

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Doug Cameron, Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Leo Lease, and Claire Moisan, Carol Wilhelm. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager Lisa Johnson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: none

Administrators Present: Sara Hegg-Dunne, Kevin Seney

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board Secretary Susan Kriegel called the roll. Seven members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

Business Manager Johnson reported the revenues are down due to the enrollment numbers. Expenditures are also reported as being down. For transportation the cost per mile decreased. The nutrition fund is down, with a decrease in sales and meals. Food Director Nachazel continues to do a very good job watching positions and costs. Superintendent Abrahamson and administrators will be reviewing programs. The activity fund transfer covers the low revenue programs. The K-purchase program is going very well.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Brown, seconded by Knobloch to approve the consent agenda.

President Smith noted the following amended items to the consent agenda:

- 3. Approve of Consent Agenda
 - E. Student Teacher Agreement: Western Governors University
 - G. Offering: Kristin Van Wyk: Varsity Head Coach Girls Golf
 - H. Resignation: Mic Schenking: Head Cook Davis School

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: Regular meeting 8/14/13, Special meeting 9/11/13, Special meeting 9/18/13
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts
- E. Student Teacher Agreements: UNI, William Penn, Buena Vista, and Grinnell College
- F. Contract upgrade: Deb Schade: BA+30 to MA

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Cameron to approve the amended consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Abrahamson will provide the board with the accredited body for Western Governors University.

The public forum will be Wednesday, October 16. The League of Women Voters will sponsor this event and work on the format for the forum. The board would like to hear from the faculty involving this process. Superintendent Abrahamson will be meeting with the faculty.

Principal K. Seney reported a good start to the school year, the instructional rounds have been going very well.

4. Communications from the Public

None to report.

5. Adjournment of Retiring Board and Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education

A. Call to Order and Roll Call by the Secretary of the Board of Education & Announce Election Results

Board Secretary did a roll call vote and announced the following election results:

G-N Director At Large, Barbara Brown received 250 votes, Jonathan Nance received 121 votes, Candidate Total 371 votes.

G-N Director District 2, Kirsten Pederson Fisher received 272 votes, Candidate Total 272 votes.

G-N Director District 1, Jeffrey Smith received 258 votes, Candidate Total 258 votes.

B. Administration of the Oath of Office to New Members of the Board of Education

The oath of office was administered to new board members Kirsten Fisher and Jonathan Nance and second term board members Barbara Brown and Jeff Smith.

C. Election of the 2013-2014 President of the Board of Education and Administration of the Oath of Office

Motion by Brown seconded by Knobloch to nominate Jeff Smith as 2013-2014 board president. Ballots were distributed with Smith elected as board president. The oath of office was administered to President Smith.

D. Election of the 2013-2014 Vice President of the Board of Education and Administration of the Oath of Office

Motion by Wilhelm seconded by Knobloch to nominate Barbara Brown as 2013-2014 vice-president. Ballots were distributed with Brown elected as vice-president. The oath of office was administered to Vice-President Brown.

E. Establish a Poweshiek County conference board representative

Kirsten Fisher will be the Poweshiek County conference board representative.

6. Communication and Reports

A. Board

No report.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson provided the board with a SINA update. Meetings are continuing with the staff and administrators at Marshalltown. A question was asked on how does SINA fit into the future preK – 6th grade building project.

Superintendent Abrahamson reported the gaps are increasing involving the special education and SES students. He has asked the Director of Instruction to focus on this area.

C. Principals/Director of Instruction

No report.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

A. Board of Director to attend the IASB 2013 Delegate Assembly on November 20

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Brown to approve a Board of Director to attend the IASB 2013 Delegate Assembly on November 20, Carol Wilhelm was nominated. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Board Secretary

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Knobloch to approve Lisa Johnson as Board Secretary. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Board Treasurer

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve Lisa Johnson as Board Treasurer. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Depositories: Wells Fargo Bank, Grinnell, IA and Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT)

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve as Depositories: Wells Fargo Bank, Grinnell, IA and Iowa School Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT). Motion carried 7-0.

E. Donald L. Schild and Gruhn Law Firm – District Counsel

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Brown to approve Donald L. Schild and Gruhn Law Firm – District Counsel. The motion was tabled until next month. Wilhelm removed the motion.

F. Certified Annual Report (CAR)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve Certified Annual Report (CAR).
Motion carried 7-0.

G. Special Ed LEA

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Knobloch to approve Special Ed LEA. Motion carried 7-0.

H. 2012-2013 Transportation Report

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve 2012-2013 Transportation Report.
Motion carried 7-0.

I. Title 1 application

Motion by Brown, seconded by Knobloch to approve Title 1 application. Motion carried 7-0.

J. Board member to School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Moisan to approve board member to School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC). Wilhelm nominated Kirsten Fisher. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Abrahamson stated the committee meets three to four time per year. They are trying to acquire a more diverse parent group.

K. Request to School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's 2012-2013 special education deficit

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve request to School Budget Review Committee for allowable growth and supplemental aid payment for district's 2012-2013 special education deficit. Motion carried 7-0.

L. Out of state travel for FFA to attend the National Convention in Louisville, KY, October 30 - November 2

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to approve out of state travel for FFA to attend the National Convention in Louisville, KY, October 30 - November 2. Motion carried 7-0.

M. 2015 band trip to Orlando, FL, March 15-21

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Moisan to approve 2015 band trip to Orlando, FL, March 15-21. Motion carried 7-0.

N. Out of state travel for FCCLA to attend the FCCLA Cluster Meeting in Omaha, NE - November 22-23

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve out of state travel for FCCLA to attend the FCCLA Cluster Meeting in Omaha, NE - November 22-23. Motion carried 7-0.

O. School board meeting times and dates

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve school board meeting times and dates. Motion carried 7-0.

P. Activity Fund Transfer

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to approve Activity Fund Transfer. Motion carried 7-0.

Q. Contracted Services Agreement for 2013-2014 with Iowa Valley

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve Contracted Services Agreement for 2013-2014 with Iowa Valley. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Suggestions for next agenda

Committee work, the idea of having the building administrators sub for a staff member one day a month.

10. Decision Points

No discussion

11. Adjournment

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m., October 9, 2013