

The Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education met in Regular Session on July 10, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 927 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Members Present: Jeff Smith, Doug Cameron, Barbara Brown, Jeff Knobloch, Leo Lease, and Claire Moisan. Also in attendance at the table: Superintendent Todd Abrahamson, Business Manager Lisa Johnson, and Board Secretary Susan Kriegel

Members Absent: Carol Wilhelm

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Smith called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Susan Kriegel called the roll. Six members were in attendance.

2. Fiduciary

Business Manager Johnson answered financial questions from the board members.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

President Smith noted the following amended items to the consent agenda:

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E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Sarah Dahlby-Albright: Head cheer coach; Patty Lloyd: Assistant head cheer coach
2. Resignations: Heather Dillman: Assistant coach high school volleyball

A. Approve/Amend Agenda

B. Minutes: Regular Meeting 6/12/13, Special Meeting 6/25/13

C. Financial Reports

D. Claims and Accounts

E. Personnel:

1. Offerings: Mary Onstot: Special Education Strat I high school; Jen Dillon: Part-time preschool teacher; Mike Anderson: Assistant varsity football coach
2. Resignations: Chris Coffman: Assistant varsity football coach; JoAnn Stanford: Head cook high school; Amanda Rude: Part-time preschool teacher

F. Open Enrollment Out: Jenna Bales: 11th grade to Montezuma

Motion by Knobloch, seconded by Cameron to approve amendments to consent agenda.
Motion carried 6-0.

4. Communication from the Public

Craig Cooper, a member of the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce Board, explained the chamber's Growth Collaborative Plan. Each board member received a handout with details regarding the plan from Mr. Cooper. The chamber has indentified the in-commuters for the Grinnell community. The chamber would like to grow the local economy and the local community. They want more people to live, work, and play in the Grinnell community. The plan is to grow one family and one job at a time. The chamber has completed a peer city comparison. The common complaint from commuters is the difficulty in finding a place to live in Grinnell.

There is a concern in using taxpayers' money for the Growth Collaborative. There has been positive and negative feedback for this plan.

5. Communication and Reports

A. Board

Knobloch remarked that only five districts follow the designated school start dates, the remaining districts file the waiver.

B. Superintendent

Superintendent Abrahamson explained Fire Chief Sicard has been reviewing the buildings for tornado and fire plans. They will start including a plan for severe storms. They would like to place the safety procedures on plaques in the buildings.

The board wants the district to be aware of cyber bullying. Principal Hegg-Dunne explained this will be discussed in the middle school parent program scheduled for late August. The 1:1 rollout will include booths for additional parent Internet information.

Superintendent Abrahamson updated the board regarding the R&C property. He stated the check will be hand delivered to the sheriff. The thirty-day appeal process will end on July 18, 2013.

He indicated the district will be having a site visit during the 2013-2014 school year.

The transportation committee met and the safe zones have been formatted. The plan is to move from 16 stops to 11 stops. There has been no decision on when this plan will be implemented.

The new website continues to be uploaded with new material. The mission and vision statement will be added to the website.

Business Manager Lisa Johnson prepared a handout for the board members with details regarding the finances for the newsletters and the monthly videos. There was a suggestion to alternate the production of the video and the newsletters. Superintendent Abrahamson indicated this topic will be discussed during the work session.

There was discussion on why fundraising is needed for certain items. The board does not want fundraisers to interfere with educational time.

Superintendent Abrahamson indicated \$20,000 has been spent for leveled libraries in each elementary building.

Principal Sarah Seney indicated 146 students are currently registered for kindergarten.

The next facility planning session will be July 17, 2013. Knobloch stated the last facility planning session discussed enrollment projections. Currently, about thirty committee members attend the facility meetings. The proposal from the committee is scheduled to be presented to the board during their September board meeting.

C. Principals

No reports

D. Director of Instruction

No report

6. New Business

A. 2013-14 Fundraisers

Superintendent Abrahamson indicted the concern from the auditors regarding fundraisers. President Smith indicated the PTO's need to know what is expected of them.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Moisan to approve the 2013-14 Fundraisers.
Motion carried 6-0.

B. Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to accept the Title I Parent Involvement Policy.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Title I Parent/Student/Teacher Compact

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve Title I Parent/Student/Teacher Compact. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Class Room Furniture

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve the Class Room Furniture. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Canvas

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Brown to approve Canvas. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Lease Agreement: Grinnell College/Grinnell-Newburg CSD – Swimming Program

Motion by Lease, seconded by Cameron to approve the Lease Agreement: Grinnell College/Grinnell-Newburg CSD – Swimming Program. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Out-of-State Travel

Motion by Brown, seconded by Cameron to approve the Out-of-State Travel. Motion carried 6-0.

7. Suggestions for next agenda

Results from the survey, transportation update, monthly updates from the facility committee, status on enrollment numbers, cyber safety plan, how will the 1:1 rollout process for the middle school and high school, and information regarding the upcoming work session.

8. Decision Points

Would like information regarding on-line curriculum, town-gown collaborative with Grinnell College, and to be updated regarding the results from the new Canvas program.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Cameron, Seconded by Lease to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Board Calendar:

Regular Board meeting: August 14, 2013