

Regular Board Meeting August 17, 2015

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, August 17, 2015. Attending: Board members Alan Suter, Duane Vollbracht, Brian Beckman, Robert Fellhoelter, Julie Dickman, Joyce Baalman and Loren Stephens; Superintendent Mike McDermeit; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz; staff member Les Barnhart.

Budget hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President, Duane Vollbracht at 7:35 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

Mr. Barnhart reported for the technology committee. Erate network purchases were made after July 1 and have been installed. The teachers received Ebackpack training at their inservice. Mr. Barnhart was asked about a laptop for preschool and if we started a Facebook page. Mr. McDermeit will work with some of the teachers to start a Facebook page.

Alan Suter reported on NWKATS. Goodland Vo-tech is geared up and ready to go for this next school year. A going away party was given in Dr. Mills honor.

Mr. McDermeit reported on Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball audit. We had a food service budget violation and other than that all went well. The auditors plan to go over the audit at our September meeting. The lobby floor is almost completed. There was discussion on the gym court and the lettering that is showing through on the floor. The board asked Mr. McDermeit to contact Kansas Original Flooring and visit with them about the floor and what they can do to fix the situation. Mr. McDermeit checked into painting the gym sideline floor but will hold off on this project. The installation of the LED lights is almost complete. Duane Vollbracht and Adam Walz installed the new basketball goals at the grade school. Mr. McDermeit thanked them for completing the project before school started. Two of our buses did not pass the first inspection. We had both buses repaired and have now passed inspection. The custodians have completed several painting projects and have replaced and painted boards on the bleachers at the football field. We had approximately 46 students that attended the first volleyball and football practice. Mr. McDermeit explained the high school football schedule. Mr. McDermeit gave each teacher a \$15.00 iTunes card in order for them to purchase apps and share them with other staff members at the next inservice.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 2015 and special meeting July 29, 2015 were approved.

Approval of August checks: August checks in the amounts of General Fund \$67,327.44, Supplemental General Fund \$4,817.04, Capital Outlay 26,448.00, Food Service 1,108.91, Gifts & Grants 11,766.90, Professional Development 80.00 Federal Funds 478.08.

The 2015-16 budget was approved.

High school football game in Grinnell will be Friday, September 4 at 6:00 with Chase-Raymond. We will start serving hamburgers at 5:00.

The board discussed lunchroom purchasing regulations. Mr. McDermeit will do further investigation on lunchroom food prices.

There was discussion on the guttering at the grade school on the east side of the gym. We have received a price quote from Racette Construction. It was the consensus of the board to ask for more

quotes. The board discussed housing in Grinnell due to new teachers having trouble finding places to rent.

Mr. McDermeit went over KASB policy updates. The board approved the recommended policies.

The board acknowledged Michelle Mullins family to attend USD 293, Leon Fellhoelter and Doug Robben families to attend USD 412 and Wendy Beckman family to attend USD 274.

A teaching contract to Theresa Kraus and supplemental contracts of assistant volleyball, assistant track and librarian were approved.

Part time custodial contracts to Michael Friesen and Annelie Wessel were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.