

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 13, 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 6:05 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 Knobloch, 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:

1. Offerings; Angie Larson; volunteer coach high school track and field, Mark Johnson; volunteer coach high school tennis, Josh Wardenburg; 9th grade baseball coach

1. Offerings; Barry Marshall; para-educator GHS, Josh Wardenburg; 7th grade track coach, Courtney Ives; para-educator Bailey Park (transfer with building), Neal VanErsvelde; volunteer coach high school track and field

2. Resignations: Myra Sicard, Charlie David(at end of 2012-2013 school year)

F. Open Enrollments Out for 2012-2013: Avri Eash; 9th grade to Iowa Connections Academy, Hunter Eash; 10th grade to Iowa Connections Academy, Gage Sanders; 5th grade to Iowa Connections Academy, Felicia Hildreth; 10th grade to East Marshall, Jerica Weir; 1st grade to East Marshall, Jacob Gordon; 5th grade to East Marshall (Hildreth, Weir, Gordon recently moved to Grinnell district, want to continue attending their current school)

Open Enrollment out 2013-2014: Colton Northcutt; kindergarten to Newton (sibling already attends the Newton school)

4. Communication from the Public

The board heard from Emily Louden. She is requesting color printers be available in the school buildings. She discussed the problems she had in printing color copies at the central office. Emily is having to stop by the central office on her own time to pick up her printing. The board requested the color printer by a topic of discussion for the March agenda.

Sandy Ross ,who is running for the Poweshiek Country treasurer position, introduced herself to the board.

5. Student Recognition - None

6. Staff Presentation - None

7. Communication and Reports

A. Board

The board discussed their conversations with the legislative representatives who attended the February 7 dinner meeting at the Carnsforth Inn.

The school board served a recent community meal. The evening and the meal went very well.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated Skip Lowe will be giving a presentation to the board regarding the health care information. There has been discussion regarding the 30-hour employees. From now until the end of the school year, any 30-hour para-educator who is hired will be as a long-term sub status. He remarked the debate team had a very successful season. The team will be represented at nationals, which will be held in the state of Alabama in June.

The administrators continue to work on the triangle process, this is the fourth week of this work. Superintendent Abrahamson recently Skyped with Troyce Fisher. Troyce will be returning to the district on April 25.

Cameron asked if the 1:1 implementation has been successful. This technology change continues to be reviewed. The SIAC committee has met. There are plans on having a parent night and bringing in a speaker to discuss technology with the parents.

Principal Kevin Seney mentioned two wrestlers at the state-wrestling tournament. He also indicated three large groups will be performing at the weekend large group speech contest.

C. Principals

The board has their reports to review.

D. Director of Instruction

The board has the report for review.

8. Old Business

None to report.

9. New Business

A. Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) Replacement Bids

Shawn Edelen and Vic Amoroso(A&J Associates) led a discussion regarding the failed ERV system at the high school. Repairing the wheel costs more then replacing the system.

Currently, the system is not running efficiently. The wheel costs \$15,000 and weighs between 700-800 pds. The current ERV system was put in 2003. Shawn would like to have a system in place that does not have moving parts.

S & S Electric has the low bid of \$76,000. The district will also receive rebates between \$7,000 and \$8,000 to pay for the system.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease to accept the bid of S & S Electric of \$76,000.
Motion carried 7-0.

B. Audit Report

Business Manager JT Anderson prepared the audit summary. There has been a decrease in student enrollment. The current kindergarten class has an enrollment of 120, the current junior class has an enrollment of 158. The funds are solid for the next operating school year. The district will see a change in funds if the enrollment continues to decrease. There is a team in place to discuss financial options. The internal procedures have improved.

Business Manager Anderson will prepare more figures for the board for the March meeting.

President Smith indicated the audit report is good, but the board cannot ignore the drop in enrollment.

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated the auditors were pleased by the change in the purchase order system. Eventually the district will be going to an online purchase system.

Superintendent Abrahamson, Business Manager Anderson, and Food Service Director Carrie Nachazel will meet next week to discuss the food system. The numbers continue to decline.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve the Audit Report. Motion carried 7-0.

C. School Funding Resolution

The SAI and IASB support the resolution for allowable growth. Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch to approve the School Funding Resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Suggestions for next agenda

The color printer discussion will be part of the March agenda. Cameron would like a discussion regarding early retirement. The board also asked for an update regarding how the district processes bullying complaints.

11. Decision Points

The district will see a cost savings for the ERV change. The audit report is very good. The district must look at options, if the enrollment continues to decrease. School funding has to be pro-active.

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown to move out of open session.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch to move into closed session.

12. Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i): To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Moisan to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Education Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., February 27, 2013
6:00 p.m., March 13, 2013