

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd 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 Board Secretary called the roll. All members present.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

- E. Personnel:
1. Offerings: Margie Laehn; part-time middle school media instructor, Chelsey Kolpin; part-time high school media instructor
 2. Resignations: Shawntell Osten; Davis Library para, Mike Anderson; 7th grade boys track coach, Margie Laehn; high school/middle school librarian, Chelsey Kolpin; middle school language arts

President Smith also read the following addition to the board agenda:

7. New Business

K. Summer School Proposal

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 4/11/12
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts
- E. Personnel:
 1. Offerings:
Shane Mitchell; volunteer baseball coach, Angie Richards; high school science teacher (transfer from middle school science teacher), Chris Coffman; assistant varsity football coach, Sarah Smith; varsity girls swim coach, Jodi Gallagher; Bailey Park kindergarten teacher (transfer from Fairview 1st grade teacher), Deidre Freeman; 9th grade softball coach, Jill Hulsing; assistant varsity volleyball coach,

Dan Covino; co-sponsor high school student council, Tony Farmer; 9th grade head football coach

2. Resignations: Danielle McDonough; co-sponsor high school student council, Marty James; assistant varsity football coach, Chris Coffman; 9th grade head football coach, Andrew Lehn; middle school art teacher and coaching duties, Charles Routier; bus driver, Tony Farmer; 9th grade assistant football coach, Mike Hunter; high school math teacher

- F. Open Enrollment: 2012-2013 school year: Tate Martin; kindergarten from BGM
- G. Student Teacher Agreement: University of Northern Iowa and Central College

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

3. Communication from the Public

None to report

4. Presentation (15 minutes)

A. Board Recognition - Present

Superintendent Abrahamson reminded everyone the week of May 6 – May 12 is School Board Appreciation Week. He passed out certificates from the IASB for the board members.

5. Student Recognition: (10 minutes)

A. Grinnell High School VR students

The following students, Alex Mitchell, Jerry Megel, Ian Baumann, and Jarred Ford explained the new VR software package they have begun using. The application of the VR will be a yearlong independent study for the students interested in this software program. They hope to have a virtual model of the high school building by May 2013.

6. Communication and Reports

A. Board

Cameron reminded the board of their invitation to the upcoming FFA banquet. The board members discussed the Skype conversation with Harry Heiligenthal that started the board meeting. The board is interested in a July/August retreat with Mr. Heiligenthal, which would then conclude in the fall. Mr. Heiligenthal indicated the document the board received from him was a good tool on strengthening the work of the school board. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated some dates for the retreat will be sent to Mr. Heiligenthal.

B. Superintendent

Mr. Abrahamson updated the board on meetings with FEH Architects, how the access control system is working for the buildings, and student data. The elementary access controls have been completed. He discussed summer retreats with the board members. A PLC retreat will be held in June. Mr. Abrahamson continues to meet bi-weekly with Chris Coffman. They are reviewing the student data and planning for next year.

C. Principals

Principal Sarah Seney updated the board on the recent pre-school verification visit from the state. She and staff were very pleased with the results of the visit. The state was pleased with the good relationship between the students, their families, and the staff. They also saw a good partnership with the preschools. It was noted they should also reach out to the Head Start program and the Grinnell Christian Church preschool program.

The recent visit of the 2nd graders to Davis went very well. Currently there are one hundred and fifteen students registered for kindergarten. The transitional kindergarten room has fifteen students enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year.

Principal Jeff Kirby indicated they need to do three more hours of OLWEUS training. So far, the MAP testing scores look very solid. Principal Kirby indicated they had a good visit with an outside software technician.

Principal Sara Hegg-Dunne explained the recent professional development survey with the basic question, "are we teaching the intended curriculum?" The middle school has begun reviewing the SINA data. The four language-arts teachers were very pleased with the information they learned for their recent out of state conference.

Principal Kevin Seney updated the board on some new student and faculty recognitions. The high school staff continues to review the Iowa Assessment data results.

D. TOSA

Chris Coffman updated the board on his recent attendance of the VREP showcase along with several high school students. He also attended the ASCD Leadership Academy. He explained the status of the NWEA MAP testing data, Iowa Assessment Data, and changes with the curriculum.

7. New Business

- A. Out-of-state travel June 23-26: Counselors Jill Allen, Dan Keller, Nikki Tews, and Julie Bisher will be attending the American School Counselor Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve the out-of-state travel June 23-26: Counselors Jill Allen, Dan Keller, Nikki Tews, and Julie Bisher will be attending the American School Counselor Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Early Start Calendar Waiver Requests Public Hearing Date May 23, 2012

Motion by Lease, seconded by Knobloch, to approve the Early Start Calendar Wavier Requests Public Hearing Date May 23, 2012. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approve the list of the Class of 2012 graduates of Grinnell High School, pending successful completion of all graduation requirements

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch, to approve the list of the Class of 2012 graduates of Grinnell High School, pending successful completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Title 1 2012-2013 parent involvement policy

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve the Title 1 2012-2013 parent involvement policy. Motion carried 7-0.

E. SIAC Committee

Motion by Lease, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve the SIAC Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Student 1:1 program

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Student 1:1 program. The program will be for grades 7-12 with MacBook Pros. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Ratify Tentative Agreement (District and GNEA)

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Lease, to Ratify Tentative Agreement (District and GNEA). Motion carried 7-0.

H. First Reading 700 Series

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve the First Reading 700 Series. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Closed Session Per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j): To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve moving into closed session per Iowa Code 25.1(1)(j). Motion carried 7-0.

J. Real Estate Property

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve central office administration to contact school attorney to draft a proposal to bid on the RC Industries property. Motion carried 7-0.

K. Summer School Proposal

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch, to approve the summer school proposal. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Suggestion for next Agenda

Nothing reported.

9. Board Talking Points

Nothing reported.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

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