

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 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

Margaret Henthorne

Shannon Maynard

Darrell Hart

Patricia Hart

Angela Berent

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 Paterra, to approve the agenda with moving of round table presentation from Item VII to Item V. All present voted Aye.
Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

None

5. Round table Discussion

A. presentation by Middle School Staff – Angela Berent

Ms. Berent explained that the Media Specialist, Evie Erickson, suggested that Mrs. Berent have her 8th grade ELA students use Moviemaker, as a change from using Power Point for a project. Mrs. Berent explained how the project incorporated the ELA standards. The students worked with traditional holiday tunes, changed the words, and created a short movie singing their “new” song. The students worked in groups and several movies were created. Mrs. Berent showed the movies for the board to see. “Jingle Bells,” was changed to, “Driving Time.” “Grandma got Run Over by a Reindeer,” was changed to, “Grandpa Got Run Over by a Tractor.” “Santa Baby,” was changed to, “Bunny Baby.”

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Tremco Roof Five Year Plan

Mr. Hamilton explained to the board that, even if the contract was signed, it could be cancelled at any time if the financial situation wouldn't support it. He added that the critical areas that were leaking needed to be completed soon.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the Five Year Roof Plan from Tremco. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Superintendent Hamilton called attention to the reports in the packets.

Mr. Waskiewicz asked about the recent blood drive at the high school. Mr. Thompson said they exceeded their goal, although he wasn't sure of the final total. Mr. Waskiewicz then asked Mr. Moeckel about the two-way radios. Mr. Moeckel explained that he was looking at the options to meet the new guidelines.

Mr. Waskiewicz questioned Mrs. Satterthwaite about parent teacher conferences. He then asked Mrs. Clark about the energy program in the elementary.

B. Budget Update

Mr. Hamilton stated that the budget situation was very serious. He called attention to a resolution from MASB and explained that the MASB was asking local school boards to approve the resolution. Mr. Hamilton recommended that the board approve the resolution.

Discussion followed and then Mr. Hamilton suggested that everyone contact their legislators.

Moved by Mr. Burnett, supported by Mrs. Seaburg, to approve the resolution from MASB, opposing the school aid fund transfer to higher education. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Resolution for Jackson County Schools

Mr. Waskiewicz read the resolution. He explained that this was discussed at the ISD budget hearing that he, Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. Seaburg attended last week. This was

a county-wide initiative that he felt was important that the district and board supported.

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that the resolution would be on the agenda at the next meeting for a vote. He added that the ISD has never had to ask for the rollback before, but they need to now because of the declining property values and declining property taxes.

D. Ad hoc Finance Committee

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m., in the superintendent's office. The meeting will need to be posted in case there are more than three board members in attendance.

E. Strategic Goals

Mr. Hamilton explained some of the progress on the goals. The Technology Task Force members attended the recent MACUL conference and met following the conference. I pods have been ordered for Sarah Sherwood's third grade classroom. Mrs. Sherwood will attend the next board meeting to give a presentation on using I pods in the classroom.

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Thompson stated that the Warrior Club fund raiser went well and was profitable. Only one ticket went unsold.

9. Executive Session – Teacher Negotiations

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

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.