

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake High School

Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Paterra

Loretta Ryan

Kimberly Seaburg

Tim Waskiewicz

David Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Burnett

Florine Herendeen

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton

Michelle Clark

Doug Moeckel

Brian Thompson

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Andi Overmyer

GUESTS

Jessica Crandell

Margaret Henthorne

Gail Kuhl

Shannon Maynard

Carlene Pindzia

Tovah Sheldon

Jim Stormont

Michele Whitley

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 Ryan, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item VI A, Approve Tenure for Jessica Crandell, and moving the current item A, Adopt Strategic Goals, to B. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that he had tickets to the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner this Saturday at Dale Fischer's Conference Center, if anyone would like to purchase any.

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Mr. Thompson reported that everyone seemed to be pleased with the high school building additions, when they were open to the public the previous Friday evening.

B. Construction Update

Mr. Hamilton commented that he also thought the open house went well. He has been pleased with how the contractors have responded to problems. The PA system still has some issues with connecting to the new rooms, but they were still working on that.

C. Future Committee Meetings

Mr. Hamilton wanted to schedule some committee meetings. It was agreed that the Personnel and Policy committees would meet on Monday, January 31. The Personnel committee would meet at 7 p.m., followed by the Policy Committee at 8 p.m.

The Building and Grounds Committee and the Athletic Committee were scheduled to meet on Monday, February 7, with the Building and Grounds Committee meeting at 7 p.m. and the Athletic Committee meeting at 8 p.m.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Tenure for Jessica Crandell

Moved by Member Paterra, and supported by Member Ryan, to approve granting tenure to Jessica Crandell. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Adopt Strategic Goals

Mr. Waskiewicz called attention to the handout with the modified goals. Mr. Hamilton read the charge and the goals. (See attached list of charge and goals.)

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Wright, to adopt the Strategic Goals. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

VII. Round Table Discussion

A. Thank you to Strategic Planning Members and Discussion Regarding Goals

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Strategic Planning Members and asked those present to stand and be recognized. President Waskiewicz stated that, although he wasn't able to participate in the whole session, he was very pleased to see how the group was operating and the discussion that was going on. He thanked everyone for taking the time to participate and help the district move forward.

Goal #1 – Mr. Hamilton explained that a committee was meeting to review the research on year-round schools. Tovah Sheldon will help because her area of expertise is statistics and research. Mr. Waskiewicz commented that there are a number of other schools, in Michigan and around the country, who are looking at the same thing.

Goal #2 – Professional development on differentiated instruction has already been offered to the staff. This will also be discussed with administrators more in the near future.

Goal #3 - Several staff members will be attending the MACUL Conference again this year. They will be able to bring back ideas to keep the district on the cutting edge with technology.

Goal #4 – All three buildings continue to focus on Rachel’s Challenge. The Middle School and elementary are using a modified program. Mr. Hamilton said that students should be allowed to give their input and suggestions on programs, but in a structured way.

Goals 5 and 6 – They are getting ready to begin work on these goals.

Goal 7 - is ongoing. They felt it was important to include, even though another addition was recently completed. They felt it was important to think ahead, in case an opportunity came along.

Tovah Sheldon, who facilitated the sessions, thanked everyone involved in the process. She felt everyone did a great job and that Grass Lake was ahead of the game.

Mr. Hamilton appreciated getting all different areas of the community involved in the process. Mr. Waskiewicz thanked everyone who participated. Mr. Waskiewicz added that the feedback at the open house for the high school additions was very positive, and he enjoyed showing off the facility.

B. Planning for upcoming work sessions

Mr. Hamilton asked the board for any suggestions for future work sessions. Mr. Wright said that he thought more student presentations would be good. Mr. Paterra suggested having presentations from teachers also. Mrs. Clark volunteered to have elementary students at the next board work session. Mr. Waskiewicz commented that he liked the format of this school year’s board/student council dinner. He still heard positive comments from students.

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. Executive Session – Teacher Negotiations

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

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Ryan, to move out of Executive Session.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Wright, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.