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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary
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: 4

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Amy Humbarger, President

Certified Correct,

Jonathan Claussen, Secretary

Submitted by: Launa Steinhauer



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I. **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.

II. **Agenda Distribution**

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Hein, to approve the minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of January 15, 2024. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Maynard, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2024. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Hein, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting of January 15, 2024. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

IV. **Presentation of Bills for Payment**

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure, to approve paying the bills for January in the amount of \$934,149.92. Discussion. All present voted, six Ayes, Member Rankin voted Nay. Motion carried 6-1.

V. **Correspondence**

None

VI. **Hearing of Citizens**

A. Matt Prater

B. Kevin Caldwell

VII. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. **Administrative Reports**

Brian Thompson: GLHS overall index for the 2022-2023 school year was 82.12, with a growth index of 74.81, a graduation index of 100.00, a school quality and proficiency index of 75.01. During the 2022-2023 school year, according to the state standardized testing program, GLHS students scored above the state average in ELA, equal to the state average in science, and below the state average in math and social studies. Graduation rate was 93%, well above the state average of 81%.

Prom is being held on April 27th this year. Graduation will be June 7th. Mrs. Clark has already begun working with the ISD to assemble the high school schedule for the 2024/2025 school year.

Jeanene Byerly: Anthony Lanni is coming next week to talk with our students about overcoming adversity. Anthony is a former MSU Basketball player who also has autism. GLCS Counseling/Social Worker Team put together an Internet Safety Night being held on February 29th at the High School Auditorium. It is presented by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the U.S. Secret Service. We are planning our spring assessments. PSAT will take place on April 9 with MSTEP beginning that week as well.

Misty Gunn: Spelling Bee was completed in January. Mid-year Benchmark testing for NWEA from grades K-4 is complete. Kindergarten celebrated the 100th day of school on February 8th and 1st grade celebrated the 101 on the 9th. Fifth grade has tentatively set their date as May 6th for the salmon release. Teachers have been working in curriculum teams during staff meetings. These meetings will assist with planning events and looking at data.

Dr. Kiser: eRate proposal: access points throughout the district will no longer be supported after April. The ISD sent out bids and People Driven Technology got the bid. Our total expense will be \$39,968.36. We will still be able to apply the 60% eRate discount. The quote for \$99,920.89 needs to be approved at the next Board Meeting. This will not affect this year's budget; it will be included in next year's budget. Work is expected to begin late this June or early July pending eRate approval. If not, then this bid won't be valid.

B. **NEOLA Updates – Group B**

Ryle noted there is no hurry to approve these. He recommends everyone read through them thoroughly and then we can discuss at the next board meeting.

C. **Jackson County School Boards Association Minutes**

Member McClure forwarded the minutes from the Jackson County School Boards Association meeting which took place on February 3, 2024. Grass Lake is hosting the next meeting on March 2nd.

D. CMS Contract Discussion

Dr. Kiser has spoken with Jackson Public Schools, Marshall and also spoke with Swartz Creek and RESA in Kalamazoo. All of whom said they were happy with CMS.

E. Kingscott Contract Discussion

Dr. Kiser has been trying to get into Chelsea for a site visit and has spoken with Saline and Shepherd regarding site visits as well. Those he has spoken with are very happy with Kingscott.

The Board discussed the timeline and commitment. The majority of the members would like to try and get a couple other companies either to give their presentations to the Board or, at minimum, offer their proposals for the Board to review. Dr. Kiser will talk with a couple other companies as well as set up site visits at Chelsea and/or Saline.

VIII. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. MASB Board of Directors Vote

Moved by Member Bisard, supported by Member McClure to vote for Jack Temsey.

Motion made by Member Hein, supported by Member Maynard to vote for Sharon Lee.

Roll call vote: Mark Rankin - Sharon Lee, Chris Maynard - Sharon Lee; Shari Hein – Sharon Lee, Janey Bisard – Jack Temsey, Jonathan Claussen – Jack Temsey, Kyle McClure – Jack Temsey, Amy Humbarger - Sharon Lee. Sharon Lee was voted in 4-3.

B. Budget Revision Approval

Moved by Member Rankin, supported by Member Maynard to approve the budget revisions.

Discussion. President Humbarger asked for a roll call vote to limit discussion. Roll call vote: Kyle McClure – Aye, Jonathan Claussen – Nay, Shari Hein – Aye, Amy Humbarger – Aye, Janey Bisard – Aye, Chris Maynard – Aye, Mark Rankin – Nay. Motion carried 5-2.

President Humbarger asked for a roll call vote to approve the budget revisions. Roll call vote:

Janey Bisard – Aye, Shari Hein – Aye, Chris Maynard – Aye, Mark Rankin – Aye, Amy Humbarger – Aye, Kyle McClure – Aye, Jonathan Claussen - Aye. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approval of ESSER III Budget

Moved by Member McClure, supported by Member Rankin to approve the ESSER III Budget. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

D. Approval of CSM Contract Pending Review of Contract Language

This item was moved to “Reports of the Superintendent for Information.”

E. Approval of Kingscott Contract Pending Review of Contract Language

This item was moved to “Reports of the Superintendent for Information.”

F. **Approval of NEOLA Updates – Group A**

Moved by Member Rankin, supported by Member Hein to approve the NEOLA Updates, Group A. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

G. **Resignation Acceptance – Jennifer Mitchell**

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member McClure to accept the resignation of Jennifer Mitchell. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

H. **Wage Increase Approval for Substitute Custodians and Maintenance to \$15/Hour**

Moved by Member Claussen, supported by Member Hein to approve the wage increase for substitute custodians and maintenance to \$15/Hour. Discussion. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

I. eRate 2024 Wireless Quote

This item was discussed under “Reports of the Superintendent for Information” and action was tabled at this time.

IX. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.