

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake High School

Library/Media Center

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett

Florine Herendeen

John Paterra

Loretta Ryan

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

### ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Brian Thompson

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Doug Moeckel

### GUESTS

Kitty Burnett

Makenna Burnett

Turner Burnett

Danielle Doctor

Tricia Embury

Darrell Hart

Margaret Henthorne

Korrie Kempker

Shannon Maynard

Chuck Palmer

Jeri Palmer

Carlene Pindzia

Gary Reed

Shelby Reed

Suzy Sczykutowicz

Lynn Szeles & Family

Jennifer Taylor

Jena Tengman

Matt Tengman

Sandy Wolfinger

Students from Chile:

Camila Bravo

Nicole Bravo

Lillian Gamboa

Mauricio Herrera

Constanza Iturriga

Constanza Sagudo

Marcelo Saldia

Belen Valenzuela

Felipe Vazquez-Claro

Olga Castro, Teacher

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 7:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

### 3. Correspondence

None

### 4. Hearing of Citizens

There were comments from several of the host families for the students from Chile. They were very pleased with how the program was run and enjoyed having the students in their homes.

### 5. Round Table Discussion

#### A. Presentations from our Chile Exchange Students

Superintendent Hamilton stated that the students were a great addition to the school and it was a mutually happy and beneficial program. He hoped this could be done again in the future. Mr. Hamilton thanked the Chilean students, their host families, and Spanish Teacher Danielle Doctor for coordinating the program.

Mrs. Doctor thanked the host parents and expressed her hope that students from Chile could come to the school again and Grass Lake Schools could send students there as well.

Three students presented a slide show about their country. The first student talked about the political system of the country. The second student talked about the town the students were from. The third student spoke about the country, the population, weather, etc. The rest of the students introduced themselves and the teacher made a few comments.

A break was taken in the meeting to share cake with the students and host families.

## 6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

### A. Approve Second Year of Leave of Absence for Susan Bednarski

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Pattera, to approve a second year of leave of absence for Susan Bednarski. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

## 7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

### A. Administrative Reports

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the administrative reports in the board packets.

### B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hamilton explained that Chaperone Protocol was discussed in committee recently and a handout with proposed protocol was included in the board packets. Ms. Herendeen suggested that a statement that chaperone's are on duty 24/7 should be included in the policy. Mr. Hamilton added that the protocol would be on the agenda at the March 14 meeting for approval by the board.

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the fee schedule and facility rental sheet included in the packets. He asked board members to review this so it could be voted on in March. He added that the district was not trying to make a profit, but needed to cover cleaning, utilities, wear-and-tear on buildings, etc. Any suggestions should be forwarded to Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Waskiewicz asked how the proposed prices compared to other districts. Mr. Moeckel said he checked with ten other districts in the area and Grass Lake's pricing was comparable or lower.

The next item in the packet was a memo from Suzy Sczykutowicz to the board, proposing the purchase of a new ride-on scrubber at the high school to replace the current scrubber. The new machine is bigger and more powerful and cleans the tile better. The company will come back and do another demonstration if the board would like to see it in action. The general feeling of the board was that, if it saved time, improved quality, and made a return on the investment, it would probably be worth it.

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the next handout, entitled, "Developing and Deleting Interscholastic Sports." He asked the board to review this so it could be on the agenda for action at the next meeting in March.

The last inclusion in the board packets was a proposal from TREMCO for roof work. Mr. Hamilton commented that there was a leak today in the central office, which was in the old section, as well as leaks in the middle school library and computer lab.

Mr. Hamilton thought the TREMCO plan was more aggressive than he was expecting. The plan presented was spread out over three years for the elementary and middle school, rather than the five year plan Mr. Hamilton was expecting.

After some discussion, Mr. Hamilton will ask Kevin Holyszko of TREMCO to reexamine the proposal and come up with a five year plan and address the problem areas in a better order, such as putting areas with existing leaks higher on the priority list.

#### C. Budget Report

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the February Revision of the General Fund Budget in the board packets. He talked about the increase in revenue from the preschool program and explained that they were looking at expanding the program more, because there was space in the building and a need expressed from the community.

Mr. Hamilton doesn't feel the bottom line will be any further in the negative and he hopes it will be less than that.

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the early indicators for 2011-2012. Jackson ISD will not be able to reimburse as much of the special education expenses because their funding is also being cut. The governor has already proposed a per-student cut, plus the retirement rate will be going up and healthcare costs are expected to increase in the double digits. Mr. Hamilton added that the JOBS money that the district had deferred to 2011-2012 would offset some of the revenue losses.

The Board will have tough decisions to make in the next few months: using fund equity, maintaining programs, layoffs, etc. Mr. Waskiewicz proposed creating a budget subcommittee. Members Herendeen, Ryan and Seaburg all volunteered to serve on the committee.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the February budget revisions as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

#### 8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Executive Session – Teacher Negotiations

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to move into Executive Session. The Members voted by Roll Call Vote: Member Seaburg – yes, Member Wright – yes, Member Burnett – yes, Member Ryan – yes, Member Herendeen – yes, Member Paterra – yes, Member Waskiewicz – yes.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Wright to move out of Executive Session. All present voted Aye.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.