

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 14, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Drake Library, 930 Park Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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

Members Absent: Jeff Smith

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck, Sara Hegg-Dunne and Matt Marietta

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Secretary called the roll. Smith was absent.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve consent agenda as follows:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: 6-23-10, finance 6-24-10
- C. Claims and Accounts
- D. Secretary's monthly financial report
- E. Personnel:
 - 1. Offers: Brenda Smith, paraeducator
 - 2. Resignation: Kevin Breeden, mechanic's assistant
- F. Approve storm damage repair costs (paid w/ insurance proceeds: Jensen Heating, \$34,186.50)
- G. Approve Mid-Iowa School Improvement Consortium membership renewal

Motion carried 6-0.

III. Communication from the Public

None.

IV. Information Item: Indianola CSD's request to join Little Hawkeye Conference

Jim Dunne, Activities Director, informed the board that Indianola is intending to formally request joining the Little Hawkeye Conference beginning in 2011. Principals and Activities Directors from the seven current schools within the conference will vote in September of this year to accept or not accept Indianola's request. Two schools voting "no" would ultimately deny this request. Mr. Dunne polled his coaches and consensus was to not support Indianola's request due to the significant enrollment discrepancy between Grinnell and Indianola. Currently Indianola is a 4A school with almost twice the enrollment as Grinnell, which Dunne and his coaches feel could put Grinnell at a competitive disadvantage in some activities. Board members supported Dunne's stance on this issue.

V. Presentation from RDG for facility master planning

Phil Hodgkin and Eliz Erbes from RDG Planning and Design discussed how their firm could assist the district in developing a master facilities plan. The process would involve all stakeholders of the school district with the goal of creating a facility master plan that assists the district in making critical and sustainable decisions that have a major impact on costs and that support the district's desired level of teaching and learning. Board members asked various questions of RDG.

VI. Action Items

A. Approve Angelo Architectural Associates as the architect for the high school exterior wall renovation (\$16,000 from Sales Tax)

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve architect for high school exterior project. Anderson noted that estimated construction costs for the project are \$310,000 and construction would likely not begin until the Spring of 2011 due to logistical issues. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Approve Security Equipment, Inc. proposed phase I of high school security camera configuration (\$24,373 from PPEL/Sales Tax)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve phase I of high school security camera configuration. Anderson noted that the ultimate goal of the project is to transition the high school from analog camera technology to IP camera technology. The district has applied for a grant to assist in the cost of the project but award has not yet been announced. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Approve purchase of John Deere Hydro 1200 tractor for \$9,500 (\$2,000 PPEL and \$7,500 Activity)

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve equipment purchase. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Approve middle school administrative assistant contract extension from 37.5 hours to week to 40 hours per week

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Budding, to approve contract extension. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Approve invoice from Central States Roofing for \$201,088.40 (from PPEL)

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve invoice. Anderson noted that the roof is about 85% installed, which is a couple weeks ahead of schedule. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Approve modification to policy 711.E.1 Bus Fees

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve modification to policy. Anderson informed the board that the district no longer charges fees for school groups to use the buses and that this language needs to be removed from policy 711.E.1. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Approve middle school parent handbook

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve handbook. Motion carried 6-0.

H. Approve purchases for CICS: \$746

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve purchase of Resource Mate library software, Nystrom Political Relief class pack maps, and Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley 4th grade Mathematics student edition textbook for Central Iowa Christian School. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Approve overnight travel to NWEA regional training in Lincolnshire, IL (7/26-7/27/2010)

Motion by Budding, seconded by Lease, to approve overnight travel related to professional development. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Reschedule 2nd July board meeting, July Vision and Finance committee meetings

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve the following meeting dates:

Regular Board Meeting	July 21
Finance Committee	July 22
Vision	(July 15 board work session in lieu of vision meeting)

Motion carried 6-0.

VII. Discussion Items

A. 2009-2010 preliminary student achievement report; 2010-2011 student achievement goals, action plan; recommendation from the School Student Advisory Committee

Superintendent Eckles presented the 2009-2010 preliminary student achievement report which included test data analysis for students in third through eighth grade as well as eleventh grade. When considering all students in each of these grade levels the data showed students to be proficient in both reading and math subject areas. However, when considering sub-groups such as low socio-economic status and special education, the data shows many of the grade levels not proficient in math and reading. Eckles noted that the Iowa Department of Education (DE) is in the process of analyzing third and fourth grade data and that she fully expects Davis School to be labeled a school in need of assistance by the DE due to its low performance in the aforementioned sub-groups. Eckles explained that a possible reason for low performance at the third and fourth grade level could be that testing is performed earlier in the Fall so students do not have ample time to learn the curriculum before taking the test.

Eckles also presented the board with 2010-2011 district annual improvement goals and 2010-2011 building goal. The handout also included a detailed action plan to meet these goals. Irene Davidson, member of the School Student Advisory Committee, recommended the board approving these goals established by school leadership. Goals will be an action item on the next regular meeting's board agenda.

B. Proposed revised mission statement, new vision statement

The proposed revised mission statement reads as follows:

The Grinnell-Newburg School District, in partnership with the entire community, will empower every student to become a lifelong learner who is a responsible, productive, and engaged citizen with the global community.

The proposed new vision statement reads as follows:

Every student is achieving at his or her maximum potential in an engaging, inspiring, and challenging learning environment.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Upcoming Schedule

Board Work Session	July 15, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	July 21, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	July 22, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.