

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Doug Cameron, Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Leo Lease, Carol Wilhelm, and Claire Moisan. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager J.T. Anderson, Board Secretary Susan Kriegel, and Student Representative Hannah Whitney

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kevin Seney, Sarah Seney, Sara Hegg-Dunne, and Jeff Kirby

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Business Manager called the roll. All members present.

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Lease, seconded by Knobloch to approve the consent agenda.

President Smith noted the following amended item to the consent agenda:

E. Personnel: 1. Offering: Lisa Coffman; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher (transfer from Bailey Park kindergarten teacher)

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 3/14/12, special board meeting 3/22/12
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts
- E. Personnel:
  - 1. Offerings: Phil Hoole; assistant boys soccer coach, Brenda Price; transitional kindergarten teacher (transfer from Fairview kindergarten teacher)
  - 2. Resignations: Sally Goodrich; cook, Sarah Skinner; JV volleyball coach, Liz Hansen; spring play director
- F. Student Teacher Agreement: Luther College

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan, to approve the amended and consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**3. Public Hearing: FY2013 Certified Budget**

Business Manager JT Anderson presented a power point presentation for the 2012-2013 budget for the board and audience members. He also answered questions regarding the proposed budget from board members. Business Manager Anderson indicated the certified budget must be filed with the county auditor by Monday, April 16, 2012.

**4. Communication from the Public**

None to report.

**5. Presentation (15 minutes)**

**A. IASB: ICAT**

There was a presentation to the board with speakers from the IASB and Estes Construction. The relationship between the IASB and Estes Construction was explained to the board.

The presentation explained the difference between an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) format and the Design Bid Build format for construction projects. The presentation also explained the learning curve of knowledge for those involved in a project with the IPD format versus the Design Bid Build format. The IPD knowledge curve starts at the beginning of the project versus Design Bid Build format with most of the individual knowledge occurring towards the end of the project.

IPD works to bring the various teams involved in a project together at the start of the project. This format works on collaborations from the initial concept to the occupancy start date. The members are involved in all stages of construction.

Three years ago, Estes Construction teamed with the IASB on several projects. As a result of this collaboration the construction projects were finished on time. The board also heard several testimonies that supported the IPD format.

The board viewed several studies of Design Bid Build versus IPD. The results indicated the IPD had a faster occupancy rate, a 65% reduction in risk, and a 10-30% reduction in costs.

The IPD format is legal in the state of Iowa. Currently, Estes Construction is working on projects in thirteen districts in the state.

The discussion that followed the presentation indicated the next step should be a work session, which would involve an interactive discussion. During the session the following topics should be discussed: details, design, bidding, construction, and post construction. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated he recommends a work session with Estes Construction.

**6. Student Recognition: (10 minutes)**

**A. Student Technology: 1to1 implementation**

The following students; Alex Mitchell, Jerry Megel, Joel Baumann, and Jarren Ford explained their recent visit to the Van Meter Schools to observe the district's 1:1 program.

Their power point presentation explained the pros and cons of a 1:1 format. The group supported the removal of network accounts. All four presenters supported the 1:1 format.

## **7. Communication and Reports**

### **A. Board**

Comments were heard from several of the board members who attended the 1:1 conference. They indicated the 1:1 format is a learning tool that supports creativity.

### **B. Superintendent**

Superintendent Abrahamson updated the board on the recent meetings he has had with Business Manager Anderson and ICAT.

Superintendent Abrahamson also mentioned the meetings he has had regarding the purchasing of land options by the district. There have been discussions with attorney from both sides regarding the land proposal.

### **C. Principals**

Principal Hegg-Dunne discussed the recent PLC group meetings for the middle school staff. The Fierce Conversation training and Assessing Academic Rigor training continues for the administrative team. She indicated the middle school staff and students have visited 1:1 school sites and will go on future 1:1 site visits.

The middle school will receive their SINA results this summer.

Principal Kevin Seney indicated the E squared time has been worthwhile for the students. He also explained several new course offerings for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Seney is striving for a 100% graduation rate for the current senior class.

