

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 9, 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, and Carol Wilhelm. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager and Board Secretary Lisa Johnson.

Members Absent: Clari Moisan and Jonathan Nance

Administrators Present: None

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. Six members were in attendance. Board member Kirsten Fisher read the district's Mission and Vision Statement.

2. Fiduciary:

Board Member Brown asked about the chamber dues bill. Superintendent Abrahamson stated the district has been a member of the chamber for many years and that there are a number of benefits the school receives by being a member. Business Manager Johnson stated the chamber will be a critical partner in promoting a bond issue for whatever building project the board determines is best suited for the district. Brown asked that we check with the chamber about whether there is a lesser membership due we could pay due to the budget deficit. She asked that we delay this until a later date after that discussion can take place.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

President Smith stated agenda item 5A. FFA Ag Issues Team needs to reschedule.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to amended agenda by removing the chamber dues.

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: Regular Meeting 6/11/14, Work Session 6/30/14

C. Claims and Accounts

D. Personnel:

- 1. Offerings:** Amy Prescott: K-2 Student Family Clinician/Counselor; Bryan Woods: MS 8th grade science; Carlos Gallegos: ELL instructor (shared-East Marshall); Paula Simon: MS guidance counselor; Pamela DeBoer: HS Color

guard

2. Resignations: Casey O'Rourke: MS Behavior Interventionist; Gary Halverson: HS custodian; Colman Ditzler: Bus driver

E. Open Enrollments In: Billy Lehman: 12th grade from Newton

Motion carried 5-0.

4. Communication from the Public

None

5. Presentations

A. FFA Ag Issues Team

Rescheduled to a later date.

B. GNEE

Lynn **Cavanagh** spoke on the process GNEE uses to select its applicants for the mini-grants.

6. Communication and Reports

A. Board

Fisher discussed the Teacher and Principal Leadership Symposium on August 4th in Ankeny that she is attending.

B. Superintendent

Lawsuit has been postponed until a later date, most likely into next year.

The school will be doing online registration this year. The system is working and we are addressing questions as they come up. We are still doing a traditional registration day on August 5th where kiosks will be set up.

7. Old Business

A. 3rd Reading - (excluding 302.5 and 302.5E2)

Motion by Brown, seconded by Knobloch to approve the 3rd reading of the 300 series policies excluding 302.5 and 302.5E2.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. 3rd Reading - 603.4

Motion by Brown, seconded by Knobloch to approve the 3rd reading of policy 603.4

Motion carried 5-0.

7. New Business

A. 1st Reading of policies - 302.5 and 302.5E2

Brown stated the policy committee adjusted the policies to align with what the Board discussed in creating the goals document for the superintendent.

Smith stated this needs to be aligned in the board calendar.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to approve the 1st reading of policies 302.5 and 302.5E2

Motioned carried 5-0.

9. Board Discussion

A. Facilities

Smith stated the 11th Avenue property is still under the RSP with Hubbell and the city is going to determine if they want to cease that agreement and consider the proposal from the school.

Abrahamson stated the City needs to approach Hubbell, but it is currently in their court. The timeline is 30-60 days until we will have a decision from the city. Once a decision is made they still need to follow their procedures, which will include a public hearing.

Wilhelm asked about current spending for repairs on the buildings. Abrahamson stated necessary repairs to the roofs, especially, are being done this year with plans to get RSPs out for some of the other HS projects including windows and large roof replacements to be made in the spring of 2015.

B. IASB Legislative Priorities

Smith stated the priorities will be discussed in greater detail at the July 16th meeting. He encouraged members to come to the meeting with their top priorities ready to discuss.

10. Board Talking Points

Brown is pleased with the work GNEE does for us and the fundraising efforts, including the upcoming golf fundraiser on Friday, August 15th

Wilhelm appreciates the new registration process and the work put into it. She is pleased that we will still be having a registration day as well. Fisher liked that we also have an open house for students and parents to meet teachers and administrators.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Knobloch to enter into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(j): To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Special Board Meeting
Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m., July 16, 2014
6:00 p.m., August 13, 2014