

# Grass Lake Community Schools

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## GRASS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STUDENT COUNCIL DINNER

Monday, November 23, 2009  
6:30 p.m.

Grass Lake High School  
Library/Media Center

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

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

### GUESTS:

Allison Burg	Margaret Henthorne	Shannon Maynard	Paul Rankin
Bailey Clark	Taylor Koncelik	Emily McKay	Sue Schinck
Claire Dunnigan	Danielle Lee	Julianna Pattera	Jennifer Taylor
Rachel Durkee	Alex Maxson	Dennis Perry	Eli Weeks

### PRESIDING OFFICER:

Tim Waskiewicz, President

### CERTIFIED CORRECT

John Pattera  
Secretary, Board of Education

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I. Call To Order

President Waskiewicz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Paterra, supported by Member Wright, 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 Information

A. Administrative Reports

Member Burnett asked about Mr. Moeckel's recent meeting with Jackson Community College. Mr. Moeckel responded that the meeting was good and JCC was offering a full load of classes for the upcoming semester. Member Burnett also asked how the Leo Club raised \$10,000 and Mr. Moeckel replied that it was really a whole community effort.

Ms. Overmyer invited the board to attend the annual staff holiday breakfast on December 16, at 7:30 a.m., at Grass Lake Middle School.

B. Committee Reports

Superintendent Hamilton reported that he had attended a three-hour meeting at the Jackson County ISD to discuss shared services. They were concentrating on four areas: transportation, technology, business services

and health benefits. The first area they were looking at was administrative healthcare. They would probably meet again before the Christmas break. There would probably have to be some board committee meetings to review the information.

Mr. Hamilton described the financial concerns of the schools to the students and explained that the schools in the county were looking at ways to share services and save money.

### C. Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Hamilton informed the board that a company did an energy audit of the district and found that the district was operating at 75% energy efficiency. So, the company couldn't suggest any areas of improvement. Mr. Hamilton added that they were looking into energy-conscious education for staff and students.

## BREAK FOR SUPPER

### VI. Round Table Discussion

High School Principal Brian Thompson led the discussion. He explained that he was going to use a concensogram to help the group choose a topic to discuss. The topic selected was, "Methods to combat and control rumors and misinformation that is spread around the district and community."

Mr. Thompson handed out post-it notes and gave everyone ten minutes to write down ways to combat the spread of false information in the community, with one idea per note. The notes were posted on the Affinity Diagram that he had drawn on the Smart Board. Two students then grouped the notes into four categories: Confrontation, facts, how/why and punishment.

Discussion revolved around an incident at the high school the previous week, where rumors were spread. Mr. Hamilton asked if the students wanted to be a part of spreading gossip, innuendo and rumors or if they could think of what the student council could do to help with this problem. Mr. Thompson stated that they, as individuals, could check the facts and talk to a trusted adult. He added that possibly, in future situations, the facts could be shared with student council members so they could share the correct information with other students.

Mr. Thompson concluded the process by asking each table to write down two positive statements and two negative statements about the process. People liked the use of charts and felt this was a more affective way to select a topic and made people more comfortable in sharing ideas. On the other hand, only one topic was discussed and there was less room for individual thought. There was also an interest in having the board and student council meet together more often.

Mr. Thompson thanked everyone for attending and participating in the discussion. Mr. Waskiewicz thanked Mr. Thompson for hosting and leading the process.

VII. Unfinished Business

None

VIII. Adjournment

Moved by Member Ryan, supported by Member Pattera, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted Aye. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.