

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in a Work Session on December 3, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Community Building 927 4th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Kirsten Fisher, Jeff Knobloch, Claire Moisan, Jonathan Nance, Jeff Smith, and Carol Wilhelm (arrived at 6:05).

Members Absent: None.

Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager and Board Secretary Lisa Johnson

Administrators Present: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brown called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called the roll. Seven members were in attendance. Board member Smith read the district's Mission and Vision Statement.

2. Work Session - FEH Architects Presentation

A. Charrette Process

Denny Sharp from FEH discussed the Charrette process used for getting public input on the new Middle School and Elementary building designs. At the public meetings FEH will have five architects at the meeting taking the input and looking for ways to incorporate those ideas into the designs.

There will be designs available at the meeting for viewing, and input on both interior and exterior features and layout designs. This process helps drive enthusiasm and support for the project from all stakeholders. They encourage people to come and be involved.

Moisan noted the programming needs have already been addressed by district staff. There are initial designs they will bring and work from there. The first meeting in the Charrette process is December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School in the mini-theatre. FEH will be working on the design all day on the 9th and available for input with another meeting at 6:00 p.m. also at the Middle School in the mini-theatre. Abrahamson stated these dates have been in the newspaper and are on the district website. The staff have received emails and messages have been sent out via blackboard.

Wilhelm asked about FEH providing data on the success of projects they have worked on in the past. Denny stated they have not done this in the past. Brown noted satisfaction of prior customers may suffice for whether the designs have accomplished the goals.

Fisher asked about how regulations are incorporated into the designs. Denny noted some of this is incorporated during this process, but final checks are made to be sure all regulations are met and completed toward the end of the design process. Brown asked when traffic flow in and around the properties will be discussed. Denny stated this is often part of the Charrette process.

Smith stated the visual of the potential will be a great asset in bond voting process.

3. Board Talking Points

Brown encourages everyone to come out and see the presentation on Monday and contribute. Fisher also wanted to encourage students to come as well to give their input.

4. Adjournment

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., December 10, 2014
Policy Committee Meeting	4:00 p.m., December 11, 2014