

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 9, 2011, at 5:35 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, Student Representative Meredith Kalkbrenner, and Accounting Assistant Lori Van Rockel.

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 5:35 p.m. and the Accounting Assistant called the roll. All members present.

### **II. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting, 2-23-11
- C. Secretary's Financial Report
- D. Personnel:
  - 1. Offer: Sarah Skinner, assistant high school volleyball coach
  - 2. Retirement Assistance: Certified: Vicki Brand, John Dayton, Nancy Beck, Elizabeth DeBettignies Classified: Phil Wertz
- E. Open Enrollment: Braydan Winter (for 2011-2012, Kdg, from South Tama); Alexa Ives (for 2011-2012, 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Montezuma); Christopher Ives (for 2011-2012, Kdg from Montezuma); Taylor Ives (for 2011-2012, 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Montezuma)

Motion carried 7-0.

### **III. Approve claims and accounts**

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

### **IV. Communication from the Public**

Melissa Johnson voiced concern regarding the issuance of school permits. She handed each board member a packet of information that supported her concern.

### **V. Action Items**

#### **A. Recommended by Finance Committee: Approve installation of security cameras in Grinnell Middle School, by Security Equipment, Inc., \$22,299 (PPEL)**

Motion by Lease, seconded by Cameron, to approve installation of security cameras in Grinnell Middle School. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **B. Approve 2009-2010 audit report**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve the 2009-2010 audit report. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **C. Approve out of state travel for GHS students to attend the International Thespian Festival: Lincoln, Nebraska, June 20-25, 2011, \$5,110**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve out of state travel for GHS students to attend the International Thespian Festival. All costs will be reimbursed to the district except for travel expense. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **D. Approve Community Center Lease (Central Office and New Horizons): \$38,753.52; 7/1/11-6/30/12**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve Community Center Lease. Motion carried 7-0.

**E. Approve revised 2011-2012 school calendar**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Cavanagh, to approve revised 2011-2012 school calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

**VI. Discussion Items**

**A. Proposed 2011 summer enrichment programming**

Todd Crites discussed a summer school expansion proposal that he and Dan Covino have put together aimed at closing the learning gap that occurs between low-income and higher income students. Discussion was held regarding the funding of the program and the means by which the program would be promoted.

**B. March board meeting schedule**

Discussion was held regarding the time of the board meeting on March 23, 2011. It was the consensus of the board that the regular board meeting needed to be held March 23, 2011, it will need to end promptly at 7:00 p.m. to allow time for superintendent interviews.

**C. K-12 Science standards and benchmarks**

Kevin Seney, high school principal introduced the MISIC Science Standards and discussed how these standards and benchmarks align with the Iowa Core Curriculum.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Principal and Superintendent Reports**

Principals Beck, Hegg-Dunne, and Seney discussed the ongoing professional development occurring at their respective buildings. Nancy Beck, elementary principal, shared the success of the "Come Read With Me" evening held at Davis School. Sara Hegg-Dunne discussed the success of several of the middle school students, including Kyle Cogley qualifying for the state geography bee. Kevin Seney, high school principal shared discussion held with staff regarding the ideas brought to the community by Mike Schmoker. Jeff Smith requested that administrators come to the board with requests of what they might need in their buildings to implement Mike Schmoker's education ideas.

Superintendent Eckles stated that Willow Dye was selected to serve on the statewide advisory board for the new Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing. Ms. Eckles reported that an energy analysis was done for the district's buildings and discussed the semi-annual state school bus inspection.

**B. Policy committee**

No report

**C. Finance committee**

Discussed as action items

**VIII. Adjourn**

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Budding, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**Board Calendar:**

Board special meeting 5:30 pm March 16, 2011  
Board special meeting 3:30 pm March 17, 2011, closed session  
Board regular meeting 5:30 pm March 23, 2011  
Finance committee 4:00 pm March 24, 2011