

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, February 22, 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  
Doug Moeckel  
Andi Overmyer  
Jeanene Satterthwaite  
Brian Thompson

### **GUESTS**

Kim Brown  
Claudia Hennessy  
Tim Hennessy  
Gail Kuhl  
Cody Lester

Matt Maynard  
Shannon Maynard  
Fritz Schinck  
Sue Schinck  
Jennifer Taylor

### **PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Tim Waskiewicz, President

Certified Correct

John Paterra, Secretary

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### I. 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.

### II. Approval of Agenda

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

### III. Correspondence

None

### IV. Hearing of Citizens

None

### V. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

#### A. County Wide Technology Consortium Membership

Superintendent Hamilton explained that, although the district currently had good technology services, schools were being pressured to consolidate services. He added that he believed the program would work well for the district in the long run, especially in the area of instructional services. Mr. Waskiewicz agreed that the district would benefit from volume pricing and additional expertise for training, as well as an overall cost savings.

When questioned about whether Matt Maynard would continue to work in the district, Mr. Hamilton recommended that the motion to approve participation in the consortium should include wording to the affect that the district's participation would be contingent on keeping the services of Mr. Maynard.

More questions and discussion followed.

Moved by Member Burnett, supported by Member Paterra, to approve membership in the County Wide Technology Consortium. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

## **VI. Reports of the Superintendent for Information**

### **A. Administrative Reports**

Mr. Hamilton called attention to the administrators' reports in the board packets. He informed the board that enrollment numbers in the February count were down seven students from September.

Mr. Moeckel informed the board that a new bus had been ordered and half of the cost would be covered by the grant the district had received.

### **B. Strategic Goals**

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board of the bond election the next day.

- Strategic Goal #2 – The district had received money from Title II Part A that had to be spent or the district would lose it, so the money was being used for Smart Board training for the teachers.
- Strategic Goal #3 – The district had a slim chance of receiving a grant from Lowe's, but felt it was worth applying for. If the district did receive the \$100,000 grant, \$73,000 would be spent on a greenhouse and a garden house at the high school.
- Strategic Goal #4 – The district's co-teaching efforts have been successful. The district has met AYP, except for the resource rooms. Mr. Hamilton reported that the District Leadership Team would be meeting and he would be taking the lead in the Baldrige and school improvement efforts.
- Strategic Goal #6 – Mr. Moeckel has been working on community partnerships. An Alumni page has been added to the website and the plan was to try to tap into alumni resources for the GLEF foundation.
- Strategic Goal #7 – Kim Sitarz and Eric McCalla have been working with the freshmen. They also have a program, "Rachel's Child," that deals with bullying.
- Strategic Goal #8 – Community Education continues to grow. Mr. Hamilton said he was approached by the Children's Educational Center about purchasing their building. Although he was not interested in the building, the preschool was interested in purchasing equipment and other things.

### **C. Budget Report**

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that a public meeting on the budget was scheduled for March 15, at 7 p.m., in the High School Auditorium.

## **VII. Round Table Discussion**

### **A. RTI Update**

Gail Kuhl and Claudia Hennessy gave a Power Point presentation on the RTI (Response to Intervention) program. They work with students in the lower grades to try to correct problems so the students don't end up in Special Education.

B. February 23<sup>rd</sup> Election

Mr. Hamilton reminded everyone to vote the next day.

C. Future Discussion Topics

Mr. Hamilton asked the board members to give him suggestions for future round table discussion topics.

- Smart Board
- MEAP
- Indicators of Success
- Virtual High School

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

None

**IX. Executive Session**

A. Contract Negotiations

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

**X. Adjournment**

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Hart, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.