

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 23, 2011

7:00 p.m.

George Long Elementary

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

Doug Moeckel

Jeanene Satterthwaite

Brian Thompson

### **GUESTS**

Mike Arbuckle

Zoey Bommarito

Makenna Burnett

Deb Clark

Hannah Claussen

Tammy Claussen

Alaina Ellison

Carrie Good

Darrell Hart

Wesley Good

Baylee Heidrich

Bridgette Heidrich

Kylin Heidrich

Margaret

Henthorne

Kitty Leemon

Travis Lockwood

Matt Maynard

Shannon Maynard

Christina McKim

Jean McKim

Natalia Morris

Carlie Murdock

Wendy Murdock

Jenni Ortbring

Trinity Ortbring

Barb Palmer

Nate Pittenger

Frank Seaburg

Larry Shaltis

Sarah Sherwood

Marissa Swartz

Jennifer Taylor

Kim Wright

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

Loretta Ryan, Secretary

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

A. Recognition of Seniors and Staff of "Oliver"

Mr. Hamilton thanked the students and staff for the outstanding production and added that he and the school district were very proud of their hard work. Mr. Waskiewicz added his thanks also.

The seniors recognized were: Taryn Goodge, Kyle Kempker, Travis Lockwood, Christina McKim, Tara Stark and Marissa Swartz. The staff recognized were: Barb Palmer, Lisa Malmo, Larry Shaltis, Deb Clark, Antoinette LaCinski, Barb Sexton, Richard Moore, Carrie Good and Jennifer Sullivan.

B. Special Presentation: Sarah Sherwood, Alaina Ellison – I Pod Demonstration

Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Ellison began with a video demonstration of students using Smart Board technology. Then they distributed I-Pods to the board members, and

three of their students, Bailee Heidrich, Hannah Claussen and Trinity Ortbring, demonstrated some of the apps on the I-Pods that they use in class.

C. Mike Arbuckle and Jennifer Taylor – Smart Board Presentation

The group moved to Mr. Arbuckle's and Mrs. Taylor's classroom, where two students, Kylin Heidrich and Wesley Good, helped with the demonstration of using the Smart Board.

D. Hearing of Citizens

Wendy Murdock asked if the district was smoke free. Mr. Waskiewicz and Mr. Hamilton explained that the entire district was smoke free, not just the buildings.

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Silver Project – Girl Scouts Zoey Bommarito and Carlie Murdock

Zoey Bommarito and Carlie Murdock gave a Power Point presentation on their plans to refurbish the middle school band room as their Girl Scout Silver Project. They plan to paint the room, repair the cubbies, the director's stand, the music library and the director's office. They plan to seek donations and help from friends and family and do the work over the summer.

They asked the board to approve their project before they started soliciting funds.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the girls moving forward on this project. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Overseas Field Trip Request – Danielle Doctor, Natalia Morris and Makenna Burnett

Makenna Burnett shared highlights and photos of the trip to Spain over Spring Break.

Mrs. Doctor explained that it was a good experience for the students to see the process of currency exchange and the different types of money in other countries. Also, transportation was different, as well as using their passport. They learned that learning another language can help you study abroad.

Mrs. Doctor and Mrs. Morris were interested in taking a tour group to another Spanish speaking country next school year during Spring Break. They said there were 22 Spanish speaking countries to choose from, but they were considering Costa Rica. They showed a short video about that country with examples of some of the activities available for tour groups. They explained that they chose Costa Rica because they

wanted to vary the type of tour. A tour group in Costa Rica would study natural history and ecology.

Mrs. Morris said that they asked the tour company to schedule the departure date closer to the beginning of spring break, either Thursday or Friday night, since there were concerns about the trip this year because they left on Wednesday before spring break. The cost of the trip to Costa Rica would be \$2000 per person, which was less than the trip to Spain.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the trip to Costa Rica next Spring Break. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Administrative Reports

Board members had a few questions for administrators. Member Wright commented that the freshman orientation was great.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve L-4029 – 2011 Tax Rate Request

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that this has to be approved every year. This is earlier than in previous years because the townships asked to have it before June.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the L-4029 as presented. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Elementary Roof Bids

Mr. Hamilton recommended accepted Option 2, Bids 1, 4 and 5 from McDonald Roofing and Sheet Metal, to be done in the next school year. The work will be paid for out of either renovations or capital improvements.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Wright, to approve Option 2, doing bids 1, 4 and 5 next year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Resolution Designating Voting Representative for JISD Board Positions

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Ryan, to approve the designation of Superintendent Hamilton as the representative of the board, and Tim Waskiewicz to be the alternate representative, to vote for the two candidates running for the two open board seats on the Jackson ISD Board of Education. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Probationary Teacher Recommendations

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Ryan, to approve a third year of probation for Andrea Worthing. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a third year of probation for Shannon Cook. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Wright, to approve a fourth year of probation for Alaina Ellison. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Paterra, to approve a fourth year of probation for Penny Murray. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Paterra, to approve a fourth year of probation for Jeff Panches. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve a third year of probation for Bracey Bechtel. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Wright, to approve a second year of probation for Beth Boldt. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Ryan, to approve a second year of probation for Crystal Claus. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a fourth year of probation for Laura Zegarlowicz. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, to approve a fourth year of probation for Joel Cook. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Ryan, to approve a second year of probation for Rachel Wilson. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Tenure Teacher Recommendations

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Ryan, to approve tenure for Andrea Clark. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve tenure for Brenna Wrozek. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve tenure for Katelyn Flack. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Paterra, to approve tenure for Nate Pittenger. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. Round Table Discussion

None

10. Executive Session – Teacher Negotiations

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Paterra, 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, Member Waskiewicz – yes. Motion Carried.

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

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.