

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Special Session on May 29, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the New Horizons room, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Barbara Brown, Claire Moisan, and Jeff Knobloch. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager Lisa Johnson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: Doug Cameron, Leo Lease, and Carol Wilhelm

Administrators Present: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Secretary Susan Kriegel called the roll. Four members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

3. Board Work Session

A. Goal Developments/Expectation.

The board discussed their relationship with the administrative team. The following points were discussed at the May 22, 2013 meeting with Troyce Fisher.

1. Cohesive Decisions: Consensus among the administrative team, use same talking points after decision, do not tell a different story to rest of staff
2. Data: Driven decisions with known measurable, check points, and action items
3. Educational Leaders: Development plans for staff to get all teachers teaching at a high level
4. Vision: (Uncomfortably /Comfortable) Always striving to better the system.
5. The Admin team to foster Authentic Professional relations, openness within the chain of command.
6. Data Wall: Know how students are transitioning throughout the school year.

The board discussed cohesive decisions with the importance of cohesion among the administrative team. It is important to stick to talking points. The various entities need to share the same vision.

The board supports data drive decision. The assessment piece needs to be up front. Hard questions need to be asked at the start. The process needs to be followed towards the end process.

Solid education leaders are important. They must have the ability to build up the staff. They are part of the cohesive relationships that relates to data and a vision.

The board discussed strong professional relationships.

From the six topics of discussion, the board narrowed the items down to supporting cohesive decisions, data driven decisions, and a solid educational vision.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., June 12, 2013