

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake Middle School
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Burnett
Darrell Hart
Florine Herendeen
John Paterra
Tim Waskiewicz
David Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT

Loretta Ryan

ADMINISTRATORS

Brad Hamilton
Michelle Clark
Doug Moeckel
Andi Overmyer
Brian Thompson
Jeanene Satterthwaite

GUESTS

Dave Adams
Ben Dandrow
Margaret Henthorne
Shannon Maynard
Rhonda Mosher
Carlene Pindzia
Kimberly Seaburg

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

John Paterra, 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 Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the agenda, with the addition of item VII F, Approve Tennis as a Club Sport, and item VII G, Approve Bids for High School Addition Project. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to add Presentation of Bills for Payment. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Hart, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$620,837.65. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Hearing of Citizens

None

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. NEOLA Technology

Mr. Hamilton explained that the handout was informational and presented the payment options if the NEOLA policies were put online. There was some discussion about cost and accessibility.

B. July Meeting Dates/Organizational Meeting Date

Mr. Hamilton stated that the board usually only scheduled one meeting in July, at which time they conducted the organizational and regular meetings. The board agreed that the meeting on July 12th would be the only meeting in July. Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that the meetings for the new fiscal year would be held at Grass Lake High School.

C. Administrative Reports

Since Mr. Moeckel was attending another meeting, Mr. Hamilton reported on the PALM event. He said it was very successful, with 700+ bicyclists participating. Carlene Pindzia worked very hard getting the food ready for the event and she and her staff received a standing ovation from the participants. Mr. Hamilton added that Mr. Moeckel did a great job in organizing and coordinating the event and Suzy Sczykutowicz and the custodial staff also did a great job.

Ms. Overmyer called attention to her data and graphs and explained how the county wide common assessments align with MEAPS.

Mr. Waskiewicz commented that he appreciated the information in the high school report on what students were doing after graduation and where students were going to college. Also, he told Ms. Clark that the preschool numbers looked good for next school year.

D. Administrative, Supervisor and Central Office Contracts

Mr. Hamilton stated that the copies of the contracts were for the board's information and suggested that these be reviewed by the personnel committee before they were presented for approval on July 12th. Mr. Waskiewicz suggested meeting on Tuesday, July 6th, 7:30 a.m., in Superintendent Hamilton's office.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Final 2009-2010 Budget Revisions

Mr. Hamilton reported that money was taken out of fund equity to balance the budget, for the first time in eight years, and he was concerned that this was not a good trend.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Final 2009-2010 Budget Revisions. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Rescinding Layoff Notices for Bracey Lantis and Brooke Larm

Mr. Hamilton explained that since Brooke was on a leave of absence and Bracey was her replacement, they both had been laid off, so now they both had to be called back.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve rescinding layoff notices for Bracey Lantis and Brooke Larm.

C. Approve Superintendent Evaluation

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Hiring Heather Brown – Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring Heather Brown as Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Hiring Andrea Cabana – Junior High Girls Basketball Coach (7th grade)

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve hiring Andrea Cabana as Junior High Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Tennis as a Club Sport

Mr. Waskiewicz reminded the board of the presentation at a previous board meeting.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve tennis as a club sport. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

G. Bid Approvals for the Construction Project

Dave Adams thought it was a very good turnout and the bids came in lower than anticipated. He added that they should be able to do some of the alternate projects because of this.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve awarding the bid for category #1, Sitework/Concrete, to Bailey Sand and Gravel. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Wright, to approve awarding the bid for category #2, Masonry, to Plummer Masonry. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve awarding the bid for category #3, Structural and Steel, to Structural Standards. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve awarding the bid for category #4, General Trades, to RW Mercer. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to approve awarding the bid for category #5, P.E.M.B., to RW Mercer. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve awarding the bid for category #6, Fire Protection, to Interstate Fire Protection. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to approve awarding the bid for category #7, Mechanical, to Allied Mechanical. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve awarding the bid for category #8, Electrical, to Superior Electric. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hamilton added that Dave Adams and his group have already conducted post-bid interviews. Also, Jim Sabin will be the construction manager for the project. They were already looking at where to stage everything and also how to arrange things for home football games.

Mr. Adams stated that the groundbreaking would be held sometime after July 4th. They were still waiting for soil erosion permits and the insurance certificate. Mr. Adams added that he would start writing contracts after the board meeting and schedule a kickoff meeting. November 15th was the scheduled completion date for the project.

Mr. Hamilton added that he appreciated working with Todd Dailey and Adams Building Contractors.

9. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that the staff was struggling to get the grass mowed since Pete had retired. There was a possibility that Pete might be able to come back in the late summer and only work a limited number of hours. Mr. Hamilton stated that he and Mrs. Sczykutowicz would be meeting to discuss ideas for more efficient deployment of the custodial/maintenance staff.

Mr. Hamilton added that he was concerned about the old football field area being used by kids for inappropriate activities. Jr. Ambs would be clearing some brush to remove areas where kids could hide. Mr. Hamilton said that he was looking at ways to get rid of the portables. If the church that was interested in them decided not to take them, Mr. Hamilton planned to have them demolished.

Mr. Waskiewicz reported that the Radabaugh fundraiser was very successful and the organizers did a great job. He said it was great to see so many people participate and volunteer their time. He added that there would be a fundraiser coming up for Paul Powell, tentatively scheduled for July 16.

Mr. Burnett thanked Mr. Hart for his service to the board and Mr. Waskiewicz added his thanks.

Mr. Hamilton asked to create an Ad Hoc committee to look into renaming the nature trail the Thom Baird Grass Lake Nature Center. Members Paterra, Herendeen, and Waskiewicz, along with Mrs. Satterthwaite, agreed to meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 6th, following the Policy Committee meeting.

10. Executive Session

A. Contract Negotiations

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to move into Executive Session. The members voted by roll call vote: Member Wright – yes, Member Herendeen – yes, Member Burnett - yes, Member Paterra – yes, Member Hart – yes, Member Waskiewicz – yes. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to move out of Executive Session. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.