

Minutes Amended by board action at October 13, 2010 meeting

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 22, 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, Board Secretary J.T. Anderson, and student representative Meredith Kalkbrenner.

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck

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 arrived at 5:33 p.m.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting 9-8-10
- C. Claims and Accounts
- D. Personnel:
 - 1. Contract upgrade: Levi Dressler to BA+15; Chelsey Kolpin to BA+15
 - 2. Offers: Deanne Grabinski, paraeducator; Lisa Spooner, paraeducator
 - 3. Resignations: Brandon Dufoe, custodian; Jennifer Clemens, food service
- E. Student teaching contract with William Penn University

Motion carried 6-0.

III. Communication from the Public

None.

IV. Action Items

A. Approve overnight travel for FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN, October 19-23

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cameron, to approve out of state travel as required by board policy. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Approve overnight travel for Liz Hansen and Mike Hunter to attend Educational Theatre Association (ETA) Annual Conference in New York City, September 29-October 1

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve out of state travel as required by board policy. Hansen will be inducted into the ETA Hall of Fame, a prestigious accomplishment acknowledged by board members and superintendent Eckles. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Approve overnight travel for Liz Hansen to attend the National Communication Association Annual Convention, in San Francisco, November 15-17

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve out of state travel as required by board policy. Hansen will be receiving the NCA Marcella Oberle Award for Outstanding Teaching in Grades K-12, another prestigious honor acknowledged by members of the board. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve at first reading policy 507.9 Wellness

Motion by Budding, seconded by Smith, to approve policy as recommended by the policy committee. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve request to School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's 2009-2010 special education deficit of \$5,550.29

Motion by Lease, seconded by Cameron, to approve request for allowable growth and supplemental state aid related to special education deficit. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Approve middle school HVAC project change order #1, \$5,500 from PPEL fund

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Lease, to approve change order as recommended by mechanical engineer. Motion carried 7-0.

G. Approve 1.0 FTE special education teacher

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve additional special education teacher. Superintendent Eckles informed the board that special education enrollment numbers in fifth grade have increased to a point whereby additional staffing is necessary. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Approve 1.0 FTE educational technology support specialist (from Federal Ed Jobs funds, for 2010-2012)

Motion by Budding, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve technology position. Superintendent Eckles noted that meetings were held with administrators, GNEA, and other staff, and consensus was that additional technology support was needed at the building level. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Annual Meeting

A. Election of the 2010-11 President of the Board of Education and administration of the Oath of Office

Board Secretary J.T. Anderson called the annual meeting to order. Board members thanked outgoing president Lynn Cavanagh for her hard work and leadership during the past school year.

The board secretary opened nominations for board president. Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to nominate Jeff Smith as 2010-11 board president. Nominations ceased without motion. Vote was administered orally and Smith was elected board president 7-0.

The board secretary administered the oath of office.

B. Election of the 2010-11 Vice President of the Board of Education and administration of the Oath of Office

Board President Smith opened up nominations for vice president. Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Lease, to nominate Doug Cameron as 2010-11 vice president. Nominations ceased without motion. Vote was administered orally and Cameron was elected vice president 7-0.

The board president administered the oath of office.

C. Establishment of day and time of regular meetings

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Cavanagh, to hold regular meetings at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Establishment of board committee structure, members, meeting times and days

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Lease, to approve the following committees and meeting times:

- 1) Policy Committee
 - a. Members: Wilhelm, Smith, Budding
 - b. Time/Day: 4:00 p.m. on the first Monday of every month
- 2) Vision Committee
 - a. Members: Lease, Cameron, Cavanagh
 - b. Time/Day: 4:00 p.m. on Thursday following first regular monthly meeting
- 3) Finance Committee
 - a. Members: Lease, Smith, Cavanagh
 - b. Time/Day: 4:00 p.m. on Thursday following second regular monthly meeting

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Budding, to amend original motion and change policy committee meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Original motion carried 7-0.

E. Establishment of Poweshiek County conference board representative

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Wilhelm, to name Lynn Cavanagh as district representative for Poweshiek County conference board. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Establishment of IASB delegate

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to name Carol Wilhelm as IASB delegate.
Motion carried 7-0.

G. Appoint the board secretary and the board treasurer

Motion by Budding, seconded by Cameron, to appoint J.T. Anderson as board secretary and board treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Designate the Depositories

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron, to designate the depositories as follows: Wells Fargo Bank- \$10,000,000, Grinnell, Iowa; Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT)- \$5,000,000. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Appoint Donald L. Schild and Ahlers Law Firm as district counsel

Motion by Budding, seconded by Lease, to approve the district's legal counsel. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. Discussion

A. Federal Ed Jobs funding proposal

Superintendent Eckles reported that meetings have been held with GNEA and other staff to gain input on needs within the district. Administration will develop a proposal based on this input and present it to the board at the October 13 meeting. Board members encouraged administration to focus on student achievement as the basis for their proposal as well as the sustainability of such proposal.

B. 2009-2010 3rd & 4th grade ITBS data

Superintendent Eckles presented a handout that included ITBS reading and math data for grades 3 through 8 and grade 11. Data was broken down into special education and low socioeconomic subgroups. Eckles noted that scores in these particular subgroups have lead to Davis Elementary being labeled a School in Need of Assistance and the middle school put on the No Child Left Behind "watch list." Board members and Eckles discussed that many of the same students fall into these two subgroups. It was also noted that it is virtually impossible for 100% of all special education students to be proficient because these students are staffed out of special education as they become proficient. Eckles also pointed out that all of the school buildings within the district were placed on the NCLB watch list because they did not meet certain annual state participation testing goals.

C. Update on Facilities' Master Plan process

Eckles presented the list of those individuals that have been asked to serve on the district's facility master planning steering committee. Committee members were finalized by members of the Vision Committee and include forty-two people with various backgrounds and associations to the school district and community as a whole. The committee will work with DLR throughout the duration of the facility master planning process. Cameron made it very clear that the process will be very transparent and even those individuals not selected for the committee will have opportunities to provide input.

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to adjourn meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Upcoming Schedule

Policy Committee Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
Vision Committee Meeting

October 4, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.
October 13, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.
October 14, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.