

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2010
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
Doug Moeckel
Jeanene Satterthwaite
Brian Thompson

GUESTS

Jane Anderson
Ben Dandrow
Margaret Henthorne
Matt Maynard
Shannon Maynard
Rhonda Mosher
Carlene Pindzia

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 Ryan, to approve the agenda . All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

A. Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Burnett, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$535,239.36. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. (No construction bills included.)

5. Correspondence

Superintendent Hamilton called attention to a letter from Andrea Clark about the National Honor Society induction ceremony on October 18. He also pointed out the memo with the new dates for the Strategic Planning sessions.

6. Hearing of Citizens

A. Presentation from the Area Non-Profits

Joe Deboe presented a certificate to Doug Moeckel for his help the last two years with the Traffic Jam'in event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and area businesses.

B. Presentation of 2009-2010 Audit – Randy Purvis

Mr. Purvis briefly review the audit for the board members and answered questions.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Committee Reports

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Personnel Committee met recently. They are looking at the idea of a facilities manager for the district. Mr. Hamilton will be meeting with Scott Little of MSBO next week to look at a program called Energy Essentials. The company will do an energy analysis and report how much they could save the district. Mr. Hamilton will then have Mr. Little meet with the Buildings and Grounds Committee and then present the information to the board.

The Support Services Committee met to discuss bus stop requests. Mr. Moeckel explained that he had received requests from families on Warrior Trail. They would like their children to ride the bus, rather than walk to school, because of all the traffic on Warrior Trail. Mr. Moeckel explained that, with the present policy, any K-5 students could ride, but not any students in grades 6-12. He said there were two issues with a bus picking up students on Warrior Trail: turning the bus around and making stops and backing up traffic. He suggested picking those students up first to avoid the traffic problems. He would explain that allowing those students to ride the bus was for safety reasons because there was no sidewalk allowing them a safe walk to schools. The Board members thought it was a valid request and option.

B. 2010-2011 Budget Revisions

Mr. Hamilton explained that he would present budget revisions at the next meeting. It will be a special meeting so the revisions can be approved.

Mr. Hamilton explained that the Jobs Bill could bring the district around \$275,000, which was good, but it would make next year worse because there would not be any extra money. He stated that the budget in two weeks would only include \$74,000, to offset the teachers' buyouts. He would like to defer the rest of the money until the next year. Right now the budget for this year was around a \$400,000 deficit. The Board would have to decide if they agreed with this proposal.

Some questions and discussion followed.

C. Strategic Planning

Mr. Hamilton called attention to a handout with a tentative agenda for the strategic planning sessions. He added that he and Mrs. Overmyer would be meeting the next day with Tovah Sheldon from JCISD to work on plans for the sessions.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Request for Leave of Absence – Kathy Gillespie

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Seaburg, to approve the request for a leave of absence for Kathy Gillespie. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.;

B. Approve Revisions in Indicators of Success

Tim called attention to the Indicators of Success with the changes that were discussed at the previous board meeting.

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Ryan, to approve the revisions to the Indicators of Success. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Resolution to Move Revenue from 2004 Bond Debt to the 2006 Bond Debt

Mr. Hamilton reported that he received a phone call from the School Bond Loan Department suggesting this could be a way to save the district some money. Mr. Hamilton subsequently worked with Beverly Bonning of Thrun Law Firm and financial advisor Kelly Lambrix in preparing the resolution, which would save the district from having to borrow money this fall.

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the resolution to move revenue from the 2004 bond debt to the 2006 bond debt. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Transportation Policy Deviation for Warrior Trail

Moved by Member Wright, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Transportation Policy Deviation for Warrior Trail, as discussed earlier in the meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Member Ryan thanked the 3rd grade teachers for the field trip to Greenfield Village. She went along as a volunteer to help with the students.

Member Seaburg thanked Kim Sitarz for her work in bringing in the Rachel's Challenge Program. Mr. Thompson added that the high school will be using the curriculum that goes along with the

program for the monthly meetings with the freshmen. He added that about 100 parents attended the evening presentation on the program.

Mrs. Satterthwaite added that the middle school was connecting the program to a small group of 7th and 8th graders. Mrs. Clark stated that she was looking at how the program could be adapted for use in the elementary.

Rhonda Mosher answered questions about the Elementary PTO. She added that they were looking for more members for the group

10. Executive Session – Teacher Negotiations

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

Moved by Member Seaburg, supported by Member Paterra, 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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.