

Regular Board Meeting November 16, 2015

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, November 16, 2015. Attending: Board members Duane Vollbracht, Brian Beckman, Robert Felthoelter, Julie Dickman, Joyce Baalman and Loren Stephens; Superintendent Mike McDermeit; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz; staff member Les Barnhart.

Meeting called to order by President, Duane Vollbracht at 8:30 p.m. due to bad weather the meeting started one hour late. Agenda approved as presented.

Mr. Barnhart reported on technology committee meeting. We have received our money from category two E-rate funding. Mr. Barnhart is researching information for a new server. The grade school have a 30 day trial for Brainpop Jr. The E-rate form 470 is ready to be sent. There is still E-rate money available for category two equipment. The committee reviewed the acceptable use policies. We will check with KASB to make sure of any changes in language. Internet speed was discussed and Mr. Barnhart has visited with S & T.

Duane Vollbracht reported on the Dane G. Hansen Grant. The committee did not meet this month and will look at applications at their December meeting.

KASB convention is December 5 and 6. Mr. McDermeit plans to attend the convention. There will be a negotiations training in Oakley on January 6 for the negotiating team.

Mr. McDermeit reported on clogged pipes at the grade school. The staff is doing a great job posting happenings on our Facebook page. The staff will learn about the new accreditation model at our inservice days. The basketball teams played in the preseason tournament in Brewster this last weekend. Our first home game will be November 23 with Ness City. GGS will have their potato bar that evening. The quiz bowl 8th grade team placed 2nd at Golden Plains and no teams placed at Rawlins County. Joyce Baalman thanked Mr. McDermeit for allowing the volleyball state trophies to be taken down and displayed at WHS during their assembly congratulating the team. Duane Vollbracht commented on the nice Veterans Day program.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 19, 2015 were approved.

November checks were approved in the amounts: General Fund \$57,863.49, Supplemental General Fund \$9,598.92, K-12 At Risk \$217.19, 4 Year Old At Risk \$1,074.03, Capital Outlay \$761.80, Food Service \$7,432.87, Professional Development \$110.68, Special Education \$25,761.43, Gifts & Grants 278.00, Federal Funds \$2,676.72.

The board approved a three year contract with Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball for our audit.

The board approved internet and phone service for E-rate and approved to request bids for category two equipment and cable runs upon approval of receiving E-rate funding.

The board reviewed the electrical usage comparisons spreadsheet. Mr. McDermeit received a quote from Daktronics for the cost of a new scoreboard at \$3,200.00. The board discussed having the student council get involved in asking for donations or having a fundraiser. Mr. McDermeit discussed flush valves with sensors or installing kits in some of the toilets. There was discussion on available daycare for next school year.

Mr. McDermeit went over KASB proposed resolutions and policy amendments. Duane Vollbracht was appointed as the voting delegate at the KASB convention.

There was discussion on the executive committee meeting held in November. Funding and 6 man/8 man football was discussed. Due to the block grant the committee discussed funding for high school and middle school students. It was the consensus to remain as the cooperative agreement states with each school paying each other the base state aid funding based on student head count. There was discussion on the league meeting that was held on November 5 at Golden Plains.

Brian Beckman and Loren Stephens were appointed to the negotiations team. They will need to attend a negotiations training.

Board goals were tabled until the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.