

Minutes of Meeting  
Griswold Community School District Board of Education  
December 17, 2018

The Board of Education met for its regular meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building. President Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm, Reason meeting started late as several board members were at a meeting prior to the school board meeting. Board members present were Scott Hansen, Erika Kirchhoff, Heather Pelzer and Don Smith. Rob Peterson and Scott Peterson were absent. Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, Matt Chumbley (Estes Construction), and Krisi Keiser.

**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. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Public Input** none

**Superintendent’s Report** Month in review reports from superintendent, elementary principal, secondary principal. Board learning opportunities – IASB Day on the Hill will be February 4, 2019.

**Consent Agenda** A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Hansen. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of 11/19/2018 meeting, financial statements, and monthly bills. Under personnel: resignation from D’Lisa Ware - Assistant HS Volleyball Coach, JH Boys Track Coach, and Assistant HS Girls Track Coach. Gift received from Tuesday Music Club of \$100 to be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field to the symphony.

**Old Business**

**KPE / Estes Update** Matt Chumbley with Estes Construction updated the board on the new elementary addition. Everything is going well – half the sheet rock is up, framing done on inside, state inspection coming up, and work on the punch list from the renovation projects will be done during Christmas break.

**Board Policies Second Reading** Smith made a motion to approve Superintendent’s recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 410.1, 711.8, 704.1, 704.2, 704.2R1, 704.4, 704.5, 705.2, 705.3, IASB New – 712, 712.R1. Pelzer 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** nothing to report.

**New Business**

**Approval of School Culture Framework and Areas of Focus** Principal Horton handed out information on three focus areas the committee has come up with. Committee member Houser highlighted the three focus areas: #1- create aesthetic branding that works on maintenance and updates, #2 – communication platforms (examples social media, TV screens for communication inside the buildings, improving communication with parents/teachers/all stake holders), and #3 – video communication program (examples: video tours/updates, “What’s Happening at Griswold”/school activity news/etc., create goal to increase student involvement in extra-curricular activities). Hansen made a motion to approve the school culture framework and to start implementation of the three focus groups as presented. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Consider Bus Route Monitors** Superintendent reported on the meeting held with regular and substitute bus drivers on December 12<sup>th</sup> regarding recent student discipline issues. After a lengthy discussion Hansen made a motion to give the Administration approval to proceed with bus route monitors (ride a-longs), and addition of an afternoon bus from Lewis Elementary to High School for rendezvous. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Approval of Corner Conference Activities Agreement** Pelzer made a motion to approve Corner Conference Activities Agreement for 2019-2020 to include participation in volleyball, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, baseball, and softball. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Approval of Drop Out Prevention Plan** Hansen moved to approve request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2019-2020 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$140,936, for expenditures necessary to implement the 2019-2020 at-risk and dropout prevention program plans as approved by the Griswold Community School District school board. Seconded by Kirchhoff and roll call vote as follows: Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Pelzer, aye; and Smith, aye.

**Discussion on Joint Board Meeting with Lenox** Joint School Board Meeting with Lenox School Board (at Lenox) will be on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Discussion on Joint Meeting with Lewis City Council** Board proposed a meeting with the Lewis City Council on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the middle school/high school media center to hear the two proposals for the Lewis Elementary building.

Sale of Vehicles and Purchase of Van Sealed bids were opened at noon today (12/17/18) for sale of a 2005 Ford Taurus, 2009 Chevy Impala, and purchase of a new van. One bid was received for the sale of the cars, and five bids were received for a new van. Supt. handed out, and reviewed, a summary of the bids received and recommended accepting the bid from Troy Nicklaus for the 2005 Taurus, and approving the bid from Charles Gabus for a new van (no trade in). As no bid was received for the 2009 Chevy Impala the school will continue to use it. Pelzer made a motion to approve the bid from Troy Nicklaus for the 2005 Ford Taurus for \$100. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes. Hansen made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit from Charles Gabus Ford for \$26,918.68 with no trade-in allowance. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Board Policies – First Reading First reading of board policies 706.1, 706.2, 706.3, 706.3R1, 707.1, 707.2, 707.3, 707.4, 707.5, and 707.5R1.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Pelzer at 6:41 pm. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

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Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

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Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting January 21, 2019.)