

Regular Board Meeting February 15, 2016

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, February 15, 2016. Attending: Board members Duane Vollbracht, Brian Beckman, Robert Fellhoelter, Julie Dickman, Alan Suter and Loren Stephens; Superintendent Mike McDermeit; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz; staff member Les Barnhart; Gove County Emergency Management Director, Michael Haase.

Meeting called to order by President, Duane Vollbracht at 7:30 p.m. Agenda was approved with discussing daycare under facilities.

Michael Haase, Gove County Emergency Management Director, visited with the board on adopting the Northwest Kansas (Region A) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The board adopted the plan resolution.

Mr. Barnhart reported on technology committee meeting. Mr. Barnhart explained the erate category two spreadsheet and budget. The school district would be responsible for \$4,117.70 if approved. The committee recommended going with S & T for erate category two purchases and approved IXL renewal and to drop Scootpad.

Duane Vollbracht reported for NKESC. Negotiations and speech scholarships were discussed.

Alan Suter reported for NWKATS. Admission report, courses, search for new college president, and fundraiser were discussed.

Duane Vollbracht and Mr. McDermeit reported on Kansas Supreme Court opinion concerning the equity portion of the Gannon school finance case. No action will be taken on the school district realignment bill. There is a bill proposing that teachers and administrators have suicide awareness training.

Mr. McDermeit reported on handwashing station at grade school, steam pipe leak in the first grade room and valve leaking in preschool room. Mr. McDermeit thanked Duane Vollbracht, Adam Walz, Nathan Vollbracht, Greg Goetz and Frontier Ag for moving the snow so quickly in front of the buildings and parking lot. State assessments start March 3. Congratulations to the Varsity Boys, JV Girls both league champs and Varsity Girls, JV Boys both runner-up at the WKLL basketball tournament held in Brewster.

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2016 were approved.

Approval of February checks: General Fund \$58,387.02, Supplemental General \$12,412.33, 4 Year Old at Risk \$937.73, K-12 At Risk \$712.18, Capital Outlay \$3,141.27, Food Service \$6,895.72, Special Education \$5,472.43, Gifts & Grants 357.60, Federal Funds \$3,394.94.

The 6th-8th grade students, staff and some board members attended the STEM program held at WHS in January. They had impressive presentations enjoyed by the students and staff.

The board approved S & T for the category two erate funds.

The board accepted \$2,984.13 from the GEA for purchases from teacher requests, and approved the remaining requests to be purchased with district funds of \$2,055.93. The board thanked the Grinnell Education Association for their contribution.

The board reviewed the appraisal from Randy Sangster on the home at 302 S. Jefferson. There is no interest at this time in purchasing the house.

The board discussed a daycare to be located at the grade school. Mr. McDermeit received an estimated cost on remodeling the preschool room and music room. We will research grant fund applications. There was discussion of individuals that may be interested in applying to lease our facilities to provide a daycare. Consensus by the board was to remodel the elementary music room. Mr. McDermeit will continue to do some more research on the project.

There were three executive sessions for the purpose of discussing matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student.

Board adjourned at 10:35 p.m.