

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on December 22, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Drake Library, 930 Park Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: President Jeff Smith, Jeanette Budding, Barbara Brown, Carol Wilhelm, and Lynn Cavanagh. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Edie Eckles and Board Secretary J.T. Anderson.

Members Absent: Doug Cameron and Leo Lease

Administrators Present: Nancy Beck

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Secretary called the roll. Cameron and Lease were absent.

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Budding, seconded by Brown, to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes: regular meeting, 12-8-10
- C. Student Teaching Agreement: Central College

Motion carried 5-0.

III. Approve claims and accounts

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve the claims and accounts as of December 22, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Communication from the Public

None.

V. Action Items

A. Approve at first reading policy 803.1 Disposition of Material

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Budding, to approve first reading of policy 803.1 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approve at first reading policy 804.3 Bomb Threat

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve first reading of policy 804.3 as recommended by the Policy Committee.

C. Approve Matt Marietta as voluntary preschool program administrator (total package \$12,000.00 includes stipend and benefits)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve one-time \$12,000 package increase for Matt Marietta to administer the district's Voluntary Preschool Program certification process. Action item came as a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve proposal from S&S Electric to install light poles for High School north parking lot, \$6,600.00 from PPEL

Motion by Cavanagh, seconded by Brown, to approve the proposal to install lighting at the high school's north parking lot, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approve payment request of \$25,009.25 to S&S Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning for completion of the Middle School HVAC project (PPEL fund)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to approve final payment related to the Middles School HVAC project. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approve revised Voluntary Preschool Program contracts with Grinnell College Preschool, Grinnell Community Daycare and Preschool, and the UCC Community Preschool

Motion by Brown, seconded by Wilhelm, to approve revised contracts related to the district's Voluntary Preschool Program (VPP). Amended contracts reflect the increased amount of state funding and the allocation to each preschool based on the actual number of four-year old preschools qualifying for VPP and served at their respective location. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Approve overnight travel request for Molly Loftin and Mary Newton to attend the Organization of American Kodaly Educators' National Conference March 17-19, 2011 in Minneapolis, MN

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Brown, to approve overnight travel request. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Reports

A. Vision committee report

Cavanagh updated the board on the Vision Committee meeting held December 9. Discussion topics included the purpose of the Vision Committee, the current facilities master planning process the district is involved in, district technology, and an update on wind energy. Cavanagh asked board members to notify her if there are other items the Vision Committee should address.

B. Finance committee report

Board President Smith gave an update from the Finance Committee meeting held December 13. One of the main discussion items involved the district's central office lease with the City of Grinnell. Superintendent Eckles met with the City Manager and requested the lease with the city be extended for the 2011-12 year as the district continues with its facility master planning process. The city requested the district give the city as much advance notice as possible if the district planned on changing the leasing arrangement. Finance Committee recommended to review and renew the lease with the city on a year-to-year arrangement.

C. Superintendent report

Superintendent Eckles reported to the board that nationally renown district improvement consultant Mike Schmoker will speak to district staff and the community on March 3-4, 2011. Eckles thanked GNEE and the district's Partners in Education for helping to fund the event. Eckles also updated the board on minor capital improvement projects that were currently taking place within the district.

At the conclusion of her report, Eckles announced that she will be resigning as Superintendent of Grinnell-Newburg CSD effective June 30, 2011. Eckles noted she has encountered many tough decisions in her 5-year tenure at Grinnell and there will be more tough decisions on the horizon. However, she felt the district will be better served by someone different to lead through these decisions and potential changes. Eckles thanked each of the board members for their service to the district.

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Brown, seconded by Budding, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Policy committee	5:00 pm	January 3, 2011
Special Board meeting	5:30 pm	January 5, 2011
Board meeting	5:30 pm	January 12, 2011
Vision committee	4:00 pm	January 13, 2011
Finance committee	4:00 pm	January 27, 2011