

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on June 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Grinnell-Newburg Community High School in the Media Center, 1333 Sunset Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Jonathan Nance, Dustin Smith and Jeff Smith.

Members Absent: Meg Jones Bair and Helen Redmond.

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

Administrators Present: Nutrition Director Carrie Nachazel

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Secretary Johnson called the roll. Five members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

No comments

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by D. Smith to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i): To review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept confidential. To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session.

Roll Call Vote 5-0.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by J. Smith, seconded by D. Smith to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

C. Minutes: 5/11/16 Minutes 5/25/16 Minutes

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Termination

2. Resignations: Neal Hirota: Director of Technology; Jeff Kirby: Elementary Principal; Sandra Faulkner: Assistant Boys Track & Field

Coach; Callie Farr: Paraprofessional-MS; Tammy Strawser: Co-Coach
GMS Debate Coach; William Rudolph: HS English Teacher; Mike
Hunter: Winter Show Director; Mike Hunter: Technical Director-Fall
Show; Samantha Newport: Director Fall Show

3. **Offerings:** Haley Dodds: 2nd Grade Teacher-FV; Holly Hunter: 3rd
Grade Teacher-DV; Nicole Fisher: 5th Grade Teacher-MS; Casey
McDermott: School Counselor-MS; Sandra Faulkner: Track & Field Head
Coach-Boys; Megan Schutt: SPED Teacher-BP; Jessica Kite: K-2 Title I
Reading Program (P/T); Whitney Edgerly: 8th Grade Girls Basketball
Coach; Katherine Watts: 2nd grade teacher-BP; Karma Werner: Assistant
Vocational Ag/FFA Supervisor-HS; York Plagge: Home School Liaison;
Jordan Ely: Volunteer Baseball Coach; Nick Harder: Volunteer Baseball
Coach; Stacy DeCoster: 8th Grade Science-MS
4. **Transfers:** Cindy Little: MS Cook to DV Cook; Barb Johnson: HS Cook
to BP Cook; Katie Ferneau: HS 3.5 Cook to HS 4.0 Cook; Mike Hunter:
Fall Show Director; Samantha Newport: Winter Show Director; Kate
Baumgartner: Technical Director-Fall Show; Brian Conway: Bailey Park
Principal to Davis Principal
5. **Upgrades:** Christie Hughes: BA to BA+15

Motion by Knobloch seconded by Nance to move item E1 Termination to later in the
agenda.

Motion approve the amendment carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the amended consent agenda carried 5-0.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Nance to accept the recommendation of the
Superintendent to terminate Susan Whitesell.

Roll Call Vote 5-0.

4. Communication from the Public

None

5. Communications and Reports

A. Board

Knobloch noted the award Jill Allen received.

B. Superintendent

Abrahamson gave project updates. The foundation for the restroom projection is complete and next we will be working on walls. The initial grading for the tennis courts is almost complete. The abatement has three sections left and they will then start replacing siding and windows. The roof will be starting on June 13.

Summer school programs at the various buildings are underway as well as the summer Nutrition program.

6. Old Business

A. Approve Sitler Supplies to contract with Grinnell-Newburg to replace lighting in all school gymnasiums, high school parking lot, bus garage, and high school facility:

Option A: MS Gym HS Gym Kriegel Gym HS Parking Lot GHS

Option B: HS Gym Kriegel Gym HS Parking Lot GHS

D. Smith stated that at the facilities meeting they discussed the project with Roger Hill, community member, and Ren Miller from Sitler. Miller showed some picture from a school they did recently. J. Smith asked about the durability. Miller stated these are a more durable fixture than what we currently have today.

D. Smith asked about changing bulbs versus changing fixtures. Miller stated the failure rate of the bulbs is significantly higher and the heat dissipation is much worse. The board then went to look at a fixture Miller brought and installed. The board discussed various options for both inside the school and the gyms.

Miller noted the flood lights are owned by Alliant. The ones attached to the building are owned by the District. Brown asked what the price difference is to put in 3 lights instead of 2 in the hallway.

Brown asked the board what they want to include. D. Smith stated the bus barn needed to be included. His suggestion was also to include the MS gym, but not the HS gym or the Kriegel Gym. Brown stated we want to include the parking lot lights the District owns. Miller stated the quote already only includes the fixtures the District owns. Also the HS interior lights adding an additional bulb. Brown stated we are not considering the other buildings due to the uncertainty of these buildings.

Brown asked if the funds would come from SAVE. Johnson confirmed they would.

Moved by D. Smith, seconded by Nance to approve the Sitler Supplies contract to replace lighting in the HS for up to \$90,000, the HS parking lot for \$7,029.60, the MS Gym for \$11,390 and the Bus Garage for \$13,335.60.

Miller stated he is tentatively scheduling work for the second week of July. He will check with local contractors if they have the ability to do the work. The board suggested S&S as well as Black Electric.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. New Business

A. Hire Janet Stutz as a contractor from June 15-30

Brown noted the per diem pay and the reimbursement for travel and lodging.

Moved by Nance, seconded by D. Smith to approve the hiring of Janet Stutz as a contractor from June 15-30, 2016.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Furniture Purchases

Johnson stated this is the regular furniture upgrade. She noted there is an option of not approving new round tables for the center and that the District could repurpose the best of the current tables to fit in this design.

Moved by Nance, seconded by J. Smith to approve furniture purchases of \$55,229.49 for the furniture purchase less the round tables for the HS cafeteria.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approve out-of-state travel for Mike Hunter and Maddie Topliff; Lincoln, Nebraska - International Thespian Festival; June 20-26, 2016.

Abrahamson noted this a student who qualified and all student travel needs to be approved.

Moved by D. Smith, seconded by Knobloch to out of state travel for Mike Hunter and Maddie Topliff to Lincoln, Nebraska for the International Thespian Festival

on June 20-26, 2016

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Board Discussion

Nance thanked Abrahamson for his service and wished him well at Okoboji CSD as this is his last meeting.

9. Board Talking Points

None

10. Adjournment

Motion by D. Smith, seconded by J. Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., July 13, 2016