Wayne Hastings

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. **Final Audit Report**

Gabridge & Company, PLC presented to the board via Zoom, the final audit report for year ending June 30, 2023.

B. **Administrative Reports**

Brian Thompson- The high school band and choir will hold a joint performance on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auxiliary gym. The Kiwanis Club sponsored the newly formed Key Club on December 5th. Congratulations to Mrs. Janz, Mr. Prentice, and our student performers on their great production of "Acting Can Be Murder." Second semester we will be starting a new humanities class that will focus on a variety of topics centered on theatre production which Mrs. Janz and Mr. Prentice will head up. They are also incorporating a spring musical. Winter sports are underway and we wish the athletes much success as they try to bring home more championships.

Jeanene Byerly- George Gogol and Jeanene Byerly attended the MEMSPA Conference. This was a great experience. National Junior Honor Society will take place on December 12th, the Board is invited. This year, Mrs. Yudt has allowed sixth graders to participate. We will induct over 40 students into NJHS. The secondary staff had AI training today after school put on by the ISD. Robotics has had a great weekend, placing second as an alliance team and qualified for states.

Misty Gunn- An Idaho fish biologist came out to speak to the 5th graders regarding salmon sorting and tagging. Third graders are doing their Christmas Around the World going to each third grade class learning about Germany, Holland, England, Italy, Spain and Mexico. The spelling bee registration is open to all grade 3-5 students. We will host our school spelling bee on January 16, 2024. We currently have around 50 students participating. Kindergarten students read the story, Balloons Over Broadway and paraded through the halls with balloons/floats they made for a Thanksgiving day parade. Warrior Wonderland takes place this week (December 11-15th) in the Media Center during school hours. Students are invited to shop for gifts in the holiday shop. Ashley Roekle, our Social Worker, has worked on our Angel Tree project. Our district social workers have worked hard to identify families in need right here in our school. Community members have sent in gifts, gift cards and donated money which has helped us pay for any additional family gifts.

Dr. Kiser thanked Matt Prater for Warpath's hard work on the renovations to the Middle School's baseball field.

C. **GLEF Update**

Dr. Kiser announced that the Grass Lake Education Foundation is making a comeback after being somewhat dormant over the last two years after Covid. It has a new group of board members with Gabby Boteler as its president and Shari Hein from the school board and others. Currently GLEF is doing a "soft ask" for donations to continue scholarships and teacher grants. Member Hein explained that GLEF is non-profit organization with assistance from the

community to help fund teacher grants and student scholarships. Fundraisers such as The Festival of Tables and Untapped & Uncorked were just a couple that took place in the past. Though the Foundation has been inactive these last couple years, it has continued to give five-\$1,000 scholarships to senior students. The first fundraising event will take place in August, 2024.

D. Proposed Bond Presentation

Dr. Kiser presented to the board on the proposed bond for school improvement. Dr. Kiser is recommending Kingscott as the construction management company and CCSM as the architectural engineering company. He would like to have them both come to the January meeting to give a presentation.

E. Middle School Robotics

Dr. Kiser proudly announced that George McKenzie, head of our Middle School Robotics team has done a fabulous job this year with the team heading to States this weekend.

F. Review/Discussion of Policy 5511

Language in policy 5511 is not consistent with language that already exists in other policies regarding non-discrimination. Dr. Kiser explained that we are already covered in other policies and, therefore, line E is not necessary. Dr. Kiser recommends omitting line E in policy 5511, which reads, "direct staff to enforce the school's dress code in a nondiscriminatory and uniform manner, including without regard to whether a student is transgender or gender nonconforming."

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Resignation of Leslie Miller – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Maynard, to accept the resignation of Leslie Miller, bus driver. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Hiring of Jeff McEldery, Sub Bus Driver to Permanent Driver

Moved by Member Hein, seconded by Member Bisard to approve the hiring of Jeff McEldery, Sub Bus Driver to Permanent Driver. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Revision to Policy 5511

Moved by Member Rankin, seconded by Member Claussen to approve the recommended revision to policy 5511. Discussion. Roll call vote: Humbarger – Aye; Rankin - Aye; Hein-Nay; Bisard – Aye; Claussen – Aye; McClure – Aye. Motion passes 6-1.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.