

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 27, 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, and Jeanette Budding (via phone). Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Eckles and Board Secretary J.T. Anderson.

Members Absent: Carol Wilhelm and Lynn Cavanagh

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck, Kevin Seney, and Matt Marietta

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. Wilhelm and Cavanagh were absent and Budding participated via cell phone.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 4/13/11; special board meetings 4/14/11 and 4/19/11
- C. Personnel:
 - 1. Transfers: Mindy Rozendaal to .5 FTE special ed/.5 FTE 1st grade literacy; Cami Seals to 1.0 FTE special ed; Andre Versendaal to Fairview head custodian
 - 2. Resignations: Will Oliphant, Kathy Kilburg, Allen Tope
 - 3. Eric Rees, 9th grade baseball
- D. Open Enrollment: Levi Fisher, 10th grade, from Newton

Motion carried 5-0.

III. Approve claims and accounts

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve the claims and accounts as of April 27, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Communication from the Public

None.

V. Action Items

A. Approve ELP student and teacher participation in Destination Imagination Global Finals, Knoxville, TN, May 24-29, 2011 (\$7,930 registration, plus travel and lodging)

Motion by Lease, seconded by Cameron, to approve participation in Destination Imagination global finals. Trip will be paid from the district's general fund with earmarked talented and gifted dollars. Motion carried 4-0 (Brown abstained).

B. Approve overnight, out-of-state travel for 26 teachers and administrators to Professional Learning Communities at Work training, Minneapolis, MN, July 7-9, 2011 (\$24,234 registration and lodging, plus travel)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve professional development workshop. Workshop will be primarily funded with earmarked teacher quality professional development dollars. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approve the offer of a two-year contract, effective July 1, 2011, for superintendent Todd Abrahamson, at an annual salary of \$135,000, plus benefits

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve Todd Abrahamson's superintendent contract. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve the Summer Enrichment proposal, (\$11,500 - \$12,000)

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve enrichment program lead by Todd Crites and Dan Covino, secondary teachers in the district. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Calendar:

Policy committee	5:00 pm May 2, 2011
Board meeting	5:30 pm, May 11, 2011
Vision committee	4:00 pm, May 12, 2011
Board meeting	5:30 pm, May 25, 2011
Finance Meeting	4:00 pm, May 26, 2011