

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on August 25, 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, Carol Wilhelm, and Jeff Smith. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Edie Eckles and Board Secretary J.T. Anderson.

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kevin Seney, 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. All members present.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 8-11-10
- C. Claims and Accounts
- D. Personnel:
 - 1. Offers: Abby Allen, Jr Class Sponsor; Brad Bowlin, middle school assistant football coach
 - 2. Resignations: Tim Kauzlarich, head middle school wrestling coach, 9th/10th grade baseball coach
- E. Open Enrollment In: Caleb Kelley, 7th, from S. Tama; Jeremy Kelley, 11th, from S. Tama; Kaylee Magstadt, 4th, from BGM; Madison Watkins, Kdg, from Montezuma

Motion carried 7-0.

III. Communication from the Public

None.

IV. Action Items

A. Approve the addition of two .8 FTE paraeducator positions

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to approve two additional .8 FTE paraeducator positions as dictated by students' IEPs. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Approve additional language to legislative platform proposal #2 for submission to IASB: "and be authorized to own or to invest in alternative energy property located within Iowa."

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve additional language to legislative platform proposal #2. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approve contract with Grinnell College Preschool for Voluntary Preschool Program partnership

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve preschool contract. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve contract with Grinnell Community Daycare and Preschool for Voluntary Preschool Program partnership

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Budding, to approve preschool contract. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve contract with UCC Community Preschool for Voluntary Preschool Program partnership

Motion by Lease, seconded by Smith, to approve preschool contract.

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cameron, to amend preschool contract with UCC and reduce liability insurance coverage from \$5 million to \$3 million annual aggregate. Motion carried 7-0.

Original motion carried 7-0.

F. Transfer \$40,695.66 fund equity from the Activity Fund to General Fund in order to close the following non-co-curricular accounts: Landscaping Fund, Building Fund-Bricks, and Building Fund-Auditorium Seats

Motion by Smith, seconded by Brown, to approve fund equity transfer. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Approve payment to Central States Roofing for middle school roof \$22,331.65 (from PPEL)

Motion by Lease, seconded by Budding, to approve payment. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Approve payment to S&S Plumbing, Heating, & Air Conditioning for middle school HVAC, \$227,525.00 (from PPEL)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve payment. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Approve payment to School Bus Sales for 4 school buses \$329,065.00 (from PPEL)

Motion by Budding, seconded by Lease, to approve payment. Motion carried 7-0.

J. Approve at second reading the following policies:

1. **Employee Conflict of Interest (401.2)**
2. **President (206.1)**
3. **Vice President (206.2)**
4. **Annual Meeting (210.1)**
5. **Regular Meeting (210.2)**
6. **Board Meeting Minutes (215.1E1)**

7. Physical Education (603.6)

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cameron, to approve policies at second reading. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Discussion: Report from Administrative Team regarding the First Days of School

Principals Beck, Hegg-Dunne, and Seney reported to the board that the first few days of school have gone well. Mr. Seney noted that the 9th grade transition day had some technical and logistical issues, but verbal reports indicated that students and teachers were pleased overall with the concept and the implementation of this transition day. Seney publically thanked the high school food service staff, high school custodial staff, and Hy-Vee for the additional work they put in to make the transition day possible.

Superintendent Eckles reported to the board on a number of items. She congratulated various activity groups for their accomplishments over the late spring and summer seasons. Eckles informed the board that Indianola would not be joining the Little Hawkeye Conference because the Indianola School Board did not approve such action. The majority of Eckle's discussion with the board centered around Davis Elementary being labeled as a school in need of assistance due to low reading performance in two groups; 1) special education and 2) low socioeconomic class. Eckles noted that a committee of teachers at Davis has been formed that will work in conjunction with the AEA to develop a workout plan to address these deficiencies. Principal Beck and Eckles will keep the board informed on the progress of these meetings and particulars of the workout plan once it has been developed.

VI. Closed Session: per Iowa Code 21.5(i)

No action taken as a result of closed session.

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Budding, seconded by Lease, to adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Upcoming Schedule

Finance Committee Meeting	August 26, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	September 8, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.
Vision Committee Meeting	September 9, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	September 13, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.