

Regular Board Meeting September 21, 2015

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, September 21, 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 members Les Barnhart and Bridgette Ramey.

Meeting called to order by President, Duane Vollbracht at 7:30 p.m. Agenda was approved with addition under consent agenda items of approval of GEA money from the Dane G. Hansen Grant.

Mr. Barnhart reported for the technology committee. He has provided documentation after filing the Erate BEAR form for the district to receive reimbursement on purchases. Facebook page is up and being utilized by parents. Mrs. Theobald will do a trial subgroup for her class information for first grade parents. It was suggested to purchase a subscription to BrainPop. The teachers will research this site before the next tech meeting. The server is almost 10 years old, so will need to look at purchasing in the near future. Estimated cost is \$3,600.00. There was discussion on our website updates.

Duane Vollbracht reported on NKESC. They still have some licensed positions to fill as well as needing paraprofessionals. Emergency Safety Intervention plan should be published on school websites. They will have an inservice on October 12.

Alan Suter reported on NWKATS. Some of the classes are almost full with the exception of a few. Still concerns with finances. Recruiters have done a tremendous job for the school.

Mr. McDermeit reported that he is working on the BCBS Grant. KSSA is sending out a survey to superintendents to gather information on the formulation of the new budgeting tool. The toilets in the gym and commons area do not flush very well so we will look at some new flush valves. Stuco and the district plan to purchase Put In Cups for the GGS fence that will display the Thunderhawk logo. The Wi-Fi light switches have been installed at GGS for the lights in front of the building. Almost every student is out for sports. Football team is 1-2 and volleyball is 2-1. We will help host the first round of pool play for league high school volleyball October 15. Our first quiz bowl will be at Golden Plains on October 26. Parent Teacher Conferences are tomorrow. GGS have set up appointments; GMS will hold conferences in the commons area. We have received the Kansas Communities that Care survey data.

Board members that are interested in the KASB Fall Summit in Oakley or KASB Convention in December should contact Mary Jane.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 17, 2015 were approved.

Approval of September checks: General Fund \$64,076.96 Supplemental General Fund \$2,976.34, 4 Year Old At Risk \$1,252.60, K-12 At Risk 7.91, Capital Outlay \$8,440.53, Food Service \$7,207.08, Professional Development \$43.73, Special Education \$5,472.43, Gifts & Grants 64.87, Federal Funds \$1,463.65.

The board accepted the GEA money from the Dane G. Hansen Grant of \$4,500.00 used for the weight room and \$1,069.28 for the greenhouse.

USD 292 staff will be attending our morning inservice on October 7 going over curriculum. There was discussion on the amount we pay each other for students due to the block grant. It was suggested to get the executive committee together for discussion and to visit with Donna Whiteman.

The budget was approved by resolution due to the second publication.

The board reviewed the spreadsheet on Midwest Energy electric usage that will be updated monthly. Mr. McDermeit gave the board a cost analysis sheet on light poles and meters at the middle school, grade school and bus barn. It was the consensus of the board to remove the meter and the alley light at the bus barn and the light in front of the GGS building. The light at GMS has been replaced during the LED project which will be a savings to the district.

The board reviewed price quotes on guttering for the east side of the grade school building. The board accepted the quote from QHI. The board went over price quotes for HVAC systems for the school home. The board approved quote from CB Heating & Air Conditioning.

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

The board approved contracts to Kendra Baumberger for quiz bowl sponsor and concessions aide; Melvin Wolf for part time custodial.

One executive session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.