

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 4, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Kirsten Fisher, and Jonathan Nance. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager and Board Secretary Lisa Johnson

Members Absent: Claire Moisan, Carol Wilhelm

Administrators Present: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Fiduciary

The Open Enrollment bills are the largest bills. There was discussion regarding the Line Item Budget and the \$1.3 million deficit for fiscal year 2014.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Nance to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: Regular board meeting 11/20/13

C. Claims and Accounts

D. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Steve Glenn: Assistant coach varsity baseball; Eric Dean: Transfer night custodian from Davis to the Middle School

2. Resignation: Susan Vos: Kitchen high school

E. Student Teacher Agreement: Central College

F. Open Enrollment Out: Emily Shirk: 9th grade to East Marshall

Open Enrollment In: Makaela Mullins: 2nd grade from Montezuma; Emily Higgins: 1st grade from East Marshall; Madelynn Higgins: 1st grade from East Marshall

4. Communications from the Public

None to report.

5. Presentation – Robotics FIRST Lego Team

There was a Lego League presentation to the school board from students in the 4 - 8th grade. The presentation was on a basic disaster kit and included a demonstration on what robotics can do.

6. Communication and Reports

A. Board

The board members enjoyed great speakers on a variety of topics at the recent IASB School Board Convention.

The Policy Committee reviewed the 100 series at a recent committee meeting.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson reported the new board members are attending new board member orientation session.

The Teacher Leadership Compensation Update is a four-year process. Superintendent Abrahamson has been meeting with teacher groups to discuss planned options. This event is required through legislation.

Superintendent Abrahamson continues to work with FEH on the demolition costs of the R & C property. There will be an upcoming meeting with the facilities committee.

7. Old Business

None to report

8. New Business

A. Line Item Budget

Motion by Brown, seconded by Fisher approving the Line Item Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Suggestions for next agenda

Following are the suggestions for the next school board agenda: more focus on goals, annual calendar, a common message, evaluation process, project document during the meeting, and running records.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., December 18, 2013
Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., January 8, 2014