

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2010  
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake High School  
Library/Media Center

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Burnett  
Florine Herendeen  
Loretta Ryan  
Kimberly Seaburg  
Tim Waskiewicz  
David Wright

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Paterra

### **ADMINISTRATORS**

Brad Hamilton  
Michelle Clark  
Doug Moeckel  
Brian Thompson  
Jeanene Satterthwaite

### **GUESTS**

Ben Dandrow  
Margaret Henthorne  
Matt Maynard  
Shannon Maynard  
Rhonda Mosher  
Carlene Pindzia  
Sue Schinck  
Jennifer Taylor

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Loretta Ryan, Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the minutes as presented. All present voted Aye.

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$807,677.79 All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

Superintendent Hamilton reminded the board members that they should RSVP if they planned to attend the JCASB organization meeting.

6. Hearing of Citizens

None

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Start of the School Year Update

Mr. Hamilton stated that the school year started well, as it always did. He added that the Administrators and transportation did a good job.

The Ignition Program started again at high school. Mr. Thompson commented that this was a great transition program for freshmen going into high school. Mr. Hamilton added that the district might consider a similar program for other grade levels that were changing buildings. All the comments about the program said it was even better than the year before.

Mr. Hamilton informed that board that he wouldn't have definite enrollment numbers until after count day, which would be the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of September.

#### B. Strategic Planning

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that he had scheduled Tuesday, October 19 during the day and Wednesday, October 20 during the mid-afternoon or evening. He hoped they could accomplish everything in just the two days. Invitations would be going out later that week to original members of the group as well as new people to replace those who have moved. He wanted the group to strive for the whole concept of continuous improvement in the district. He added that some of the original plan has been met, some exceeded, and some of it is now obsolete.

#### C. School Breakfast Challenge

Mr. Hamilton read a letter from the Michigan Department of Education, recognizing the Food Service Department for winning the state's School Breakfast Challenge.

Mrs. Pindzia informed the board that they had some special programs and challenges in the first year and reformulated breakfast menus, which lead to an increase of 47% the first year and another 34% the second year. The elementary Breakfast in the Classroom program helped also. They were continuing that program in the elementary again this year. So far they were serving about 120 breakfasts each morning and breaking even.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he was proud of Mrs. Pindzia and her staff, along with the elementary teachers for all their help. He felt the results would pay dividends in the performance of the students.

### 8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

#### A. Accept Annual Report

Mr. Hamilton informed that board that the Annual Report was available at the district's website, and paper copies were available in all of the offices.

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Ryan, to approve the Annual Report as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Accept Resignation of Jennifer Sikora

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Ryan, to accept the resignation of Jennifer Sikora. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Hiring of Robert Quinn – Bus Driver

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Wright, to approve hiring Robert Quinn as a bus driver for the district. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Hiring of Bracey Bechtel – Middle School Cross Country Coach

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Burnett, to approve hiring Bracey Bechtel as Middle School Cross Country Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Hiring of April Ruggles – Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring April Ruggles as the Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Hiring of Andrea Cabana – Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring Andrea Cabana as Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton commented that the construction project was looking good. The Relay for Life over the previous weekend raised about \$53,000. Kudos to Dave Adams for the goal posts for practicing.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.