

Grass Lake Community Schools

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Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Grass Lake Middle School
Library/Media Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS

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

GUESTS

Kelly Bagby
Angela Berent
Amber Bradley
Vernon Bradley
Deb Clark
Ben Dandrow
Brian Dunnigan
Candi Dunnigan
Claire Dunnigan
Debbie Easterday
Lindsay Gaddy
Carrie Good
Margaret Henthorne

Autumn Huhman
Chris Huhman
Ken Huhman
Antoinette LaCinski
Cody Lester
Denise Lotz
Annie Malburg
Julie Marsh
Shannon Maynard
Natalia Morris
Rhonda Mosher
Penny Murray
Trevor Murray

Barb Palmer
Carlene Pindzia
Deanna Rouster
Fritz Schinck
Sue Schinck
Adam Schuelke
Larry Shaltis
Jennifer Sullivan
Jennifer Taylor
Jena Tengman
Janet Welch
Laura Zegarlowicz

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

John Pattera, Secretary

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1. Call to Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Ryan, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item F, Approve Severance Incentive Plan. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Presentation of Bills for Payment

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Paterra, to approve paying bills in the amount of \$587,692.34. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Hearing of Citizens

President Waskiewicz expressed a special thank you to the senior cast and directors of Alice in Wonderland. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the following people in attendance: Amber Bradley, Claire Dunnigan, Adam Schuelke, Deb Clark, Candi Dunnigan, Carrie Good, Antoinette LaCinski, Larry Shaltis, Julie Marsh, Jennifer Sullivan and Barb Palmer

Candi Dunnigan thanked the board for recognizing the productions and allowing the drama department to develop.

7. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Election Update

Mr. Hamilton thanked all four candidates who ran and congratulated Tim Waskiewicz and Kim Seaburg for winning.

Mr. Waskiewicz commented on the good turnout for a school board election.

B. Budget Update

Mr. Hamilton told the board that there was no new information from the state. He reviewed the budget situation and the cuts that were already in place. There were still some concerns, such as the MESSA rates and the retirement rate. Also, kindergarten enrollment was still at 84 for next year, but they were hopeful that this would go up during the summer.

C. Hometown Heroes – Julie Alexander

Mr. Hamilton read to the board a message that he had received from Mrs. Alexander, in which she invited board members to attend the Hometown Warriors project celebration on Tuesday, May 18, at 1:45 p.m.

D. High School Portfolios – Natalia Morris

Mrs. Morris distributed a handout to the Board about senior portfolios, which were scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, from 4 – 7 p.m. She said that 48 seniors would be giving their presentations. Mrs. Morris explained that the purpose of the portfolios was to show that the seniors had met the 12 employability skills, as set forth by the State of Michigan. She added that each year they tried to add a little more technology to the presentations. She then thanked the board members who were helping.

E. Music Department Trip to Cedar Point – Antoinette LaCinski

Ms. LaCinski asked the board for approval for the annual music department trip to Cedar Pointe. This year the trip was scheduled for June 5th. The Board gave their permission, and said that no vote was necessary.

8. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Resolution to Approve JCISD Budget for 2010-2011

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Resolution to Approve the Jackson County ISD Budget for 2010-2011. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

B. Approve Initial Layoff Resolution for Professional Staff

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Hart, to approve the Initial Layoff Resolution for Professional Staff. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

C. Approve Initial Layoff Resolution for Support Staff

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve the Initial Layoff Resolution for Support Staff. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

D. Approve Probationary Status Staff

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

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to approve a fourth year of probation for Brenna Wrozek. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Ryan, to approve a fourth year of probation for Katelyn Flack. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve continuation of the fourth year of probation for Nathan Pittenger until the 2nd semester of the 2010-2011 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve continuation of the fourth year of probation for Jessica Crandell until the 2nd semester of the 2010-2011 school year. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Burnett, to approve a third year of probation for Jeff Panches. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a second year of probation for Andrea Worthing, since she was half-time. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a second year of probation for Bracey Lantis. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Ryan, to approve a second year of probation for Jamie Cressman. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a fourth year of probation for Andrea Clark. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

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

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Herendeen, to approve a continuation of the first year of probation for Susan Solo. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

E. Approve Tenure Status Staff

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to grant tenure to Angela Berent. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Ryan, to grant tenure to Annie Malburg, All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

F. Approve Severance Incentive Plan

Mr. Hamilton explained that the Severance Incentive Plan was tentatively approved by the bargaining committee. Because of the timing, the plan needed to be approved by the board at this meeting. Then it would be sent to the school attorney for final approval. Mr. Hamilton explained the criteria and the possible savings for the district and then answered some questions.

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Ryan, to approve the plan, pending review by the district attorney. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business

Mr. Hamilton stated that the bond proposal update was moving along. He had a conference call scheduled for the next day with Moody's for an update on the district's financial rating. The ratings have been great the past several years, but most school district ratings were falling because of the financial situation in state.

The plans were to sell the bonds in the next few weeks, send the request for bids on May 19, and break ground sometime in mid to late June. The project should be completed close to the beginning of the next school year.

There were questions about operating costs for the addition. Mr. Hamilton explained that the building was already very energy efficient and the new construction would be even lower. Grass Lake's energy costs were well below the average of other neighboring districts.

10. Executive Session

A. Contract Negotiations

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Hart 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. Motion Carried.

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

11. Adjournment

Moved by Member Hart, supported by Member Paterra, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.