

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Doug Cameron, Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Leo Lease, Claire Moisan, and Carol Wilhelm. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kevin Seney

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board Secretary Susan Kriegel called the roll. Seven members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

There was no discussion on the financials.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Brown to approve the consent agenda.

President Smith noted the following amended items to the consent agenda:

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E. Personnel:

Open Enrollments In: Hailey White; 3rd grade from BGM, Joseph White; 5th grade from BGM, Teal Puls; 10th grade from BGM

5. New Business

A. Request from the Poweshiek County Chronicle Republican to be the designated official legal newspaper for the Grinnell-Newburg School District for the year 2013

6. Student Recognition: None

7. Presentation: Mel Pins, DNR

8. Communication and Reports

A. Board

B. Superintendent

C. Principals

D. Director of Instruction

9. Old Business

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the amended consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0.

4. Communication from the Public

The board heard concerns regarding the snow and ice removal on sidewalks around the high school, regarding a section of wall cover that is off at the high school that allows moisture to get inside, and a group of citizens concerned about the discussions regarding building changes and proposals. President Smith stated on Monday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a League of Women Voters meeting at the Drake Library to discuss the building ideas. President Smith stated board discussion continues for future options for the district.

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No motion, request died due to lack of motion.

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7. Presentation: Mel Pins, DNR

The board heard a power point presentation regarding the Phase II Report on RC Industries from Mel Pins, Program Coordinator Iowa Brownfield Redevelopment Program and Matt Culp, Senior Environmental Specialist, both with the DNR. Mr. Pins defined what is a Brownfield site, provided a history of the RC Industries site, and explained how the Brownfield Redevelopment Program became involved with the RC Industries site. He explained back in 2003, after work had been done on the site, the DNR recommended the site be reclassified and removed from the State Registry. The conversation involved the site assessment from twenty years ago, removal of previous old drums, the location of the drum disposal, EPA involvement, residual plumes, and the soil and water samples completed in 2012. The results were no detections of chemical compounds. A few trace detections were below the average standards. As a summary, Mr. Pins stated the results from this site show no environmental or public health issues from further redevelopment of the property.

8. Communication and Reports

A. Board

No comments.

B. Superintendent

The superintendent report for the board outlined a summary of the recent Rachel's Challenge, the topics for the January 23rd board development meeting, an update regarding the letter sent to RC Industries, the recent Business Educational Summit

forum, the January video, and the work being done regarding a new website design for the district's website.

C. Principals

Due to the recent holiday break, there were no reports from the principals.

D. Director of Instruction

Due to the recent holiday break, there was no report from the Director of Instruction.

9. Old Business

None to report.

10. Suggestions for next agenda

None to report.

11. Decision Points

None to report.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Moisan to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Board Development
Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., January 23, 2013
6:00 p.m., February 13, 2013