

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 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, Jeff Knobloch, Leo Lease, Claire Moisan, and Carol Wilhelm. 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. Board Secretary Susan Kriegel called the roll. Seven members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

The fiduciary report was presented at a later time during the board meeting

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

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E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Mike Anderson; volunteer coach high school boys track, Tyler Youngers; middle school play director, Kent Reed; co-prom sponsor
2. Resignations: Judith Lourens; Bailey Park para-educator, Ali Kivett; high school para-educator

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: regular meeting 11/14/12, special meeting 11/28/12

C. Financial Reports

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Offering: Shawn McKay; volunteer coach high school wrestling
- F. Open Enrollments Out:** Justin Sicard; 7th grade to Iowa Connections Academy, Cody Sicard; 7th grade to Iowa Connections Academy, Caitlin Cline; 4th grade to Iowa Connections Academy

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

4. Communication from the Public

None.

5. **Student Recognitions:** Jonah Benning-Shorb (OPUS Honor Choir; 9th grade), Hannah Cha (OPUS Honor Choir; 9th grade), Elijah Reische (IHSMA All State Band; 10th grade), David Clower (IHSMA All State Band), 10th grade), Olivia Queathem (IHSMA All State Band; 12th grade), Julie Chamberland (OPUS Honor Choir; 6th grade), David Gilbert (OPUS Honor Choir; 8th grade)

Levi Dressler, Roger Henderson, and Jill Harris introduced and spoke about their respective honored students. The teachers explained the process in being selected for the OPUS Honor Choir and the IHSMA All State Band.

Board President Jeff Smith presented each student with a certificate. For the students unable to attend the board meeting, they will receive their certificate from their instructor.

6. **Staff Presentations: 1) Jeff Knobloch and Tony Gallo "Overview of Concussion Management and Innovations" 2) Claire Moisan and Lisa Coffman "SABER"**

Jeff Knobloch and Tony Gallo informed the board about the symptoms of a concussion. They discussed the IMPACT testing program they have started for high school students. There is funding involved, location, testing that involves a computer with a mouse, post-concussion testing, and treatment for concussion. This program has been well received by the student athletes, parents, and the coaching staff.

Claire Moisan, Lisa Coffman, and Grinnell College student Tanya Santiago explained the SABER program. Tanya Santiago developed the curriculum for the program. She is also involved in working with the after school students using a different format for the SABER program. Twice a week for twenty minutes, Lisa Coffman's classroom is involved in the SABER program. Their power-point program explained the different stages of the SABER program. They also had a video of the program in action for the board members to watch. They explained to the board how the Iowa Core is blended into this program.

Fiduciary

Business Manager J. T. Anderson discussed the nutrition fund. He explained the decrease in the fund balance. There has been a recent change in the meal restrictions. The allotted calorie amount has not increased but there are now more choices for the meals. Business Manager Anderson also discussed the increase in the cost of food. Business Manager Anderson and Superintendent Abrahamson will be meeting with Food Service Director Nachazel to discuss what can be done differently with the food service program for the 2013-2014 school year.

7. **Communication and Reports**

A. **Board**

President Smith thanked the school board members who were involved with the board presentations.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson discussed the budget, allowable growth, the newspaper association committee to become a watchdog for open meetings, and the district leadership team. The leadership team will have their first meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

For the January board meeting the presentations will discuss PLTW and the transition kindergarten room.

Superintendent Abrahamson also discussed a system approach in moving the district forward. He discussed his on-site visit to another district and their Destination 2016 program.

C. Principals

The board received reports from each principal for review.

D. Director of Instruction

The board received a link for review.

8. Old Business

None to report.

9. New Business

A. SBRC Application for Open Enrollment Out

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve the SBRC Application for Open Enrollment Out. Motion carried 7-0.

B. SBRC Application for LEP Instruction

Motion by Lease, seconded by Brown, to approve the SBRC Application for LEP Instruction. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Title IIA Budget Application

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown, to approve the Title IIA Budget Application. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Modified Allowable Growth/At-Risk Budget Application

Motion by Brown, seconded by Lease, to approve the Modified Allowable Growth/At-Risk Budget Application. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Job Descriptions

Motion by Cameron seconded by Moisan to approve the Job Descriptions. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to move into closed session.

- 10. Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.591(j): To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for that property.**

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to move out of closed session.

- 11. Suggestions for next agenda**

None to report.

- 12. Decision Points**

None to report.

- 13. Adjournment**

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting
Board Development

6:00 p.m., January 9, 2012
6:00 p.m., January 23, 2012