

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 21, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Community Building 927 4th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called the roll. Seven members were in attendance.

2. Work Session - FEH Associates Inc.

A. Updated Designs (Specific Programming)

FEH presented and discussed the building designs including:

- PK-5 on MS property, utilizing existing MS building while constructing new structure separately
- PK-5 on MS property, same proposed design as above except keeping the old gym, constructing after tear down of existing MS
- PK-5 on 4th Avenue, which is the same building design as at the MS
- PK-5 on 4th Avenue with a new, more spread out design
- 6-8 on 11th Avenue
- 6-8 on 11th Avenue using the existing building
- 6-8 addition to the HS

B. Various Timelines

FEH presented two timelines, both with bond issues in April 2015. The first ends with a PK-5 school ready for the fall of 2017 school year and a MS ready for students in January 2018. The second option compresses the design and bidding of the PK-5 to happen before a bond issue. This results in a PK-5 ready for the fall of 2016 school year and a MS in the Fall of 2017. A breakdown of the costs for each site were presented.

C. Matrix: Affordability, Accessibility, Needs and Budget

A matrix showing the various site options was presented. The board discussed changes to the matrix to be more clear on the differences between the options.

3. Board Talking Points

- More discussions with the city on the 11th Avenue property
- Need to continue moving forward in decision making process
- Timeline brings greater clarity to decision deadlines
- Need to communicate decision date - articles in the newspaper, inserts/handouts around town and Google doc/facebook page
- Listening session for public

4. Adjournment

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., May 28th, 2014