

Minutes of Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
November 19, 2018

The Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building. Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Board members present were Scott Hansen, Erika Kirchhoff (arrived at 5:37 pm), Rob Peterson, Scott Peterson, and Don Smith. Heather Pelzer absent. Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Business Manager/Treasurer Dan Rold, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, Guidance Counselor Jennifer Bissell, and various visitors.

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 as posted. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Public Input Steve Baier presented information regarding an initiative for a level 5 childcare center in the community. An Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed and Baier is hoping someone from the board will be on the committee. Board thanked Steve for attending the meeting.

Superintendent’s Report Thank you cards were passed around. Month in review reports from superintendent, elementary principal, and secondary principal. Board learning opportunities: report on IASB Convention, and work session follow-up.

Consent Agenda A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by R Peterson. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of 10/15/2018 and 10/29/2018 meetings, financial statements, and monthly bills. Under personnel: two early retirement resignations - Gail Maxwell (K-12 Media, Tech Integration and Media Specialist), and Andrea Olson (Title I at Lewis); resignation from Larissa Chambers 1-1 Special Education Para-educator at Elliott; hire Colleen Richards as 1-1 Special Education Para-educator at Elliott, Missy Wiechman as Special Education Para-educator at MS/HS; and Jake Speer as Assistant JH Girls Basketball Coach (Speer is also serving as Assistant HS boys basketball coach; therefore, Mrs. Elwood has identified four dates in which a conflict exists. He will not be serving in one the capacities on those dates).

Old Business

KPE / Estes Update: Matt Chumbley with Estes updated the board on the elementary building project. Building is fully enclosed, all floors are poured, all walls basically framed, next week start insulation and drywall, electricity hooked up, heaters and gas hooked up, masonry work done, everything else going pretty good. Fences are down and site guys will start grade work. Tomorrow pour all stoops at the doors.

Board Policies – Second Reading Hansen made a motion to approve Superintendent’s recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 503.4, 702, 703.1, 703.2, IASB Updates: 502.3, 505.1, 505.2, 505.5, 602.1, 604.6, 604.10, 704.3, 705.1, 710.2, 710.4, New: 804.2, Rescind: 804.3. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes. (Any changes made to a board policy will be attached to the original copy of the minutes, and available for review at the central office.)

School Culture Update: Nigel Horton and Aaron Houser presented a slide presentation and updated the board on the school culture committee’s progress. The committee will ask for board approval at the December meeting.

New Business

Approval of Change Orders Matt Chumbley with Estes Construction reviewed the following change orders: \$16,275 to upgrade fire alarm system and smoke detectors; \$1,315 change of toilets for Pre-K; \$2,340 installing standard 12x12x1 filters in new filter boxes; \$23,694.36 de-water, improve and grade building pads to receive concrete; savings of \$3,100 revised weatherization package – not as much tuck pointing needed; \$3,523 adding louvers and panels; and \$841 adding head guards to sprinkler heads in the gym. Hansen made a motion to approve the change orders as presented. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Consider Approval of Early Graduation List Kirchhoff made a motion to approve the early graduation requests from Destiny Byrne, Jesse Carlton, Peyton Graham, Cade Jahnke, Dylan Main, Kaitlin Polzin, and Tayah Weston contingent upon completion of all graduation requirements. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

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Consider Approval of Tiger Troupe Musical and Speech sponsors Amy Smith and Cathy Vannausdle are interested in starting a Drama Club, called 'Tiger Troupe' for middle school/high school students. Amy Smith presented information to the board. Hansen made a motion to approve the organization of Tiger Troupe. Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Board took a break from 7:18 pm to 7:27 pm

SBRC Application For Increasing Enrollment, Open Enrollment Out, And IEP Instruction Beyond 5 Years The SBRC application is due December 1st. Hansen made a motion to authorize the superintendent to make application in the amount of \$97,960. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Resolution for Budget Guarantee R Peterson made a motion to approve the following budget guarantee resolution: "Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Griswold Community School District, consistent with Iowa Code section 257.14 will levy property tax for the fiscal year in order that the district's 2019-2020 regular program district cost will be 101% of the 2018-19 regular program cost, or the district 2019-2020 regular program cost will be increased by the maximum percent difference cost plus any money received under section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for 2018-19 minus 2019-2020 regular program cost, whichever is greater." Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Request Modified Allowable Growth – Dropout Prevention Application Approval Hansen made a motion to approve the maximum amount for the Modified Allowable Growth-Dropout Prevention Application that is due 1/15/2019. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Discussion on Budget Changes for 2019-2020 Administration team has developed a list of possible changes for the 2019-2020 school year. Preliminary changes were discussed during the October work session. Changes need to be around \$200,000 dollars.

Discussion on Elementary Buildings Supt. reported two bids were received for the Lewis Building, and as of today no bid has been received for the Elliott Building; however, communication is still going on with the City of Elliott. Next step is set up a joint meeting (hopefully in January) with the Lewis City Council, the School Board, and the two bidders, where the bidders will present their proposals.

Approval of Pizza Card Program Griswold Tiger Mart will reimburse the school \$.25 cents for each fedora they receive that is stamped with the Tiger Mart stamp. The fedora is the hat found on the side of the lid of the pizza box. This is similar to the Box Top for Education program. S Peterson made a motion to approve the pizza card program with Tiger Mart. Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Van Specifications for Purchase Supt. recommends seeking bids for a new van and include a trade-in option on the bid form; along with accepting sealed bids for the sale of the other vehicles listed. Trade in, or sell, the following: 2005 Ford Taurus (226,000 miles), and 2009 Impala (234,000 miles). Trade-in vs. outright sale would be based upon which is more financially beneficial for the district. Hansen made a motion to approve the specs for a van and trade in, or sell ,the Taurus and Impala as presented. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Board Policies – First Reading First reading of board policies: 410.1, 711.8, 704.1, 704.2, 704.2R1, 704.4,704.5, 704.6, 705.1R1, 705.2, 705.3, new IASB policies 712, and 712.R1.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R Peterson at 8:35 pm. Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting December 17, 2018.)