

Regular Board Meeting March 21, 2016

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, March 21, 2016. Attending: Board members Duane Vollbracht, Brian Beckman, Robert Fellhoelter, Julie Dickman, Alan Suter, Joyce Baalman and Loren Stephens; Superintendent Mike McDermeit; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz; and staff member Les Barnhart.

Meeting called to order by President, Duane Vollbracht at 7:30 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

Mr. Barnhart reported for the technology committee. The committee did not meet this month. The staff discussed software and assessment testing at the March in-service.

Duane Vollbracht reported for NKESC. Duane reported on staff that will be retiring at the end of this school year and car leasing program with Harries Motors. He gave a report on the Dane G. Hansen Economic Development grants.

Alan Suter reported for NWKATS. Alan reported the college elected a new president and gave an update on the endowment fundraiser and enrollment figures.

Mr. McDermeit reported on advocacy updates.

Mr. McDermeit reported on state fire marshal report and in-service. Project based learning, PD360, and state assessments were items discussed at the teacher in-service held on March 4. We have started spraying for weeds and stickers especially around the football field. The 8th grade quiz bowl students were league champs. Almost all of the 6th, 7th & 8th grade students are out for track. We have ordered a pole vault runway mat and poles. We have some students very interested in pole vaulting. We received two new students and working on transportation with Wheatland.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2016 were approved.

Approval of March checks: General Fund \$75,695.77, Supplemental General \$8,788.02, 4 Year Old at Risk \$837.79, K-12 At Risk \$5,670.57, Capital Outlay \$10,969.22, Food Service \$5,287.45, Professional Development \$22.90, Vocational \$5,007.60, Special Education \$5,472.43, Gifts & Grants \$1,299.28, Federal Funds \$3,433.15, transfer of 6,000 to K-12 At Risk and \$5,007.60 to Vocational are included in the general fund balance.

The board discussed and approved the lease agreement drawn up by KASB. Wording provided by our insurance company was added to the agreement. The board suggested background checks on person or persons running the daycare. Mr. McDermeit went over the RFP bid form for remodeling the music room into a daycare facility at the grade

school. Deadline date was discussed. Mr. McDermeit will visit with the committee on completion date and penalties.

The board approved the 2016-17 school calendar.

The board accepted Pat Baalman's resignation and to pay her for unused sick leave at the end of the school year. Pat will be retiring at the end of May. The board thanked Pat for all of her years of service dedicated to USD 291.

The board accepted Dolly Theobald's resignation as volleyball coach for next school year and approved a supplemental contract for assistant track coach to Paige Ramey.

The board held one executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations

The board will give their notice letter to the Grinnell Teachers' Association by March 31, 2016.

Board adjourned at 9:35 p.m.