

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 25, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grinnell-Newburg Community High School in the Media Center, 1333 Sunset Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Meg Jones Bair, Jeff Knobloch, Jonathan Nance (via phone), Helen Redmond, and Dustin Smith.

Members Absent: Jeff Smith

Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson and Board Treasurer/Secretary Lisa Johnson.

Administrators Present: None

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Secretary Johnson called the roll. Six members were in attendance.

**2. Fiduciary**

No comments

Motion by Jones Bair, seconded by D. Smith to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i): To review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session.

Roll Call Vote 6-0.

Nance dropped off during the closed session.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by D. Smith, seconded by Knobloch to approve the consent agenda.

**A. Approve/Amend Agenda**

**B. Minutes:** 5/4/16 SIAC 5/9/16 Special Meeting

**C. Claims and Accounts**

**D. Personnel**

1. **Termination**
  2. **Resignations:** Chad Rose: Football Head Coach 7th; Shane Rose: Football Asst. Coach 7th; Kent Kastendick: Basketball Head Coach- 8th Girls; York Plagge: 9th Boys Basketball Coach; Jackie Tielbur: Paraprofessional-FV; Deb Huebner: MS Administrative Assistant
  3. **Offerings:** Aaron Shipley: Track Head Coach-8th boys; Chad Rose: Football Head Coach-8th; Shane Rose: Football Assistant Coach 8th; Kent Kastendick: Basketball Varsity Assistant-Girls; Heather McFadyen: 4th Grade Teacher-DV;
  4. **Transfer:** Judy Mitchell: HS Cook to BP Head Cook; Sarissa Riedel: MS Paraprofessional to HS Consortium Paraprofessional; Lori Francis: HS ILC to HS Special Education Strat I Teacher
1. Upgrades: Justin White: BA to BA+15

Motion by D. Smith, seconded by Jones Bair to amend the consent agenda to remove the Termination from the consent agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the amended consent agenda carried 5-0.

Motion by Redmond, seconded D. Smith to reject the superintendent's recommendation regarding termination of an employee.

Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Communication from the Public**

None

**5. Communications and Reports**

**A. Board**

None

**B. Superintendent**

Abrahamson stated the restroom project started. Initial surveying for the tennis courts is completed.

**6. Old Business**

- A. **Approve 17 carts (See line item 16 on the complete quote link) for MacBooks for Davis Elementary and Middle School (5th grade)**

Moved by Jones Bair, seconded by Knobloch to approve the purchase of 17 carts for MacBooks for Davis Elementary and Middle School.

Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Resolution to approve Apple Lease documents**

Redmond wanted to acknowledge the work of the District to reduce the costs of the total lease. Abrahamson stated Nick from Apple was instrumental in the process of reducing costs.

Moved by Remond, seconded by Knobloch to approve the Apple Lease documents.

Motion carried 5-0.

**7. New Business**

**A. Discuss/Approve middle school students practicing with high school students**

Abrahamson stated the Activities Director brought this to his attention to ask for approval for Middle School students to practice with the High School students. The interest is to continue developing programs. Knobloch asked why the Board needed to approve this if the ruling is made by the athletic association. Abrahamson explained it was in the best interest of the District to bring the request to the board for approval.

Moved by Knobloch, seconded by D. Smith to approve middle school students practicing with high school students.

Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Approve Letter of Understanding between GMRC and Grinnell-Newburg**

Abrahamson noted the Board was approving a 5 year agreement. Brown clarified GMRC would not hold influence over curriculum or staffing, but as long as the District continued the program GMRC would provide \$37,000 per year. Jones Bair asked how we could thank GMRC. Brown stated we could continue to recognize GMRC at different events throughout the coming years.

Moved by Jones Bair, seconded by Redmond to approve 0.5 FTE increase of a special education position at Bailey Park Elementary.

Motion carried 6-0.

**C. Approve Sitler Supplies to contract with Grinnell-Newburg to replace lighting in all school gymnasiums, high school parking lot, bus garage, and high school facility**

Abrahamson stated labor is included in the price and they use local labor. Community member Roger Hill, an energy efficiency specialist, brought a few concerns to the board regarding the specifics of the contract. The board determined more information and investigation was needed.

Motion by Jones Bair, seconded by Redmond to table the item.

Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Discuss/Approve Policy 704.2R1**

Brown noted the approval was for post issuance compliance regulations for tax-exempt obligations. Johnson stated she was requesting an emergency policy change, to allow for lower interest rates, as a policy that IASB has that the District does not have in our repertoire, in order to attain lower interest rates now, as opposed to waiting until the fall to begin the 700 series.

Moved by Redmond, seconded by Knobloch to approve policy 704.2R1

Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Approve Point of Sale Terminals for Nutrition program**

Abrahamson stated there are various cart options. Some are not compatible or energy efficient. Other vendors charge significant amounts for shipping or we have to put them together ourselves. Abrahamson stated there are a few carts currently that may be able to be repurposed for the repurposed computers, but there are not enough for all computers. Redmond stated she does not believe carts are necessary for the 5-12 who send take their devices home.

Moved by J. Smith, seconded by D. Smith to purchase iPad, iPad mini, and MacBook mobility carts for \$44,844 for 23 iPad carts.

Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Discuss middle school parking lot expansion for proper traffic flow, bus**

**pickup and dropoff, and safety**

Abrahamson stated Ahrens and Astelle, Transportation employees have put together a recommendation for an alternate drive at the MS to help alleviate traffic concerns regarding the buses and parent pickup/dropoff being together. Jones Bair asked about why this building and not the others. Abrahamson stated this building receives the most calls.

Knobloch asked to fix any major issues and that the Board will keep this topic under consideration as they move forward with facilities.

**8. Board Discussion**

Redmond asked about the announcements.

**9. Board Talking Points**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by D. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Board Calendar:**

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., June 8, 2016