

Minutes of Meeting  
Griswold Community School District Board of Education  
December 19, 2016

The Board of Education met for its regular meeting December 19, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building. Vice president Rob Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. President Heather Pelzer arrived at 5:31. Board members present were Steve Baier, Scott Hansen, Scott Peterson, Rob Peterson, and Don Smith. Erika Kirchoff absent. Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Business Manager/Treasurer Dan Rold, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, and various patrons.

**Approval of Agenda:** R Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Public Input:** a patron spoke to the board about a bus route issue. Board thanked him for his comments and for attending the meeting. **Superintendent's Report:**

Supt. passed around a letter from the Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown, Iowa thanking the students for their letters/notes that were delivered to their residents. Month in review reports from the superintendent, elementary principal, and secondary principal. Board learning opportunities: Penny Sales Tax for School Infrastructure workshop will be held in Clarinda on January 12<sup>th</sup>, reviewed how evaluations are processed, and handed out information from IASB on "Your Lobby Day" to be held January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by R Peterson. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of November 21, 2016 meeting, financial statements, and monthly bills. Gifts/grants/bequests: A grant was awarded from the Benevity Community Impact Fund in the amount of \$1,975.70 for "Maker Space" at Elliott Elementary. Two gifts received from the Tuesday Music Club: \$100 for fifth grade field trip to the symphony and \$25 for the Southwest Iowa Honor Band trip.

**Old Business:** Facilities Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>. Board Policies: Baier made a motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 413.1, 413.2, 413.3, 413.4, 413.5, 402.2, 501.16, 502.6, 503.1, 505.4, 505.8, 507.9, and 507.9R1. R 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.)* Van Purchase: At the November board meeting Bob Brown Chevrolet of Urbandale was awarded the bid (*low bid*) for purchase of two vans: \$49,098 for two vans that included a trade-in of \$500 for the 1994 van and \$1,250 for the 2001 van [\$25,424 per van before trade-in]. December 8<sup>th</sup> Bob Brown Chevrolet contacted the superintendent stating they realized they did not include in their original bid rear air and heat. They changed their bid from \$25,424/van to \$26,322/van before trade in allowances. With the trade-ins the new bid for two vans is \$50,894. With the addition of the rear air and heat they are **still the low bid**. S Peterson made a motion to approve the amended van bid from Bob Brown Chevrolet for two vans for a total of \$50,894. *(Price includes trade in: \$500 for 1994 van and \$1,250 for 2001 van.)* Hansen seconded by and motion carried all ayes.

**New Business:** Discussion on Transportation Structure: December 6<sup>th</sup> Superintendent met with Al Hunter and Dave Eckles to discuss the transportation department. After board discussion the superintendent will visit with Al again. Locker Room Repair: Fixtures for the high school boy's locker room showers are worn out and need repair. Water cannot be shut off properly and therefore the water bill last month at the middle school/high school was \$350 higher. Hansen made a motion to approve the bid of \$14,729 from Camblin Mechanical, Inc to fix the boy's locker room showers at the high school. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. Intercom Repair: The intercom system at the middle school/high school has not operated correctly since the beginning of the school year. The repair cannot be covered under the mechanical breakdown insurance since repair started prior to 12/1/16. R Peterson made a motion to approve the bid of \$2,327.75 from ThinkSpaceIT, Harlan, Iowa for repairs to the intercom system. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. Discussion on Possible Conference Change: After a lengthy discussion Baier made a motion to direct the administration to explore all opportunities for a new conference. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes. First reading of board policies 414.1, 414.2, 414.3, 414.3E1, 414.3E2, 414.3R1, and 414.3R2.

*(minutes of December 19, 2016 continued)*

Approval of Resolution of Support for Promise of Iowa: Hansen made a motion to approve the Resolution for Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Griswold Community School District Resolution of Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign

- WHEREAS, The state's children constitute "The Promise of Iowa" through their potential as our future leaders, citizens, innovators and caretakers of their generation; and
- WHEREAS, We believe funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Iowans can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Iowan; and
- WHEREAS, Our students face new challenges and opportunities in a changing world, and their public schools are evolving to help students prepare for their future; and
- WHEREAS, We must continue to find ways to close achievement gaps so that Iowa public schools fulfill the ideal of equity and opportunity for all; and we must keep pace with improvements in other states, to ensure our public schools provide our students and state with an advantage; and
- WHEREAS, State policy makers, locally elected school board members, educators and the business community all made a shared commitment in 2013 landmark legislation to ensure the next generation of Iowa students receives a world-class education; and
- WHEREAS, The Legislature has made progress in investing in public education, but in this era of competing priorities and limited resources, state funding has fallen short in meeting the real needs of our students; and
- WHEREAS, The case must be made to the Legislature that Iowa taxpayers and voters support greater investments in our public schools and are willing to commit public resources to ensure every student in our state has a well-rounded curriculum and safe, modern school facilities in each community; and
- WHEREAS, As locally elected citizens entrusted with public education, Iowa school boards must take on the responsibility to tell the story and rally public support and understanding for continued investments in public education that move our state forward.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Griswold Board of Education pledges to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Iowa" campaign to ensure that Iowa lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the community schools that create opportunities for more than 480,000 public school Iowa students.

Approval of Special Education Contracts: Hansen made a motion to approve special education contracts with CAM and Red Oak Schools for FY17. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes. Approval of Specifications for Auditor Bids for Fiscal Years 17, 18, and 19: S Peterson made a motion to approve the auditor bid specs for FY 17, 18, and 19 and the superintendent's recommendation to mail to Nolte, Cornman & Johnson; Hunt & Associates; VanMaanen, Sietstra & Meyer; Bohnsack & Frommelt; Community CPA & Associates; and Schroer & Associates. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes. Board Self Evaluation. Board policy 209.8 states, "Bi-annually, the board shall conduct an evaluation of itself." President Pelzer will gather information for the next board meeting.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by R Peterson at 6:56 pm. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

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Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

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Heather Pelzer, President

(Next **regular** meeting January 16, 2017.)