

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Special Session on July 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Community Building 927 4th Ave., Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Barbara Brown, Kirsten Fisher, Claire Moisan, and Jonathan Nance. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager and Board Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Johnson.

Members Absent: Jeff Knobloch and Carol Wilhelm

Administrators Present: Sarah Seney

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 the roll. Five members were in attendance. Board member Jeff Smith read the district's Mission and Vision Statement.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve Agenda

B. Personnel:

1. Resignations: Karma Werner: Bailey Park administrative assistant

2. Offerings: Mike Hunter: Spring play director - one (1) year (2014-15); York Plagge: Head coach 7th grade girls basketball and assistant 7th grade football; Bryan Woods: Head coach 7th grade football

E. Open Enrollments Out: Jena Sanders: 12th grade to CAM Community School District

Motion carried 5-0.

3. Communication from the Public

Representatives of the Elementary PTO's from Fairview, Bailey Park and Davis spoke about fundraising/events calendar and the goals of the PTO.

4. Communication and Reports

A. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson presented his detailed plans to accomplish the goals set by the board (Academic Goal, Budget Goal, and Facilities Goal). District goals are for a 5

year period. Building goals are updated each year to align with the goals the board has set for 2014-2015.

5. Presentations

A. FFA Ag Issues Team

The team performed their 1st place finishing presentation on the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus, its effects on Pork Industry and arguments for and against youth shows. They will be presenting at Nationals in the fall.

6. New Business

A. Purchase Agreement

Abrahamson stated Item 15, the opt-out clause, was taken out. He has delivered a draft to the city and asked about a joint meeting to discuss the timelines of the city to address the offer.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Fisher to approve the purchase agreement for 11th Avenue.

Fisher does not want to take the opt-out clause out, due to concerns of the board deciding not use the property in the future. She is concerned about purchasing more property when there are available classrooms at the High School, however she also feels the High School is already constrained in some areas (ie. parking). Brown feels these concerns are common among the public. She feels this is a good purchase despite if the Middle School goes to 11th Avenue or the High School because the property could be used for other support functions, such as athletic facilities and parking. She believes this need is increased if the Middle School is added to the High School. Smith believes the additional 11th Avenue property provides multiple options for alleviating current issues at the High School.

Motioned carried 5-0.

B. Furniture Purchases

Abrahamson discussed the furniture upgrades along with the additional manufacturing equipment to build a technical training program. He also stated that by keeping our furniture updated, we will be able to move current furniture into any new buildings and not have that additional expense upon completion of a new building.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Moisan to approve the furniture purchases.

Motioned carried 5-0.

C. IASB Legislative Priorities Priorities

Abrahamson recommended delaying this agenda item to the 13th, due to two members being absent and the due date was pushed back to the 15th.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to table this agenda item to the August 13, 2014 board meeting.

Motioned carried 5-0.

D. 2014-2015 Fundraisers

Brown asked for more information about what the funds raised at the fundraisers are spent on at the Middle School, since the PTO spoke and most of the High School fundraisers are related to specific activities.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Nance to approve the 2014-2015 fundraisers.

Motioned carried 5-0.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Nance to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Board Calendar:

SIAC Meeting	5:00 p.m., July 21, 2014
Board Work Session	6:00 p.m., August 6, 2014
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., August 13, 2014