

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in a Special Board Session on October 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grinnell-Newburg Community High School in the Boardroom, 1333 Sunset Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Meg Jones Bair, Jonathan Nance (arrived at 6:05), Helen Redmond, Dustin Smith (arrived at 6:10), Jeff Smith, and Stephen Sieck.

Members Absent:

Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Dr. Janet Stutz and Board Treasurer/Secretary Lisa Johnson.

Administrators Present: Principals Brian Conway and Kevin Seney.

Jones Bair read the District's Mission and Vision Statements.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Johnson called the roll. Seven members were in attendance.

**2. Fiduciary**

No questions.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Siek to amend the consent agenda to remove the minutes, due to the links being missing.

Motion by Jones Bair, seconded by Redmond to approve the amended consent agenda.

**A. Approve/Amend Agenda**

**B. Minutes:** 9/28/16 Board Minutes 10/5/16 Facilities Minutes

**C. Claims and Accounts**

**D. Personnel:**

**1. Resignations:**

**2. Offerings:** Shelly Lacina: HS Consortium Para; Karma Werner: HS 3.5 Cook; Jeanine Link: MS Musical/Play Director; Nicole James: Track Coach-8th grade girls

**3. Transfers:**

4. **Upgrades:** Ethan Albertson: BA+15 to BA+30
5. **Open Enrollment In:**
6. **Open Enrollment Out:** Lakeyn Stubbs: kindergarten to North Mahaska

Motion to approve the consent agenda carried 4-0.

Jonathan Nance arrived.

**4. Communication from the Public**

Student council Representative Mairead Brownell asked about the implementation of a foreign language at the MS, an item mentioned in the community feedback at one of the recent community Round Table events. Dr. Stutz explained this is something the District has been asked to look at, but will have to fit into the overall budget.

**5. Communications and Reports**

**A. Board**

Jones Bair thanked student representative Brownell for helping with the recognition committee.

Dustin Smith arrived.

**B. Superintendent**

**1. Facility Audit**

Dr. Stutz discussed the process she used to complete the facility audits to date, including the 33 design principles. She is currently working on a draft report. Sieck asked where the 33 principles come from. Stutz stated it was developed by Lackney and Tanner from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

**2. Music Therapy**

Stutz has met with community members and Principals to discuss the program and the therapy options. The District is hoping to use Title, SPED and grant funds to provide this therapy to selected students.

**3. AmeriCorps Grant Update**

Stutz stated the first round draft of the grant is completed for the summer of 2018.

**6. Old Business - None**

**7. New Business**

**A. Agreement with Pete Perez from Estes, IASB, iCAT to consult with Superintendent and complete the facility audit (general fund).**

Stutz stated her expertise is in learning design. This expertise would be to evaluate the work Stutz has completed and to look at structure, foundation and utilities. Her suggestion is to do the additional service for the MS and HS, because she feels we have a pretty good handle on the elementary buildings. She stated they will be able to help with end of life estimates for various equipment. This is not an area she has an expertise on. Sieck asked how this is different than what we have gotten in the past. Stutz stated in the past the information primarily came from the architects. The estimates they provide are based on current projects going on today, making them more meaningful. They would also provide some direction and she believes it is imperative they do not have other ties to the District in order to be objective. J. Smith asked if a line item cost of items needed for each building would be a part of this, as he believes this is something the community would like. Stutz stated a list would be included. D. Smith asked if the Phase 2 piece impacts the Phase 1 piece. Stutz stated she doesn't believe so, but she would encourage doing the MPE for the MS and HS. Sieck asked about the funding. Stutz stated it would be the General Fund for this piece. If it turned into construction management, then it could be included in the cost of a building.

Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Nance, to approve the agreement with Pete Perez from Estes, IASB, iCAT to consult with Superintendent and complete the facility audit (general fund).

D. Smith moved to amend the motion, seconded by Redmond, to approve the Phase 1 and the MEP for the MS and HS.

Motion approved 7-0.

**B. Davis Girls Math Club**

Amy Blanchard discussed the objectives of the Club. There was a grant awarded from Monsanto to fund this project. They have around 50 students participating from Davis school. Brown asked if this is just for 3rd and 4th grades. Blanchard stated yes for now. Students have to provide their own transportation home. Sieck asked about the volunteers. There were 3-4 adults and high school students. Jones Bair asked about part time students. Blanchard stated they are open to

alternatives.

Motion by Redmond, seconded by D. Smith, to approve the Davis Girls Math Club.

Motion approved 7-0.

**C. Re-enrollment in Medicaid Agreement**

Johnson stated this is just re-enrolling in the same program the District has been using.

Motion by Jones Bair, seconded by Sieck, to approve the re-enrollment in Medicaid Agreement.

Motion approved 7-0.

**8. Board Discussion**

Brown asked about enrollment. Stutz stated it will be finalized soon, but currently it is looking flat.

**9. Board Talking Points**

Jones Bair thanked Kevin Seney for his work on Homecoming. Kevin noted Student Council sponsor Dwight Laidig and Chris Coffman were also instrumental in the planning process.

Motion by J. Smith, seconded by Redmond, to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j): To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.

Roll call vote motion approved 7-0.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Jones Bair, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Board Calendar:**

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., October 26, 2016