Principal Kirby explained the Davis staff has had meetings to discuss the scores from the Iowa Assessment.

The Davis students will receive the Olweus survey during April. The Davis staff will receive Olweus training later in April.

Principal Kirby mentioned the important dates for the upcoming Y-Camp.

Principal Sarah Seney explained the upcoming parent seminar to be held Monday, April 16 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Old Glove Factory. So far, they have received RSVP's from twenty-five parents.

Olweus Bullying training will occur on April 26 and April 27 for Olweus trainers for the K-4 staff.

Preparations have been going very well for the preschool verification visit scheduled for April 23 – April 24.

**D. TOSA**

Chris Coffman updated the board on Project Lead the Way. Both the high school and middle school are recipients of Project Lead the Way Grants. The response has been good for incoming freshman regarding their registration for a PLTW engineering course.

Coffman also updated the board regarding the Virtual Reality Education Pathfinders (VREP) for the high school. Several students and Coffman will be attending a VREP conference in Des Moines.

**8. New Business**

**A. Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) – request to renew existing Cooperative Sharing Agreement: Swimming and Diving with BGM and Iowa Valley**

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Cameron, to approve the IGHSAU request to renew existing Cooperative Sharing Agreement with BGM and Iowa Valley. The amended agenda indicated the agreement is for the Swimming and Diving program with both schools not soccer as was listed on the original agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

**B. Adopt budget guarantee resolution**

Motion by Moisan seconded by Lease, to approve adopting the budget guarantee resolution. This resolution is a protection for the district. Motion carried 7-0 via roll call vote.

**C. Adopt and certify the FY2013 budget to the levying bodies**

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Brown, to approve adopt and certify the FY2013 budget to the levying bodies. Motion carried 7-0 via roll call vote.

**D. Set public hearing date of May 9, 2012 for early start calendar wavier requests**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to set the public hearing date of May 9, 2012 for early start calendar wavier requests. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated there could be a change in the starting and ending time of the school day. Motion carried 7-0.

**E. Transfer after school program dollars (\$3,429) to general fund**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve the transfer of the after school program dollars negative balance of (\$3,429) to the general fund. Business Manager Anderson explained the district use to run the After School Program. After the books were closed there was still a negative balance. The auditors requested the negative balance be moved to the general fund. Motion carried 7-0 via roll call vote.

**F. Staff MacBook Pros**

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Lease, to approve the staff MacBook Pros. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated it would be beneficial to have the teachers, administrators, and para-educators all on the same system. Business Manager Anderson indicated the funding for this purchase would come from the one-cent sales tax. Even with the proposed building fund, this purchase is affordable. Motion carried 7-0.

**G. Lease Renewal: City of Grinnell and Grinnell-Newburg Community School District**

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Moisan to approve the lease renewal: City of Grinnell and Grinnell-Newburg Community School District. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated the lease also includes the New Horizon School. This lease is written for a one-year agreement. There will be a 3% increase for the rent. Motion carried 7-0.

**H. FEH AIA Agreement and Rider**

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Lease, to approve the FEH AIA Agreement and Rider. The district's attorney and the FEH attorney have reviewed the documents. There was discussion regarding the start date and the end date that were listed in the document. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated these dates are flexible and could change. Motion carried 7-0.

**9. Suggestion for next Agenda**

A reminder there will be school board recognition for the May board meeting. Board members noted the following suggestions for the May board agenda: the board would like to see the graduation list, maybe a presentation from the Model UN group regarding the recent conference they attended, maybe a faculty demonstration from Dwight Laidig regarding his school within a school program, or the projects teachers are working on with the increased technology.

The Policy committee indicated the 700 series should be ready for the May board meeting.

Superintendent Abrahamson or Business Manger Anderson will check with Edulog to see how their program for Grinnell is progressing.

**10. Board Talking Points**

No talking points were discussed.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by Cameron seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**Board Calendar:**

Fiduciary Meeting	5:30 p.m., May 9, 2012
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., May 9, 2012
Education Meeting & Board Development	6:00 p.m., May 23, 2012