

Minutes Special Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
Date April 22, 2019

The Board of Education held a special meeting April 22, 2019 in the Middle School/High School Library. Purpose of the meeting: discuss process used to fill a job vacancy; closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)j.; and consider approval of head and or assistant high school softball coach. Board President Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call of members present: Scott Hansen, Aaron Houser, Ericka Kirchhoff, Heather Pelzer, Rob Peterson, Scott Peterson, and Don Smith. Also present: Superintendent David Henrichs, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, and various patrons and 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 Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda as posted with the following change: addition of item #8 Discussion on Sale of Elliott Building (informational only), and move this item after item #2 (approval of agenda). Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Discussion on Sale of Elliott Building Superintendent reported an offer has been made on the Elliott building. This was informational only, so no action was taken. A special meeting will be held on May 29th at 5:00 pm at the middle school/high school library to consider the offer to sell the building.

Public Comments Several patrons spoke regarding the softball program.

Discussion on Process Used to Fill a Job Vacancy Athletic Director Katie Elwood reviewed the process used when filling job vacancies. The administration and board will review policies relating to the hiring practices at the regular May board meeting

Consider Entering Into Closed Session: At 8:01 pm board member Hansen made a motion to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)j for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. S. Peterson seconded and roll call vote: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; R. Peterson, aye; Pelzer, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

The board returned to **open session** in a motion by Hansen at 8:41 p.m. Pelzer seconded and roll call vote as follows: Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Pelzer, aye; R. Peterson, aye; S. Peterson, aye; and Smith, aye.

Consider Approval of Head and/or Assistant High School Softball Coach: R. Peterson asked if there was only one application for the head softball coaching position, and Athletic Director Elwood responded yes. (Another application had been received, but they had withdrawn their name.) R. Peterson made a motion to approve the selection of Jody Rossell as head softball coach. Smith seconded and voting aye: Hansen, Houser, Kirchhoff, R. Peterson, Smith. Voting nay were Pelzer and S. Peterson. Motion carried 5 to 2.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R. Peterson at 8:44 pm. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor, Board Secretary

Aaron Houser, Board President