

Minutes Amended by board action at February 11, 2015 meeting

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on January 28, 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, Jeff Smith, and Carol Wilhelm (arrived at 6:05).

Members Absent: Jonathan Nance

Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson and Accounting Assistant Teresa Hawk.

Administrators Present: Kevin Seney, Sara Hegg-Dunne, and Sarah Seney.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Teresa Hawk called the roll. Five members were in attendance. Board member Knobloch read the district's Mission and Vision Statement.

2. Fiduciary Report:

Superintendent Todd Abrahamson made comments on the financials and the bills.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve/Amenda Agenda

B. Minutes: Board Meeting 1/14/15. Policy Committee 1/21/15

C. Financials

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Resignations: Mack Jorth: HS assistant football coach; Kristin Van Wyk: Head Girls Golf

2. Offerings: Mike Doty: HS head softball coach; York Plagge: HS assistant softball coach; Damian Imhoff: HS 9th grade softball coach; Mark Kivitt: HS head girls golf coach

Motion carried 6-0.

4. Communication from the Public

Steve Sieck, who serves on the Governor's Stem Cell council conveyed grants are available at this time. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated that the district administrators had discussed these grants in their Cabinet meeting. It was concluded that the district will be applying and meet the March 19, 2015 deadline.

5. Communications and Reports

A. Board

Moisan said the topic of academic rigor was discussed at the recent Academic Advisory meeting. Their members are tentatively scheduling a work session on 2/18/15 and the next regular meeting will be 2/10/15. Brown clarified that their next Policy meeting noted on this agenda as 2/10/15 will actually be on 2/3/15.

Board member Knobloch shared that the legislature is still working on the approved amount for future state aid.

B. Superintendent

Abrahamson stated that he has been in discussions with other districts in the Little Hawkeye Conference regarding the start date waiver ruling. Our district will not be applying for the waiver, due to the deadline timeline of March 15, 2015. This coincides with the decisions of other districts in the Little Hawkeye Conference. Administrator Seney is now creating potential versions of the 2015-2016 calendar.

The FEH group shared the schematic designs they have created after receiving feedback from the Charrette process. These designs will show how the buildings will be positioned on the property, including the placement and size of classrooms. Their presentation also included a view of potential furnishings and 3D visual tours.

FEH gave a great overview of each building and addressed questions from the board. The architects will be working on site with teachers to further incorporate their feedback in the design developments.

6. Old Business

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

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

Motioned carried 6-0.

7. New Business

A. Approve schematic design for the 6-8 Middle School and PK-5 Elementary

The FEH group presented their Schematic Designs and provided board members with the projected budget for each building site. Moisan indicated that the staff will be very important and critical for the future Design Development stage.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the schematic design for the 6-8 Middle School and PK-5 Elementary.

Motioned carried 5-0, Wilhelm abstained.

B. Approve Early Retirements

Recommendations:

2014-2015 Certified & Non-certified Staff

Approve resignation for Bridget Brandt – Teacher (5th grade).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Bridget Brandt. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Bridget Brandt.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Bridget Brandt. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Beverly Huebner – Teacher (Family Consumer).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Beverly Huebner. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Beverly Huebner.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Smith to approve the early retirement for Beverly Huebner. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Jill Crotts – Teacher (6th grade).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Jill Crotts. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Jill Crotts.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Jill Crotts. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for LuAnn Weigel – Nurse.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to approve the resignation for LuAnn Weigel. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for LuAnn Weigel.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for LuAnn Weigel. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Audrey Bierman – Teacher (Title I).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Audrey Bierman. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Audrey Bierman.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Audrey Bierman. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Paul Wagner – Teacher (Physical Education).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Paul Wagner. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Paul Wagner.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Paul Wagner. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Elizabeth Malinowski – Teacher (2nd grade).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Elizabeth Malinowski. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Elizabeth Malinowski.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Elizabeth Malinowski. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Julie Bisher – Counselor (Middle School).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Julie Bisher. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Julie Bisher.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Smith to approve the early retirement for Julie Bisher. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for David Kubalsky – Informational Technology.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for David Kubalsky. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for David Kubalsky.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for David Kubalsky. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Jim Dunne – Activities Director & Head Varsity Football Coach.

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Jim Dunne. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Jim Dunne.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Smith to approve the early retirement for Jim Dunne. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Joan Jones – Paraeducator (Non-certified).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Joan Jones. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Joan Jones.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Fisher to approve the early retirement for Joan Jones. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve resignation for Teresa Thompson – Administrative Assistant (Non-certified).

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Moisan to approve the resignation for Teresa Thompson. Motioned carried 6-0.

Approve early retirement for Teresa Thompson.

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Smith to approve the early retirement for Teresa Thompson. Motioned carried 6-0.

8. Board Discussion

A. Facilities

The board will table the financial projections and expenditures per building, and Todd will clarify details with Business Manager Johnson. Board member Smith indicates that FEH has done a great job with taking the input factors, narrowing those choices and moving the project forward.

Todd indicated the Bond Campaign Committee has been meeting frequently in preparation for the kick off next week. They will be planning many publicity type opportunities to provide information to the community. There are two tentative public forum dates scheduled for March 10th and March 24th.

9. Board Talking Points

There was discussion of the upcoming publicity for the Bond Campaign, and that the committee members from the community and school were all volunteering their time. The district's teachers were very excited to help with their support. Fisher was pleased with the Charrette input from teachers and how it assisted FEH with the building designs.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Moisan, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board Calendar:

Policy Committee Work Session	4:00 p.m., February 3, 2015
Academic Committee Work Session	4:15 p.m., February 10, 2015
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., February 11, 2015
Policy Committee Work Session	4:00 p.m., February 12, 2015
Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m., February 25, 2015