

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on November 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Kevin Seney, Sara Hegg-Dunne, Jeff Kirby, Sarah Seney, Chris Coffman

Administrators Present: none

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

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called roll. Seven members were in attendance.

**3. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Approve/Amend Agenda
- B. Minutes: Regular board meeting 11/6/13
- C. Financial Reports
- D. Claims and Accounts
- E. Personnel:
  - 1. Offerings: Barb Kline: Transfer from MS kitchen to HS kitchen; Kathy Kriegel: MS kitchen
  - 2. Resignation: Angie Larson: Assistant coach 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball

Motion carried 7-0.

**4. Communications from the Public**

None to report.

**5. Staff Presentation/Recognition – Making Meaning (Classroom Videos)**

Chris Coffman discussed the benefits and difficulties regarding the Making Meaning program for a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade reading curriculum. Several teachers were also part of the discussion regarding Making Meaning.

**6. Student Presentation/Recognition – Virtual Reality Program and FFA Convention Presentation**

Kevin Seney and Janet Ahrens discussed the Virtual Reality Class. The board saw a

demonstration of students' work. The class is self-directed. The students have the ability to learn a skill and then apply the skill in their computer environment.

The board also enjoyed a presentation regarding the recently attend National FFA convention by FFA students and advisor, Ashley Wolfe.

**7. Communication and Reports**

**A. Board**

Wilhelm attended the IASB delegate assembly and voted for Grinnell. Brown and Fisher attended as delegate guests.

**B. Superintendent**

Superintendent Abrahamson informed the board the paperwork for the R&C Property will arrive next week. The next step for the building project is the location for the elementary building and a PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade plan.

**C. Principals/Director of Curriculum**

Each principal presented their report to the board members. Principal Kirby also discussed the Title 1 program with the school board.

**8. Old Business - None**

**9. New Business - None**

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Moisan seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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., December 4, 2013**