

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 9, 2011, 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: Board Secretary J.T. Anderson and Student Representative Meredith Kalkbrenner.

Members Absent: Superintendent Edie Eckles

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. All members present.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting, 1-26-11; work session, 02-02-11
- C. Open Enrollment: 2010-2011-Kaiden Gosselink, 6th grade, from L-S; Dalton Gosselink, 4th grade, from L-S
- D. Approve third reading of the following policies:
 - 1. 802.4 Fixed Assets Management System
 - 2. 501.3 Compulsory Attendance

Motion carried 7-0.

III. Approve claims and accounts

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve the claims and accounts as of February 9, 2011. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Communication from the Public

None.

V. Action Items

A. Approve renewal of cooperative activity sponsorship of swimming and soccer with BGM School District

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve cooperative activity sponsorship. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Approve 2011 Drivers Education fee of \$310

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve 2011 Drivers Education fee. Fee is the same as the previous year. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approve purchase of one 77 passenger bus from Hoglund Bus Co. in the amount of \$78,873 and one 77 passenger bus from School Bus Sales Co. in the amount of \$80,682; total amount \$159,555 from PPEL

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve bus purchases as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve the resolution regarding the confidentiality of the applications for the Superintendent position

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve resolution regarding the confidentiality of applicants interested in the superintendent position. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve 2011 Summer School Credit Recovery Program

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Lease, to approve credit recovery program, which is estimated to cost \$8,000 to \$12,000. Program was offered last summer and had successful results. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Approve Retirement Assistance for 2010-2011

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Cameron, to approve retirement assistance for 2010-2011. Board members stated that they have no intentions of offering retirement assistance past the current year. The policy committee was charged with reviewing and revamping the retirement assistance policy to more clearly state the Board's purpose for retirement assistance. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Calendar committee proposal

Principal Seney presented requests for modification to the 2011-12 calendar from the last calendar committee meeting. These requests included changes to the number of early dismissals for professional development, and a request to change the K-8 conference schedule. Mr. Seney noted that with these recommendations there will be some days where the high school is in session, but the elementary and middle school grade levels would have no school. Board members supported the conceptual changes, but asked for a final draft of the calendar to ensure the number of school contact days totaled 180 and the number of professional days was consistent with the teachers' master contract. Mr. Seney said that the committee would prepare a calendar draft and present it to the board at a future meeting.

VII. Reports

A. Principal and Superintendent Reports

Principals Beck, Hegg-Dunne, and Seney gave reports pertaining to their respective buildings. Each principal discussed the ongoing professional development and student testing occurring at their buildings. Board members requested that in the near future, principals present student data to the board in order to see what kind of progress the various grade levels are making in certain content areas.

B. Finance committee report

President Smith gave a report from the finance committee meeting held January 27, 2011.

C. Policy committee report

Jeanette Budding gave a report from the policy committee meeting held February 8, 2011.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Board meeting	5:30 pm February 23, 2011
Finance committee	4:00 pm February 24, 2011
Policy committee	5:00 pm March 7, 2011