

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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

Members Absent: Kirsten Fisher

Administrators Present: Jeff Kirby, Chris Coffman, Sara Hegg-Dunne, and Kevin Seney

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called the roll. Six members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

Business Manager Johnson discussed the December reports and answered questions from the board members.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Nance to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: Regular board meeting 1/8/14
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts

4. Communication from the Public

None

5. Communication and Reports

A. Board

None

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson discussed the possible sale of the horse barn that is located on the R & C property. An RFP is being finalized for this item.

Principal Seney presented the culture/climate survey results and compared the results to the results from the previous year.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business

A. FEH Architects & Associates Recommendation and Award Contract for R & C Industries Demolition

Don Seymour, Senior Project Manager with FEH Associates, Inc., presented a recommendation for Seaton Construction as the contractor with a price of \$346,000 for base and alternate pieces. Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan approving Seaton Construction as the contractor with a price of \$346,000 for base and alternate pieces. Motion carried 5-0, Wilhelm abstained.

B. 1st Reading – 100 Policy Series

Brown and Wilhelm discussed changes to the 100 Policy Series. Motion by Moisan, seconded by Nance to approve the 1st Reading – 100 Policy Series. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Discussion Items

A. District Budget

Business Manager Johnson discussed the Cash and Unspent Authority Balances forecasted out to FY15 showing the adjustment that needs to be made as a result of the decreased enrollment numbers from the last several years.

Superintendent Abrahamson discussed several options for the process. He also discussed why there is an issue with the General Fund and a need to make cost reductions. The district does have the funds to spend on facilities as these funds come from a separate fund account.

B. Site Visit Update

Principal Coffman explained the upcoming site visit and the involved process. Coffman indicated optimism regarding the site visit.

C. Admin Reports

Principal Kirby discussed what the administrators will incorporate into the board reports. There was discussion on having the second monthly board meeting be held at one of the school buildings.

D. Board Development

Brown discussed the possibility of adding fifteen to thirty minutes for board development at each meeting. The IASB has topics broken out in sizable pieces for

board development. Wilhelm remarked that once a month the board development topic should be placed on the agenda following the reports from the administrators.

Principal Kirby discussed the Ladders to Learning Program. Principal Hegg-Dunne spoke on the Ladders to Learning Program also implemented at the middle school. Both principals felt there will be upcoming successful data from this on-going program.

Hegg-Dunne also introduced the middle school behavior interventionist, Kris Loschen. Loschen spoke to the board regarding a teaching model program versus a discipline model program. She explained how the teaching model program is more proactive than the discipline model. The middle is using the teaching model program.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., February 12, 2014
Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., February 26, 2014