

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 21, 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 Jeff Smith. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Edie Eckles and Board Secretary J.T. Anderson.

Members Absent: Carol Wilhelm

Administrators Present: 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. Wilhelm was absent.

### **II. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 7-14-10, work session 7-15-10
- C. Claims and Accounts
- D. Personnel offers: Mindy Fiala, paraeducator  
\*Administrative assistant position tabled as part of motion

Motion carried 6-0.

### **III. Communication from the Public**

None.

### **IV. Action Items**

#### **A. Approve 2010-2011 student achievement goals, action plan**

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve goals and action plan that were presented at July 14 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **B. Approve revised mission statement, new vision statement**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve the following:

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.

Motion carried 6-0.

**C. Authorize administration to open another section of 4-year old preschool as enrollment warrants**

Motion by Lease, seconded by Budding, to authorize additional section of 4-year old preschool if enrollment warrants. Eckles informed the board that staff have made calls to multiple families on the district preschool's waiting list and results indicate the potential need for another preschool section. Funding for additional section will come partly from the state-wide 4-year old preschool grant. It was noted that it is to the district's advantage to encourage preschool enrollment as future funding is dictated on the number of students enrolled. Motion carried 6-0.

**D. Select architectural firm for facility master planning**

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cameron, to open discussion on facility master planning. Board members first discussed whether or not the district needed a facility master planning study done. It was determined that such study would allow the district to evaluate its current facilities and then provide alternative scenarios about what the future of the district's facilities and instructional programs could look like. Board committees and administration have been working to develop a district long range plan and members felt that a master planning study would help facilitate this.

The Board discussed both RDG and DLR as potential architectural firms to assist the district in the study. Members noted that both firms received positive feedback from other school districts.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve DLR Group as the architectural firm for the district's facility master planning. Cost is estimated at \$29,500 and funds will come from local option sales tax dollars (not general fund). Board members also acknowledged that the community would be heavily involved in the master planning process. Motion carried 6-0.

Original motion carried 6-0.

**V. Discussion: language for wind energy legislative priority**

Leo Lease presented proposed language for a renewable energy legislative priority. Language included allowing school districts a special status to use their funding to directly or indirectly construct, own, and operate renewable energy facilities to offset their energy costs as well as the ability to compete on an equal legal basis with any other company wishing to develop renewable energy in Iowa. Board members discussed having the district attorney or other legal source review the proposed language and current applicable laws that may influence the boards wind energy priority. Superintendent Eckles said she would contact the district's attorney and get an idea of how to proceed.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to adjourn meeting at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

**Upcoming Schedule**

Finance Committee Meeting  
Policy Committee Meeting  
Regular Board Meeting

July 22, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.  
August 2, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.  
August 11, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.