

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Special Session on November 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

**Members Present:** Jeff Smith, Barbara Brown, Doug Cameron, Leo Lease, Claire Moisan, Carol Wilhelm. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

**Members Absent:** Jeff Knobloch and Business Manager JT Anderson

**Administrators Present:** Kevin Seney, Sarah Seney, Sara Hegg-Dunne, and Jeff Kirby

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

President Smith called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll. Six members were in attendance.

### **2. Approval of Consent Agenda**

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Cody McDonald, volunteer coach high school wrestling; Nick Figland, volunteer coach high school wrestling; Todd Hinegardner, volunteer coach high school wrestling; Curtis Hobbs, volunteer coach high school wrestling; David (Chris) Simon, volunteer coach middle school wrestling

C. Open Enrollment Out: Robert Delph; Iowa Connections Academy

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

Motion carried 6-0.

### **3. Educational Meeting (these are non action items)**

#### **A. Growth data**

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated this is the first of three education meetings. Chris Coffman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave a presentation on growth data. Coffman discussed the handout that consisted of five years of data. He explained MAP is the most used assessment across the country. The district began using the MAP data in 2005. Coffman also discussed the following: average growth and typical growth, percentages need to be higher, biggest need is instruction, instruction needs to prepare students to be college ready, textbooks are a resource, not the curriculum, Iowa Assessment Test, and the Iowa Core. Comments were made from the recent attended session of Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI) training led by Jerry Valentine. Mr. Valentine indicated students must have the ability of problem solving. This trait will prepare them for college. He also indicated textbooks are becoming stagnant. There was discussion on the idea of a creative summer program that could include special education students. The principals discussed the data for their respective buildings. The board heard remarks regarding a recent trip to Waukee. They had the opportunity to observe how Waukee uses the Daily 5 program. The board learned the topics for the remaining professional development days. Superintendent Abrahamson is working on the needs assessment survey.

#### **B. Comprehensive reading program**

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated there is a need for a comprehensive reading program. Also, the district does not have a comprehensive math program.

#### **C. SINA update**

Principal Kirby and Principal Hegg-Dunne gave the board a SINA update for their respective buildings. Principal Kirby explained Davis is SINA for reading. They continue to focus heavily on reading and have made changes in the reading program. Principal Hegg-Dunne indicated the

middle school continues to work on teaching the Iowa Core. For the second semester they will work on the 1:1 program and stress how this implementation is a learning tool.

**D. AIW**

Principal Seney presented a power-point presentation on the Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) program at the high school. The presentation discussed how instruction for students has changed. They are working on curriculum assessment and collaboration. The AIW program involves task presentations by teachers that are reviewed and scored by peers. As a result of scores some tasks have been revised and presented again to the AIW group.

**4. Adjournment**

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

**Board Calendar:**

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 pm, December 12, 2012