

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## Grass Lake Community Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, March 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  
Eric McCalla  
Doug Moeckel  
Andi Overmyer  
Jeanene Satterthwaite  
Brian Thompson

### **GUESTS**

Kathy Camilleri  
Alaina Ellison  
Lindsay Gaddy  
Carrie Good  
Margaret Henthorne  
Rich Holcomb  
Shannon Maynard  
Carlene Pindzia

Nancy Rigg  
Fritz Schinck  
Sue Schinck  
Adam Schuelke  
Sarah Sherwood  
Jenny Shoemaker  
Jennifer Taylor

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

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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 Paterra, supported by Member Hart, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item VIII, Unfinished Business. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.

3. Correspondence

Superintendent Hamilton reminded the board members about the JCISD Budget Workshop on April 13. Anyone planning to attend should notify Margaret Henthorne so she can RSVP.

4. Hearing of Citizens

Kathy Camilleri said that any cuts would affect all three of her children. She wondered if the district had shared information about the SOS group and looked into bringing an SOS representative to the community to speak to community members. Mr. Waskiewicz responded that information about SOS has been posted on the district web page and was in the most recent issue of the Smoke Signals.

Mrs. Camilleri asked if anyone at the school had contacted the legislators. Mr. Hamilton explained that he called and sent e-mails several times every week. He said that the legislators didn't want to hear from superintendents. Instead, they needed to hear from community members.

Tina Bednarski Lynch stated that she was unable to attend the community budget forum and she had some questions for the board. She was concerned about the proposed staff cuts. Mr. Waskiewicz responded that the district would find an alternative to continue programs, even with personnel cuts.

Mrs. Bednarski Lynch asked if there would be cuts in the administrative and athletic areas as well. Mr. Waskiewicz replied that they looked at across-the-board cuts to meet the 10% funding cut from the state and all areas were fair game. He added that the information that was presented at the meeting, along with the Power Point presentation, was available on the web site. There were also links to two videos that were interesting and informative.

5. Reports of the Superintendent for Action

A. Approve Leave for Susan Bednarski

Moved by Member Herendeen, supported by Member Paterra, to approve the Leave of Absence for Susan Bednarski. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

6. Reports of the Superintendent for Information

A. Administrative Reports

Member Wright commented that he really liked the MEAP score graphs. He asked if it would be possible to see a comparison of the same class over the years. Ms. Overmyer said that she would prepare a graph with that information and send it to board members.

Ms. Overmyer pointed out that the math scores seemed to be leveling out. Mr. Waskiewicz asked when the teachers would know the areas that needed work. Ms. Overmyer said that teachers could see the graphs and charts in Data Director and already knew the problem areas.

Mr. Waskiewicz asked when the new bus would be delivered. Mr. Moeckel said it would be just prior to the end of the school year.

B. Budget Update

Mr. Hamilton stated that there wasn't much new information. He said there was still too much that was unknown to make decisions at this point. On the other hand, he said it would not be fiscally responsible to look at ideas and potential cuts. The board would have to approve layoffs next month, because of contractual obligations, but hopefully would be able to call everyone back once more was known about the financial situation.

Mr. Hamilton said he has spoken with legislators and they were planning to get the state's budget to schools on time, in July. He added that the state's financial problems have been ongoing for many, many years and this legislature doesn't want to try to fix the problems.

Mr. Hart asked if the new insurance plan would affect the district. Mr. Hamilton replied that it was unknown at this time and there would probably be more long-term, rather than short-term, affects.

7. Round Table Discussion

A. Smart Board Demonstration

Elementary teachers Sarah Sherwood and Alaina Ellison presented a demonstration in one of the middle school classrooms on using a Smart Board.

8. Unfinished Business

Mr. Waskiewicz asked what events were going on in April. Mr. McCalla said the Warrior Invitational, with 32 teams, was scheduled for April. He added that he would need 40 to 50 people to help. Also, the musical, "Alice in Wonderland," was scheduled for April.

9. Executive Session

A. Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Paterra, to move into Executive Session. The members voted by roll call: 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 Ryan, supported by Member Hart, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried.