

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on May 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Community Building 927 4th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Knobloch, Claire Moisan, Jonathan Nance, Jeff Smith, and Carol Wilhelm.

Members Absent: Barbara Brown and Kirsten Fisher.

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

Administrators Present: Principals Chris Coffman and Kevin Seney.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Fiduciary Report:

Board Treasurer Johnson made comments on the financials and the bills.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: 4/22/15

C. Claims and Accounts

D. Personnel:

1. Resignations: Cassandra Stark: Middle school cook; Rob Gibson: Middle school assistant coach 8th grade football and head coach 8th grade boys track; Jeanne Marshall: Level I special education instructor; Barry Marshall: Paraeducator
2. Offerings: Kim Weber: Nurse; Michael Furlong: Middle school PE instructor; Kelsi Walter: Elementary counselor; Parker Koester: 7th grade social studies
3. Upgrades: Courtney Ives: Generalist to Specialized Paraeducator; Rebecca Flanagan: Standard to Generalist Paraeducator

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Communication from the Public

None.

5. Communications and Reports

A. Board

None

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson stated it was School Board Appreciation week. He noted there would be an Elementary Open House on Thursday, May 14th. In addition, he made note of the Middle School/High School Spring Showcase, scheduled for May 27th. He also stated an update on the district's long-term financial situation would be provided at the upcoming May 27th board meeting.

C. Principal

Principal Chris Coffman presented Iowa Assessment test score results for the district. The district's results exceeded both the AEA and State averages for all grades in both reading and mathematics. Data will be used to determine an ongoing course of action in areas that need improvement.

6. Old Business

A. Iowa Telecom Interior Deconstruction Bid

FEH spoke about options to reduce the deconstruction costs. Board member Knobloch asked about the rate of deterioration of the building if nothing is done. FEH stated many buildings sit vacant for many years without deteriorate the bones of the structure.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to reject the Iowa Telecom Interior Deconstruction Bid.

Motioned carried 5-0.

7. New Business

A. Central Office Bids

Superintendent Abrahamson stated the bid received was too high to be viable. He proposed the central office move temporarily to the high school classrooms.

Board member Wilhelm stated a concern for student safety if the central office

moved to the High School and shares a common entrance with the High School. Principal Kevin Seney spoke positively about moving the central office to the High School.

Motion by Wilhelm to keep the central office in the current location. No second.
Motion by Wilhelm to move the central office to another location. No second.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Nance to approve the move of central office to the High School temporarily.

Motioned carried 4-1 (Wilhelm voted nay).

B. Class of 2015 Graduates List

Principal Kevin Seney presented the list of graduates.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Knobloch to approve the Class of 2015 Graduates List. Motioned carried 5-0.

C. 2015-2016 Breakfast and Lunch prices

Food Service Director Carrie Nachazel presented her recommendation for 2015-2016 prices. A portion of the price increase is required and will help offset wage and food cost increases. Nachazel explained that the increases were minimal, and would not affect Free and Reduced prices, as those prices are set at a different rate, and have not changed. Wilhelm expressed concern regarding the lunch price increase. She would like to see a more equitable raise between the age groups.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Nance to approve the 2015-2016 Breakfast and Lunch prices. Motioned carried 5-0 (Wilhelm abstained).

8. Board Discussion

A. Facilities

None

9. Board Talking Points

Smith stated making financially responsible decisions, i.e., not spending at 11th Avenue is a good decision. He also appreciated the test results presented by Chris. Moisan also liked hearing about how the test results are being used by the PLCs to make decisions. Wilhelm is looking forward to future building discussions.

Knobloch asked to please keep the focus on the children's education.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board Calendar:

HS Graduation	2:00 p.m., May 24, 2015
MS/HS Showcase (High School)	5:00-6:30 p.m., May 27, 2015
Regular Board Meeting	7:00 p.m., May 27, 2015