

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Drake Library, 930 Park Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: President Jeff Smith, Jeanette Budding, Barbara Brown, Doug Cameron, Leo Lease, Carol Wilhelm, and Lynn Cavanagh. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Edie Eckles, Board Secretary J.T. Anderson and Student Representative Meredith Kalkbrenner.

Members Absent: none

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck, Kevin Seney, Sara Hegg-Dunne

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Board Secretary called the roll. Lease arrived at 5:37 p.m.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting, 1-12-11; special meeting, 01-19-11
- C. Secretary's monthly financial report
- D. Personnel Offers: Dmitriy Shklyarov, assistant boys soccer; Mindy Fiala, high school speech coach
- E. Approve third reading of the following policies:
 - 1. 803.1 Disposition of Material
 - 2. 804.4 Bomb Threat

Motion carried 6-0.

III. Approve claims and accounts

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Cavanagh, to approve the claims and accounts as of January 26, 2011. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Communication from the Public

None.

V. Action Items

A. Approve at second reading policy 802.4 Fixed Assets Management System

Motion by Budding, seconded by Brown, to approve second reading of policy 802.4. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Approve at second reading policy 501.3 Compulsory Attendance

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve second reading of policy 501.3. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Approve Poweshiek County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cavanagh, to approve Poweshiek County Mitigation Plan. Superintendent Eckles noted the development of the plan was a collaborative effort from various county stakeholders. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve 2012 trip to Spain

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve 2012 trip to Spain. High School Spanish instructors Aaron Backlin and Danielle McDonough were present to answer questions from the board. Anticipated

cost of the trip will be \$2,500 to \$3,000 per student. District monies will not be used to fund any portion of the trip. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve Global Reach (Ames, IA) to redesign and host the district's website

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Cavanagh, to approve Global Reach to redesign district's website at cost of \$6,275, and to host the website at an annual rate of \$1,080. Technology Coordinator Dave Kubalsky was available to answer questions from the board. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Approve Grinnell High School Course Handbook Changes

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve high school course changes. High School Principal Kevin Seney discussed the proposed changes with the board and answered questions posed by board members. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Approve purchase of Software Unlimited's school accounting system in the amount of \$8,830

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve purchase of new accounting software. Business Manager Anderson noted that the new software has many benefits compared to the current system including; more user friendly, more efficient, better reporting, large market in Iowa schools, and less expensive. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Vision Committee Report

Vice President Cameron presented information from the latest Vision Committee meeting held January 13, 2011. Primary discussion centered on how the Facilities Master Planning Project report would be communicated to the entire board, staff, and community. Tentatively, DLR Group is scheduled to give a board presentation on February 23, 2011. Following this meeting, the Vision Committee would like DLR to give the presentation to each building and also hold several other public meetings where DLR could give the presentation to interested community members. District stakeholders would also be given an opportunity to give input via a link on the district's website. Superintendent Eckles will begin coordinating these items with DLR.

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Cavanagh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Finance committee	4:00 pm	January 27, 2011
Special Board meeting	5:30 pm	February 2, 2011
Policy committee	5:00 pm	February 7, 2011
Board meeting	5:30 pm	February 9, 2011
Vision committee	4:00 pm	February 10, 2011