

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, April 26, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake Middle School
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS

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

GUESTS

Bob Adams
Joelyn Artz
Sharon Bechtel
Kathy Camilleri
Ben Dandrow
Lori Dobbs
Debbie Easterday
Lindsey Gaddy

Carrie Good
Margaret Henthorne
Cody Lester
Denise Lotz
Shannon Maynard
Rhonda Mosher
Penny Murray
Nancy Rigg

Deanna Rouster
Sue Schinck
Fritz Schinck
Jennifer Sullivan
Jennifer Taylor
Jena Tengman

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 7:00 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 the addition of Item X, Adjournment. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

None

4. Hearing of Citizens

Kathy Camilleri gave a binder to Mr. Waskiewicz to read. She explained that it included copies of articles and information about the importance of librarians.

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Authorizing Resolution

Mr. Hamilton explained that this was the first in a series of events. He then reviewed the calendar of events for the qualified school construction bonds to be issued.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Bonds, Delegation of the Sale and Other Matters Relating Thereto. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Budget Information

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Michigan House of Representatives would be voting the next day on their version of the retirement plan, but various state educational organizations were opposing their version. Also, the new MESSA rates had come in at an increase of 11.2%, which was higher than expected. This would add \$100,000 more to the budget deficit. The county superintendents would be meeting on the upcoming Friday to further discuss county wide transportation.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. Committee Reports

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Athletic Committee recently met. They talked about the athletic budget and some other issues. Mr. McCalla presented some proposed budget cuts. The meeting was mainly informational and not very eventful.

Mr. Hamilton then reported that he had met earlier in the day with Dick Halik, the district's NEOLA representative. He asked to have a Policy Committee meeting soon because there were many changes to review. He added that a number of them were critical and needed to move forward right away. The changes came about because of changes in the law. The Policy Committee consisted of members Burnett, Herendeen and Ryan.

B. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Clark reported that there were 81 kindergarten students signed up so far and she was confident there would be more. Also, the new toddler room had opened that day. Mrs. Satterthwaite reported that the 8th-graders would be leaving the next day for their trip to Chicago. Mr. Waskiewicz commented that the Alice in Wonderland performance was great.

Mr. Thompson informed the board that he and Mr. Hamilton had visited Stockbridge High School the previous Thursday and watched their Distance Learning in action. He said they were in communication to try to share AP classes with Stockbridge. They were considering AP History and US Government for next year. In the future, maybe Grass Lake would host a class to share. They had to purchase the equipment, but it was included in the bond issue. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Thompson felt there was a lot of potential with this program and it went along with Strategic Goal #1, High School of the Future. They also talked about getting mobile equipment, so it could be used in other buildings.

Mr. Burnett stated that in a recent college visit to Grand Valley State University, it was stressed that it was critical for students to take advantage of online courses and other similar opportunities.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Executive Session

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Ryan, to move into Executive Session. Member Wright – yes, Member Ryan – yes, Member Herendeen – yes, Member Burnett – yes, Member Paterra – yes, Member Hart – yes, Member Waskiewicz – yes.

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

10. Adjournment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Ryan, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.