

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Special Session on March 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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

Members Absent: Jeff Knobloch

Administrators Present: none

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll. Six members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

3. New Business

A. RSP Contract

Superintendent Abrahamson discussed RSP & Associates, LLC. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated working with this company would help define the missing link of how and why the district needs new facilities. RSP & Associates, LLC have worked with the Waukee, Urbandale, and Ankeny school districts regarding new facilities. The results have been favorable for the proposed changes and the passing of proposed school bonds. The time frame to work with this company is from April 2013 to September 2013.

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated there will be a public hearing regarding RC Industries on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Poweshiek County Courthouse.

There was discussion regarding the bonding process. The earliest it could happen would be fall 2013, but there is still much work to be done.

Superintendent Abrahamson continues to have good discussions with FEH Construction.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to approve the RSP Contract. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Authorize publication of the 2013-2014 certified budget and set public hearing date for April 10, 2013

Business Manager JT Anderson explained the power point presentation for the 2013-2014 certified budget. Business Manager Anderson answered all the questions from the school board regarding the budget.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to approve the authorize publication of the 2013-2014 certified budget and set public hearing date for April 10, 2013. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Budget Work Session

The board members discussed various factors for the budget including future enrollment trends.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 pm, April 10, 2013