

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on October 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, 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: Sarah Seney, Kevin Seney, Jeff Kirby, Sara Hegg-Dunne, Chris Coffman

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called roll. Seven members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

Business Manager Johnson answered questions regarding the monthly bills. The line item budget will be presented in November.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: Regular board meeting 10/9/13
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts
- E. Personnel:
 - 1. Offerings: Nate Hall: Assistant coach boys swimming; Chay Lewis: Assistant coach 7th grade boys basketball
 - 2. Resignations: Callie Austin: Middle School kitchen staff; Sara Grubb: High School kitchen staff
- F. Contract upgrade: Sandra Faulkner BA to MA
- G. Open enrollments out: Corbin Lowry kindergarten to Montezuma; Braden Shiffler Kindergarten to BGM

Amendments to the Consent Agenda

- 3. Approve of Consent Agenda
 - E. Personnel:
 - 1. Offerings: Joyce Cashman: Middle School kitchen staff; Avery Lindley Volunteer coach high school wrestling
 - 2. Larry Kline: Middle School custodian

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

4. Communications from the Public

None to report.

5. Staff Presentation/Recognition – Making Meaning

The teachers discussed grades and presented specific examples of Making Meaning at the elementary level. Director of Instruction Coffman discussed the overall success of the program.

6. Student Presentation/Recognition – HS Student Council

The school board also heard a school update from the student council. Student Representative Strawser also asked about the recent gas leak and the public forum.

7. Communication and Reports

A. Board

The board discussed the recent public forum.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson updated the school board on the recently held IASBO convention.

C. Principals & Director of Instruction

Principals Hegg-Dunne and Kirby gave a presentation to the board regarding SINA and SES. Principal Kirby also discussed Clarity. Principal K. Seney updated the board on the New Horizon classroom now located at the high school and the on-going AIW training for the high school staff.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business - None

10. Suggestions for next agenda

Improve communications between boards.

11. Decision Points

No discussion.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Brown to go into closed session. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(I): To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., November 6, 2013
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., November 20, 2013