

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Drake Library, 930 Park Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: President Jeff Smith, Barbara Brown, Doug Cameron, Leo Lease, Jeanette Budding, Carol Wilhelm, and Lynn Cavanagh. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Eckles and Board Secretary J.T. Anderson.

Members Absent: None.

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck, Kevin Seney, and 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 were present.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 3/23/11; special board meetings 3/21/11, 3/22/11, 3/23/11, 3/24/11, 3/25/11, 3/26/11, and 4/2/11
- C. Student teaching agreement for the 2011-2012 academic year: Luther College; University of Northern Iowa; Buena Vista University
- D. Personnel:
 - 1. Transfers: Dan Covino, to HS social studies; Kim Sieck, to HS head baker
 - 2. Resignations: Mindy Fiala, paraeducator; Leslie Twite, MS band

Motion carried 7-0.

III. Approve claims and accounts

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Lease, to approve the claims and accounts as of April 13, 2011. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Adopt budget guarantee resolution: Resolved, the Board of Directors of the Grinnell-Newburg CSD will levy property tax for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 267.14, Code of Iowa

Motion by Budding, seconded by Lease, to adopt resolution. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

V. Public Hearing: FY2012 Certified Budget

President Smith opened the public hearing for comments related to the FY2012 certified budget. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was subsequently closed.

VI. Communication from the Public

None.

VII. Action Items

A. Adopt and certify the FY2012 budget to the levying bodies

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to adopt and certify FY2012 budget. Business Manager Anderson noted that the total tax levy for FY2012 is \$15.21 per thousand dollars of valuation, which is a 3% decrease from the previous year. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Set public hearing date of May 11, 2011 for early start calendar waiver requests

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve public hearing date of May 11 for early start calendar waiver request. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approve the ELL teacher sharing agreement with the East Marshall School District

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Brown, to approve teacher sharing agreement with East Marshall CSD. Superintendent Eckles noted that the position is for a .75 FTE teacher and that Grinnell will be responsible for about 47% of the contract and East Marshall responsible for 53%. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve bid from Concrete Expressions, LLC for work on Middle School flooring: \$44,870 from local option sales tax fund

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve bid for polished concrete work at the middle school. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve bid from Aercor Wireless, Inc. for work on Grinnell High School wireless internet: \$26,617 from local option sales tax fund

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Cameron, to approve wireless internet project at the high school. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Presentation from the New Horizons Advisory Committee

New Horizons instructor Lori Francis introduced advisory committee members Nicole Brua-Behrens and Monica Chavez, who presented the New Horizons program vision to the board. Ms. Chavez explained the process used by the committee in developing the vision for New Horizons, and Ms. Brua-Behrens presented some of the committee's recommendations to school board members. One of the primary recommendations discussed was that the future location of the New Horizons program should be located near Grinnell High School and Iowa Valley, which would allow students enrolled in the program easier access to the services of these educational institutions. Board members thanked the committee for their hard work on the process.

IX. Reports from principals and superintendent

Principals Beck, Hegg-Dunne, and Seney presented reports on their respective buildings. Superintendent Eckles also gave a brief report.

X. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Vision committee	4:00 pm, April 14, 2011
Board meeting	5:30 pm, April 27, 2011