

Minutes of Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
January 21, 2019

The Board of Education met for its regular meeting January 21, 2019 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building. President Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Board members present were Scott Hansen, Erika Kirchoff, Heather Pelzer, Rob Peterson, Scott Peterson, and Don Smith. Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Business Manager/Treasurer Dan Rold, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, Student Representative Reece Peterson (arrived at 5:36 pm), Matt Chumbley (Estes Construction), Denise Mardesen, Eric Baker, Vickie Anstey, Connor Linn, Nick Freund (arrived later for presentation), and Joni Kelley.

Reading of Mission Statement President Aaron Houser read the school mission statement *“The mission of the Griswold Community School District, in partnership with our families and communities, is to provide leadership for positive change to ensure the best learning opportunities for everyone in a safe and caring environment.”*

Approval of Agenda R Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item #18 (discussion on Elliott building). Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Public Input None

Superintendent’s Report Thank you card passed around. Month in review reports from superintendent, elementary principal, secondary principal. No board learning opportunities.

Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Hansen. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of December 17, 2018 meeting, financial statements, and monthly bills. Under personnel: hire Goldie Archibald as car / van driver; and Austin Lorenz as volunteer junior high wrestling coach. Resignation received from Judy Foutch as School Based Interventionist effective January 17, 2019. Gifts/grants/bequests: Received \$25 for the speech department from the Golden Tigers.

Old Business

KPE/Estes Update Matt Chumbley reported everything is going pretty well. About 90% of the walls are sheet rocked, some walls have been painted, gym has been painted and getting ready to install wrestling mat hoist, some ceilings are in, lights are in the classrooms, and fusers going in. These are just a few of the things going on.

Board Policies Second Reading Hansen made a motion to approve Superintendent’s recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 706.1, 706.2, 706.3, 706.3R1, 707.1, 707.2, 707.3, 707.4, 707.5, 707.5R1. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes. *(Any changes made to a board policy will be attached to the original copy of minutes available for review at the central office.)*

School Culture Update School Culture Committee Member Houser reported that last week the Committee met with the teachers, and are starting to recruit committee members. Will update the board on their progress at future board meetings.

Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments Supt. reviewed, and discussion was held regarding the tentative 2019-2020 budget adjustments. No action taken at this time.

New Business

Approval of Change Orders Matt Chumbley reviewed the 15 change orders with the board. R Peterson made a motion to accept the change orders as presented. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Regional Planning Partnership Mini Grant Presentation Mr. Baker and Mrs. Anstey wrote and received a grant to start a school store. A student run coffee shop will open in early February and is located in the commons area. At this time the store will be open in the morning before school starts. Once the store is up and running other times may be added. Mr. Baker, Connor Linn, and Nick Freund gave more information on the school store.

FCCLA Program Update Presentation Mrs. Anstey and Reece Peterson updated the board on the activities of the FCCLA Program. FCCLA includes not just high school students, but also middle school students. This year there are 60 middle school students in FCCLA.

Discussion on Policy 905.1 Board reviewed Board Policy 905.1, Community Use of School District Facilities and Equipment. Joni Kelley President of the Griswold Youth Sports, Inc., a 7-member, non-profit organization, had some concerns regarding this policy. After discussion, Superintendent will revise the policy and bring it to the board for approval. Joni Kelley talked about the Griswold Youth Sports organization, and what they are trying to accomplish.

Board Policies – First Reading First reading of board policies 708, 709, 710.1, 710.2, 710.3, and 710.4.

Approval of Chemical Application Specifications Board discussed the current specifications and decided to remove any applications to the Lewis facility, and to do broadleaf weed control, including fence lines, in the summer at the Elliott location. Hansen made a motion to approve the Chemical Application Specifications as presented with changes at the elementary facilities as discussed. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Specifications for Auditors Bids for Fiscal Years 20, 21, and 22. Pelzer made a motion to approve the Auditor specifications for a 3-year period ending June 30th, 2020, 2021, and 2022. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Presentation of ESSA Accountability Results Superintendent reviewed the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) results. This replaces the school report card. State average score is 54.91. Elliott Elementary had an overall score of 64.01, Lewis had an overall score of 60.57, and Middle School High School had an overall score of 53.82.

Discussion on Elliott Building On January 14th the City of Elliott voted to decline the purchase of the Elliott facility. At this time, the board will continue to explore options.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R Peterson at 8:32 pm. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting February 18, 2019.)