

Minutes of Budget Amendment Hearing, Instructional Support Levy Hearing,
and Regular Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
May 21, 2018

On May 21, 2018 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building at 5:30 pm President Heather Pelzer called the 2017 - 2018 budget amendment hearing to order. Superintendent Henrichs explained the 2017-18 budget was approved prior to the bond issue. Amendment will increase total other expenditures from \$702,962 to \$4,052,962 because of new elementary building construction. As there were no public comments, R Peterson made a motion to close the hearing. Houser seconded and motion carried all ayes. President declared the budget hearing closed. Time was 5:32 pm. President Pelzer called the Instructional Support Levy hearing to order at 5:32 pm. Current Instructional Support Levy expires in 2019. As there was no public comments, R Peterson made a motion to close the hearing. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes. President declared the budget hearing closed. Time was 5:33 pm. President Heather Pelzer called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:33 pm. Board members present were Scott Hansen, Aaron Houser, Erika Kirchhoff, Rob Peterson, Scott Peterson, and Don Smith. Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, Student Board Representative Reece Peterson, Sandy Nelson and several middle school students, and various patrons.

Reading of Mission Statement President Heather Pelzer 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. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Public Input Griswold City Council Representative asked if there had been any plans or discussion on future cross walks. Several patrons spoke regarding junior high athletics.

Superintendent’s Report Month in review reports from superintendent, elementary principal, and secondary principal. Board learning opportunities: in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month Superintendent handed out certificates, and thanked each board member for their service; Board reviewed summary of board self-evaluation.

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 4/16, 4/25 and 5/7 meetings, financial statements, and monthly bills. Under personnel: resignations from Brandy Rossell Lewis Paraprofessional; Crystal Cooper MS/HS Paraprofessional (last day was May 11th); and Coach Jeff Topham. Resignations accepted from Matt Schmidt MS/HS Science Teacher, TAG Teacher, mentor, Co-Speech, and Co-Musical; and Amy Parker Elementary Teacher, pending finding suitable replacements and imposing a \$500 penalty as per the Employee Handbook. New hires: Mark Carlton Assistant HS Baseball Coach for 2018 and 2019; Chase Wallace JH Football Coach; Carter Stephens JH Football Coach; Larissa Potter Head HS Girls Track Coach; Jamie Meek 5th Grade Teacher at Elliott; and Carrie Harrison and Rachel Kramer as 2018 Summer School Teachers (15 days / 4 hours a day @ \$20.80 per hour). Contract amendments: Carter Stephens from Co-Head HS Baseball Coach to Head HS Baseball Coach for 2018 and 2019; and School Nurse Blair Rush from 12 hours per week to 20 hours per week to better meet the health needs of the students. Transfer for 2018-19 Helen Riley from Elliott Elementary para to Lewis elementary media. No gifts/grants/bequests were received.

Old Business

KPE/Estes Updates Superintendent handed out weekly project status report from Estes. On May 21st work started in the girl’s high school locker room. Asbestos was found in some remodel areas and will be removed the week of June 4.

Board Policies Second Reading R Peterson made a motion to approve Superintendent’s recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 202.5, 604.1, 604.E1, 604.2, 604.3, 604.4, 604.5, 604.6, 604.7, 604.8, 604.9, 604.10. Houser 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.)*

Approval of Technology Plan District Technology Coordinator Diane Keiser attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the technology plan. Houser made a motion to approve the Technology Plan as presented. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes.

New Business

Presentation – 8th Grade Leadership Academy Mrs. Sandy Nelson and students Grace Cook, Lydia Greiman, Alynah Hern Alvarado, Anna Kelly, Jordyn Main, Brenna Rossell, Paris Sorensen, Tate Steinhoff, and Zach Weathers shared their experiences from the Leadership Academy held July 12 and 13 in Atlantic. The students also reported on projects the group did during the school year.

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Approval of 2017-2018 Budget Amendment As no objections were made during the hearing, superintendent recommended approval of the 2017 - 2018 budget amendment. Hansen made a motion to approve the 2017-18 budget amendment increasing total other expenditures from \$702,962 to \$4,052,962. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Resolution of Participation in the Instructional Support Program Levy

Instructional Support Program Levy Resolution of Participation

Director Rob Peterson introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Scott Peterson; after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon adoption of said Resolution and, the roll being called, the following Directors voted aye: Scott Hansen, Aaron Houser, Erika Kirchoff, Heather Pelzer, Rob Peterson, Scott Peterson, and Don Smith. Nay: none.

