

Minutes of School Calendar Hearing and
Regular Meeting of the
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
February 18, 2019

The Board of Education met in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building for a hearing on the 2019 - 2020 school calendar, and regular board meeting. President Aaron Houser called the calendar hearing to order at 5:30 pm. Superintendent David Henrichs reviewed the proposed 2019 – 2020 school calendar. President Houser asked if anyone wished to speak for, or against, the calendar. As there were no comments, President Houser declared the hearing closed. Time was 5:35 pm. President Houser called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 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, Matt Chumbley (Estes Construction), Greg Wilde (KPE), and various visitors.

Reading of Mission Statement President 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. Hansen 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. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of January 16 and January 21 meetings, financial statements, and monthly bills. Under personnel: hire Teresa Engler as Assistant High School Girl’s Track Coach; and Peggy Casey as Certified Librarian for the 2019-2020 school year (1 day per month from August through May, \$300 per day). Early retirement resignation received from Carol Jensen. Gifts/grants/bequests: Elementary art supplies received from Ann Hansen; donation of \$250 to the band department and \$250 for the Class of 2020 received from United Health Group (Jody Danker).

Old Business

KPE/Estes Update: Greg Wilde (KPE) and Matt Chumbley with Estes Construction reported everything is in good shape. All the classrooms have ceiling grids, 85% of building is painted, in May the gym floor will go down, about 80% of the tile work is done.

Board Policies Second Reading R Peterson made a motion to approve Superintendent’s recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 708, 709, 710.1, 710.2, 710.3, and 710.4. S Peterson 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 No update at this time, still working on committees.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Lewis Elementary Purchase Price At the special board meeting on January 16th Chris Jahnke, 3HO L.L.C., proposed offering around \$40,000 for the Lewis building. Since then, Chris has some concerns regarding repairs; • cost to repair the flooring (*asbestos abatement would run around \$60,000 – \$80,000, if use epoxy to cover the floor tile would run around \$25,000-with no guarantee, if carpeted over the tile a motorized cart would need to be purchased costing around \$5,000-\$8,000,*); • the condition of the boiler (*boiler was down a few weeks ago*); • and the cost to repair the condenser unit in the gym (*between \$2,500 - \$5,500*). Because of the repairs, Chris said he would be willing to pay between \$5,000 - \$15,000 for the building. Chris also noted that anything that has no value and would not be on the auction could be left in the building and he would dispose of the items. Chris also offered to help with the move (both Lewis and Elliott) using his truck that has a lift, and would also provide some manpower. After discussion S Peterson made a motion and Hansen seconded to sell the Lewis building to Chris Jahnke, 3-H-O, LLC for \$9,000 and accept his offer to help with the move. Motion carried all ayes.

Approval of E-Rate Application Hansen made a motion to approve the E-Rate application with Griswold Communications as presented. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of 2019-2020 Calendar Some highlights of the calendar: first day of school August 23rd; the end of the 1st semester will be December 20th, 1 hour early out every Wednesday, Graduation May 15, and last day of school May 22. As there were no objections during the calendar hearing, R Peterson made a motion to approve the 2019 - 2020 school calendar as presented. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Chemical Application Bid R Peterson made a motion to approve the bid from Bob’s Mowing for Chemical Application for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Mowing Specifications Hansen made a motion to approve the mowing specifications for 2019-2020 as presented. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Auditor Bids Five bids were sent out and two bids were received. Bids received from Nolte, Cornman and Johnson (current auditors), and Schroer and Associates. Riverside Schools uses Schroer and Associates. The board asked Business Manager Rold (*shared Business Manager with Riverside*) his opinion. Rold commented that he has no concern with their work. Hansen made a motion to accept the low bid from Schroer and Associates as the auditor for three years ending 6/30/2020, 6/30/2021, and 6/30/2022. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Board took a break from 6:40 to 6:49 pm.

Board Policies – First Reading First reading of board policies 705.1, 710.1, 711.1, 711.2, 711.2R1, 711.2R2, 711.3 905.1, 905.1E1, 905.1E2, 905.1R1, and 905.1R2.

Consider Entering into Closed Session Under Iowa Code 20.17(3) At 7:30 pm R Peterson made a motion to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 20.17(3) for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategy with a certified bargaining unit. Kirchhoff seconded and roll call vote: Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Pelzer, aye; R Peterson, aye; S Peterson, aye; and Smith, aye.

Board returned to open session in a motion by Hansen at 8:15 pm. R Peterson seconded and roll call vote: Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Pelzer, aye; R Peterson, aye; S Peterson, aye, and Smith, aye.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R Peterson at 8:17 pm. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting March 18, 2019)