

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 12, 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, Claire Moisan, Jeff Knobloch, Carole Wilhelm, and Leo Lease. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager J.T. Anderson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: None

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. Claire Moisan joined the meeting at 6:04 pm.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Kate Baumgartner, fall play tech director, Paul Swick, bus driver

F. Contract upgrade: Deven Horras MA+30 to MA+45

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: regular meeting 8/8/12; board retreat 8/6/12

C. Financial Reports

Business Manager reported on the recent fiscal year that ended June 30. He explained the financials and the bills. The district has a strong cash position. He also explained the board approval for the certified annual report, the Special Ed LEA report, and the transportation report. He answered all questions from the board regarding the financial report and the monthly bills.

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Samantha Moyes; 7th grade volleyball coach, Suzanne Wooster; para-educator Davis, Allison Esbrook; para-educator Davis, Nicole Routier; para-educator Fairview, Courtney Ives; para-educator Bailey Park, Jeff Blank; para-educator high school, Katie Ferneau; cook high school, Wanda White; cook middle school, Judi Mitchell; cook middle school, Judith Lourens; transfer para-educator from high school to Bailey Park, Leon Drake; volunteer coach middle school football, Tom Dayton; volunteer coach middle school cross country, Parker Koester; head coach boys varsity soccer, Deirdre Triplett; middle school cook to middle school assistant head cook, Hannah Snodgrass; volunteer coach high school cheerleading

2. Resignation: Sterling Lien

F. Contract upgrade: Jeni Roadcap BA+30 to MA, Roger Henderson MA+15 to MA+30, Angie Richards BA+15 to MA
G. Open Enrollments In: Brittany Kifer; 2nd grade from Montezuma, Tyler Kifer; 7th grade from Montezuma, Alyssa Kriegel; kindergarten from Lynnville-Sully, Carrie Yoakum; 11th grade from Newton
H. Open Enrollments Out; Alezia Borton; 4th grade to East Marshall, Nathaniel Borton; kindergarten to East Marshall, Shyann Borton; 2nd grade to East Marshall

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the amended consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0.

4. Communication from the Public

None to report.

President Smith indicated the board would hear from Food Service Director Carrie Nachazel and her report would be number 4.5.

Nachazel explained the handout the board members received. The changes in the meals are a mandate from the federal government. Next year there will be additional regulations for the breakfast menu. She explained the choices the students have to increase their food options at a meal. Nachazel answered questions from the board.

5. Reorganization meeting of Board of Directors

A. Election of the 2012-2013 President of the Board of Education and Administration of the Oath of Office

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to elect and approve Jeff Smith as Board President. Motion carried 7-0. Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Smith.

B. Election of the 2012-2013 Vice President of the Board of Education and Administration of the Oath of Office

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm to elect and approve Doug Cameron as Board Vice-President. Motion carried 7-0. Board President administered the Oath of Office to Cameron.

C. Robert's Rules of Order and Procedures for Conducting Board Meetings

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Wilhelm to approve Robert's Rules. Motion failed.
Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch to approve Robert's Rules as a guide for Order and Procedures for Conducting Board Meetings. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Establish a Poweshiek County conference board representative

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Knobloch to appoint Doug Cameron as the board representative for the Poweshiek County Conference Board. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Communication and Reports

A. Board

The board was reminded of the IASB district meeting in West Marshall on September 25 and the IASB convention in Des Moines from November 14 – 15. Please contact Susan Kriegel to register.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson explained the monthly video project he is working on with Mass Productions. It will be on the local TV channel with an additional link on the website. He also explained he is meeting weekly with the Grinnell Herald-Register to discuss articles for the newspaper. The Needs Assessment Survey is now available for completion by the public via the district's weblink. The updated job descriptions are being completed and returned to the central office. FEH is now working on a conceptual design for including the 7th and 8th grade at the high school. The appraisal for the RC Industries site should be completed soon. Board development is an ongoing progress, Harry will be skyping in on an upcoming board meeting.

C. Principals

Principals Hegg-Dunne and Kevin Seney gave brief overviews of the first couple of weeks of school. Overall the 1:1 implementation has gone very well. No reported damaged computers. The students have been very careful in keeping their laptops in their carrying case. The middle school is working on a segment called Boost Time to offer additional time for instruction for students. The ELP structure will be changing at the middle school. Principal Seney reports students and teachers are doing high tech classroom projects. They are having a session called Tech Tuesdays for staff to learn more about their laptops. So far, been very informative.

D. Director of Instructions

The board had his monthly report for review.

7. Old Business

A. 3rd reading – 800 series

Motion by Cameron seconded by Lease for the 3rd reading of the 800 series.
Motion carried 7-0.

B. 3rd Reading – MacBook policy

Motion by Cameron seconded by Lease for the 3rd reading of the MacBook policy.
Motion carried 7-0.

8. New Business

A. Board of Director to attend the IASB 2012 Delegate Assembly on Wednesday November 14, 2012

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve the Board of Director to attend the IASB 2012 Delegate Assembly on Wednesday November 14, 2012. Wilhelm was nominated. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Board Secretary

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Lease to appoint Susan Kriegel as Board Secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Board Treasurer

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to appoint J. T. Anderson as Board Treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Depositories: Wells Fargo Bank, Grinnell, IA and Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT)

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease to appoint as Depositories: Wells Fargo Bank(\$15,000,000), Grinnell, IA and Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) (\$5,000,000). Motion carried 7-0.

E. Donald L. Schild and Gruhn Law Firm – District Counsel

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to appoint Donald L. Schild and Gruhn Law Firm – District Counsel. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Certified Annual Report (CAR)

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Lease to approve the Certified Annual report (CAR). Motion carried 7-0.

G. Special Ed LEA

Motion by Lease, seconded by Moisan to approve the Special Ed LEA. Motion carried 7-0.

H. 2011-2012 Transportation Report

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve the 2011-2012 Transportation Report. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Title 1 application

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease to approve the Title 1 application. Motion carried 7-0.

J. Board member to School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Brown to approve Board Member to School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC). Doug Cameron nominated. Motion carried 7-0.

K. Request to School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's 2011-2012 special education deficit

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Brown to approve the Request to School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's 2011-2012 special education deficit. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Suggestion for next Agenda

The board would like to hear about Project Lead the Way, New Horizons, School within a School, how elementary teachers have changed their instruction, and be in charge of one of the community meals.

10. Decision Points

The board mentioned technology, the changes in the food program is a national request, there will be more changes in 2013-2014, enjoyed listening to the principals talk, if the board would like to hear specifics from principals for their report, please let the Superintendent and the principals know, still a work in progress. The board will be walking in the upcoming homecoming parade.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Knobloch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., October 10, 2012
Board Development Session	6:00 p.m., October 24, 2012