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, following a public hearing the Board deems it necessary and desirable to provide additional funding for the Griswold Community School District pursuant to the Instructional Support Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a duly published notice, the Board held a public hearing on the question of participation in the Instructional Support; and

WHEREAS. The Board wished to take action to adopt a Resolution to Participate in the Instructional Support Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board;

Section 1: That the Board adopts the following for the Instructional Support Program:

The board of directors of the Griswold Community School District in the counties of Adams, Cass, Montgomery, and Pottawattamie, State of Iowa, shall be authorized for a period of (5) five years, to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount not exceeding 10% of the total of the regular program district cost including the budget amendment pursuant to Section 257.14 for the budget year. The tax will be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the Board, to levy a combination of an instructional support property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district, commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (but limited to no more than 25% of the total amount levied annually) and to impose an instructional support income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for the next five years, commencing with the calendar year 2019 and continuing through 2023 (the percent of income surtax not to exceed 17%, which will be determined by the Board for each fiscal year). The monies will be deposited in the general fund and will be used for purchased services, supplies, and capital outlay to be accounted for separately.

Section 2: That all resolutions or orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Passed and approved May 21, 2018.

Approval of 2018-2019 IWCC Contracts R Peterson made a motion to approve the 2018-19 IWCC contract for concurrent enrollment courses. Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Establish Convenience Charge for On-Line Deposits for 2018-2019 In 2017-2018 we received \$190.65 less in convenience fees for on-line nutrition deposits than was paid out for administrative fees; therefore superintendent recommends increasing the fee to \$4.00. Hansen made a motion to set the convenience fee for nutrition on-line deposits to \$4.00. Houser seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Establish Nutrition Prices for 2018-19 Taylor completed the PLE (Paid Lunch Equity) Tool and has determined that **no price increase** is necessary for the 2018 - 2019 school year. Prices are: Breakfast - Students PK-12 \$1.80; Adults \$2.30. Lunch: PK-5 Students \$2.50; 6th-12th \$2.70; and adults \$3.70. It was also determined **no** increase for extras. Houser made a motion to adopt nutrition prices for 2018-19 with no increases. Kirchoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Establish Registration Fees for 2018-19 The district has **not** had registration fees since the 1995-1996 school year. Hansen made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation and waive registration fees for 2018-2019. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Establish Activity Pass Fees for 2018-2019 Current admission fees are: adults \$5.00, students \$3.00, senior citizens \$4.00, adult activity pass \$85/year, and student activity pass \$40/year. Proposal is to keep activity pass fees the same, with the addition of charging \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for student for all junior high events as this would be consistent with what the Corner Conference charges for junior high events. Supt. recommends leaving current admission fees the same and charging for junior high events as previously listed. S Peterson made a motion to approve the activity pass fees as presented. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

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Approval of Fuel Bid Specifications Houser made a motion to accept the Fuel Bid Specifications with the addition of a section for bidders to list additional costs (additives, filters, fees, etc.). Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Technology Support Bid Specifications R Peterson made a motion to approve the Technology Support Bid Specifications (same as last year). Houser seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Board Policies – First Reading First reading of board policies: delete old 202.5 “Individual Authority”, 605.1, 605.1R1, 605.2, 605.3, 605.3E1, 605.3E2, 605.3E3, 605.3R1.

Approval of Spanish III/IV Waiver for 2018-2019 As no student has signed up for Spanish III or IV, Hansen made a motion to approve a waiver for Spanish III/IV for the 2018 - 2019 school year. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval to Offer and Teach Health Using Iowa Learning Online R Peterson made a motion to teach one semester of health using Iowa Learning Online. Houser seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Approval of Boost 4 Families Preschool Tuition Grant This tuition grant applies to three-year preschool students that meet the guidelines and qualify. Hansen made a motion to approve the grant. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Work Session Follow-Up Board discussed the work session held on 5/17/18 (presentation from Joel Pederson regarding school culture) and how to proceed. Discussed forming a committee that would include an administrator, two board members (Houser and Kirchhoff), and staff from each building.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R Peterson at 8:55 pm. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

Heather Pelzer, President

(Next regular meeting June 18, 2018)