

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in a special session on February 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grinnell High School media center, 1333 Sunset Street, 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: Kevin Seney, Sarah Seney, Jeff Kirby, Sara Hegg-Dunne, Chris Coffman, and Maintenance Director Shawn Edelen

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the special session to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Work Session

Denny Sharp from FEH Associates, showed site drawings of the current buildings and presented the following options: elementary building on the middle school property, on the Fairview property, on the R&C property, and a middle school/elementary building on the middle school current site, a middle school addition at the high school, a middle school and elementary building at the R&C property, and another drawing with all athletic facilities located at R& C property.

Superintendent Abrahamson and Business Manager Johnson addressed cost concerns regarding this potential building project.

The board and administrators discussed comments and questions from the audience.

Board President Smith remarked the board needs to look at what option provides the most for our desires and within our resources. He also discussed the issues with displacing students during a building project regarding the elementary building at the middle school and with a middle school addition at the high school.

Knobloch stated the consensus of the board has been a preK – 5th grade building, now the board needs time for further discussion.

Wilhelm stated she wants to hear from teachers on division recommendations.

Victor Amoroso with A&J Associates, discussed the various costs of renovations.

Once the location has been determined, the designs would be worked on and will include the public considerations with a “design workshop.”

Each board member expressed more information regarding the following options:

Moisan, Nance, and Fisher: PreK – 5th at the R&C property

Moisan: PreK – 5th and middle school at the R&C property

Moisan, Brown, Knobloch, Nance, Fisher, Smith: PreK – 5th at the current middle school location

Moisan, Brown, Knobloch, Nance, Fisher, Smith: 6-8th addition at the current high school location

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Board Calendar:

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