

Minutes Amended by board action at March 4, 2015 meeting

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Community Building 927 4th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Kirsten Fisher, Jeff Knobloch, Claire Moisan, Jonathan Nance, Jeff Smith and Carol Wilhelm (arrived at 6:05).

Members Absent: None

Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson and Board Secretary Lisa Johnson.

Administrators Present: Chris Coffman and Sarah Seney.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Lisa Johnson called the roll. Six members were in attendance. Board member Smith read the district's Mission and Vision Statement.

2. Fiduciary Report:

Board Secretary Lisa Johnson made comments on the bills.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve/Amenda Agenda

B. Minutes: Regular Meeting 1/28/15 Policy Committee 2/3/15

C. Claims and Accounts

D. Personnel:

1. Open Enrollments In: RaeAnna McClelland: 8th grade from Newton

Motion carried 6-0.

4. Communication from the Public

None

5. Communications and Reports

A. Board

Moisan noted the work session on February 18 on rigor.

Knobloch noted there would be a legislative coffee Saturday, February 14. He encouraged people to attend to discuss school issues with representatives.

B. Principal(s)

Principals Chris Coffman and Sarah Seney presented on how Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) work for PK-2 grades. The grades meet during the full PD days to work on aligning curriculum, grading and best practices. They also meet within the building more regularly to discuss day to day issues.

6. Old Business

A. Final Reading of Policies 507.2, 507.2E1, 507.2E2, 507.2E3 and 606.5E2

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the final reading of policies 507.2, 507.2E1, 507.2E2, 507.2E3 and 606.5E2.

Motioned carried 7-0.

7. New Business

A. Approve resolution ordering a special election on the issuance of \$28,000,000 general obligation school bonds

Dustin Smith, community member, presented the petition signatures to Board Secretary Lisa Johnson.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resolution ordering a special election on the issuance of \$28,000,000 general obligation school bonds.

Wilhelm stated she was voting no because she does not believe that this amount of funding will or can accomplish what is proposed or intended.

Motioned carried 6-1 (Wilhelm voted nay).

B. Appoint Nancy Burchland as Interim Board Secretary/Treasurer

Abrahamson stated Nancy Burchland, retired from East Marshall, is willing to serve for the interim.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the appointment of Nancy Burchland as Interim Board Secretary/Treasurer.

Motioned carried 7-0.

C. First Reading of Policy 905.2 Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment

Motion by Smith, seconded by Fisher to approve the first reading of policy 905.2 Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment.

Motioned carried 7-0.

8. Board Discussion

A. Facilities

Johnson discussed the cost per building summary and how these costs vary by building. She also discussed the differences in certified enrollment (used for state funding) and students attending the building.

Abrahamson stated FEH was at the Middle School today and will be coming back next week to talk with more staff on the building designs. Abrahamson is filling up his schedule presenting to various community groups, and has been pleased with the participation from community members.

9. Board Talking Points

Knobloch stated the early voting petition had sufficient signatures as well. Abrahamson stated the early/absentee voting information would be up on the website by next week. Brown and Smith acknowledged the committees work.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Smith, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Policy Committee Work Session	4:00 p.m., February 12, 2015
Board Work Session	6:00 p.m., February 18, 2015
Academic Committee Work Session	4:15 p.m., February 24, 2015
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., February 25, 2015