

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 11, 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, and Carol Wilhelm. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager J.T. Anderson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: Claire Moisan

Administrators Present: None

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. Six members in attendance, one absent.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

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E. Personnel:

1. Offering: Tyler Youngers; high school social studies teacher

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: regular meeting 6/13/12

C. Financial Reports

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Jeni Roadcap; Title 1 Math, Lauren Backlin; elementary (kindergarten), Andy Steward; volunteer coach (9th grade football), Virginia Bidwell; administrative assistant (high school), Rebecca Nance; administrative assistant (transportation), Josh Wardenburg; assistant coach 7th grade football, Danny Yuska; fall play director, Casey O'Rourke; head coach 7th grade football, Heather Dillman; assistant coach varsity volleyball, Paul Durr; head coach varsity girls soccer, Matt Jacobson; elementary guidance counselor
2. Resignation: Paul Durr; head coach varsity boys soccer

F. Student Teacher Agreement: Grinnell College

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Cameron, to approve the amended and consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Communication from the Public

None to report

4. Communication and Reports

A. Board

Doug Cameron reported he attended the 1:1 informational meeting, very rewarding. President Smith reported the all class reunion held over the July 4th weekend went very well. Jeff Knobloch commented the Grinnell Herald Register did a good job on their recent newspaper insert regarding the history of the Grinnell schools.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson reported FEH continues to work on several different design aspects. FEH and the Building and Grounds committee will be meeting on July 18 at 11:30 am. The property discussion will be part of the closed session. Superintendent Abrahamson is waiting on the final phrase report regarding the RCN property.

The board will have a retreat on Friday, July 13. Harry Heiligenthal from the IASB will finalize the agenda for the retreat. During the retreat the board will discuss board roles. There will be another board retreat on August 6, again with Mr. Heiligenthal in attendance. The administrators will be invited to the August retreat.

Superintendent Abrahamson is working on an agenda for the August 21 MacBook meeting with 7-12th grade students.

He reminded everyone in attendance the school start time will be at 8:25 am.

The Edulog maps arrived. The maps will be reviewed to see if they are correct. The 2012-2013 school day end times should only be an increase of five minutes.

5. New Business

A. Equipment Breakdown Insurance

Melissa Kaufmann from Jester Insurance gave a presentation regarding the proposed equipment insurance. She answered questions from the board. It was discussed this would be a year by year commitment with this company. The year runs from July 1 to July 1. If this insurance plan is approved, there will be a pro-rated adjustment. Many 1:1 schools have such an insurance program. Training will need to be done on how to submit claims.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve the Equipment Breakdown Insurance. Motion carried 6-0.

B. 1st Reading - 800 series

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve the 1st Reading – 800 series.
Motion carried 6-0.

C. Classroom Furniture

Business Manager Anderson reported there are student desks that need to be replaced. Superintendent Abrahamson emailed staff during the months of May and April regarding furniture replacement for their classrooms. The received information was prioritized.

The third grades through sixth grade desks are in very bad condition. The teachers want a design that allows for student collaboration. The furniture replacement will be on a rotation cycle.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Classroom Furniture.
Motion carried 6-0.

D. Funds transfer from capital projects to PPEL

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch, to approve the Funds transfer from capital projects to PPEL. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Closed Session per Iowa Code 25.191)(i): 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 Knoblovh seconded by Brown, to approve moving into closed session per Iowa Code 25.1(1)(j) at 7:00 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to move out of closed session at 7:35 pm.
Motion carried 6-0.

7. Suggestions for next agenda

Nothing reported.

8. Board Talking Points

The board suggested have a notice at the upcoming school registration and at the buildings regarding the change in the school start times.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Calendar:

School Board Retreat
School Board retreat
Fiduciary Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

5:00 p.m., July 13, 2012
5:00 p.m., August 6, 2012
5:30 p.m., August 8, 2012
6:00 p.m., August 8, 2012