

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
10/17/2016

The Board of Education met for its regular meeting October 17, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room of the Middle School/High School building. President Scott Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Board members present were Steve Baier, Heather Pelzer, Rob Peterson, and Don Smith. Absent: Erika Kirchoff and Scott Peterson (S Peterson arrived at 5:48 pm). Also present Superintendent David Henrichs, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Secondary Principal Katie Elwood, and various visitors. R Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. No public input.

Month in review reports from superintendent, elementary principal, and secondary principal. Board learning opportunities: yearly review of board of director related policies 200.2, 200.3, 202.5, 204, 213, and 213.R1.

Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by R Peterson. Pelzer seconded and motion carried all ayes. Included in the consent agenda: approval of minutes of September 19, 2016 meeting, approval of financial statements and monthly bills. Hire Lisa Butler as a TLC mentor (replacing Becci Reining who resigned), Jake Brown as middle school girl's basketball coach, Bob Gross as head high school softball coach (summer 2017), Mark Carlton as assistant high school boy's basketball coach and assistant high school baseball coach (summer 2017). Resignation received from Bob Amos as middle school wrestling coach.

Old Business: Facilities Committee: Facilities committee members Donna Forsyth, Aaron Houser, Joni Kelley, Deana Lewis, Phil Rink, Ryan Smith, and Danielle Steinhoff were present to update the board on the two meetings they held since last month's board meeting. Aaron Houser was the spokesperson and handed out a spreadsheet of the three options and the pros and cons the committee has come up with. Option A (single campus at Griswold) Pros: immediate general fund savings; +8 to 10 days of additional K-5 instructional time; single campus allows for better utilization of all staff; established a long term vision for the district; flexible classroom space; peer learning opportunities thru all grade levels (PK-12). Cons: elementary students intermixed with middle school/high school students at certain times thru the school day; cost of playground equipment/relocation; increase in taxes; time to pass Bond Issue; time for building facility. Option B (maintain Elliott OR Lewis) Pros: none. Cons: alienation of communities; no significant reduction in general fund expense at implementation; lengthening bus route duration; risk of losing additional kids to open enrollment from closed center; significant capital investments for code updates/additional space spent on old buildings; no increase in instructional time, risk of reduction with increased bussing length; future risk of space utilization in middle school/high school. Option C (maintain Elliott AND Lewis) Pros: keeps schools in communities; lowest tax rate increase (proposed); ability to scale to 1 class/grade with future enrollment declines. Cons: no significant reduction in expense; capital expenditures still necessary on older buildings; future risk of issues with space utilization in middle school/high school; evolves to Option B with reduced enrollment (alienation and bussing complexities); temporary solution to long term issue; bussing inefficiency (current); alienation of communities; potential for siblings in all three centers-calendars/schedule issues for parents. Key Criteria: 1) Long Term Plan/Vision for Facilities; 2) Maximum Flexibility/Efficiency; 3) Maximize Impact to General Fund. Assumption: 1) All options would require Capital Expenditures funded thru a voter approved bond issue; 2) Long term district population/enrollment indicates this district will be a 1 elementary district in the (near) future. Committee wants to know the next step(s). After a length discussion no action was taken and will be placed on the November agenda. Board Policies: Peterson made a motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation to waive the second reading and approve board policies 411.1, 411.2, 411.3, 411.4, 411.5,

411.6, 411.7, 411.8, 409.2. 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.)*

New Business: Student Council Report: Student Council Sponsor Mrs. Carlson and high school student council member Samantha Rush reported on student council activities for 2016-2017 that include homecoming, Iowa School Leadership Conference, four blood drives, food drive, dodge ball tournament, birthdays of students and staff in the daily announcements, clean up ditches north of town, and class elections in April. Board thanked them Mrs. Carlson and Samantha for coming to the meeting. 2016-17 Board Goals: Board reviewed the three goals for 2016-2017 that was discussed at the work session September 12, 2016. Financial Planning: Closely examine all programs and methods to determine the most financially efficient and practical direction for the future. Student Achievement: Examine achievement on a regular basis (quarterly). Continue to assess how best to serve all students. School Culture: The board will promote a safe and caring environment for all students and staff. R Peterson made a motion to approve the 2016-17 board goals Financial Planning, Student Achievement and School Culture. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. S Peterson left at 6:54 pm. Request for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid: Supt. reported the special education balance for 2015-16 was a negative \$308,650.99. By approving the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for 2015-16 special education deficit will give the district spending authority for that amount. Supt. recommends approval of the request. Baier made a motion to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2015-16 special education deficit. S Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes. Cyber and Data Insurance: R Peterson made a motion to authorize superintendent to investigate the purchase of a \$2,000,000 cyber liability insurance policy for a premium not to exceed \$4,000. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. Pelzer left at 7:10 pm. *(Reason board members left early because of the music program at 7 pm.)* Equipment Breakdown Insurance: Supt. explained reason to consider equipment breakdown insurance. Premium would be paid out of management fund and cost of qualified repairs would be reimbursed to the general fund. Baier made a motion to approve the equipment breakdown insurance with Specialty Underwriters LLC premium of \$46,364. R Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes. Veteran's Day Expenses: R Peterson made a motion to approve payment of expenses for the Veterans Day Program to be held 11/11/2016. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes. Van Specifications: R Peterson made a motion to approve the bid specifications as presented for two new vans. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes. First reading of board policies: First reading of board policies 412.1, 412.2, 412.3, 412.4, and 402.3. Certified Enrollment: Superintendent reported the certified enrollment for 2016-17 is 515.59, down by 13.31. Cass County Educational Opportunity Center Letter of Understanding: Baier made a motion to approve the Cass County Educational Opportunity Center Letter of Understanding. Smith seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by R Peterson at 7:34 pm. Baier seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Nancy Taylor Board Secretary

Scott Hansen, President

(Next regular meeting November 21, 2016.)