

Regular Board Meeting August 29, 2016

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, August 29, 2016. Attending: Board members Duane Vollbracht, Brian Beckman, Julie Dickman, Alan Suter, Robert Fellhoelter, Loren Stephens and Joyce Baalman; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz ; Staff members Les Barnhart, Jesse Vincent and Ranae Nelsen, Patron Jim Mize.

Meeting called to order by President, Brian Beckman at 7:35 p.m. Agenda was approved with additions of A.D. report from Mr. Vincent, cheerleading constitution, and approval of Securly filtering system.

Les Barnhart reported for the technology committee. Mr. Barnhart explained the Securly filtering system. S & T finished up the wiring purchased with Erate funds.

Jesse Vincent reported on school activities. League dues will be \$400 this year. There are 22 students out for volleyball, 16 for football and 10 cheerleaders. The new football uniforms have been received. The water reel purchased for the football field has helped tremendously. Mr. Vincent thanked the board for letting him attend the KSHSAA Coaching Clinic.

Ranae Nelsen, cheer sponsor, would like to change the demerit system to a merit system in the constitution. A handout was given to the board on the changes.

Joyce Baalman reported on NKESC.

Dr. Mize reported on the board appointing a school attendance officer. She will take the position if the board appoints her. Dr. Mize reported on in-service and student assemblies in the morning. We received information from the Gove Co. Sheriff's office on security systems. The board acknowledged that the tile installed in the hallway looks great. There was discussion on finding substitute bus drivers and checking with the Gove County road department on road conditions south of town. Dr. Mize reported on the executive cooperative agreement meeting on August 17 at Wheatland. Goals are to align curriculum, better utilize funds to help with programs such as fine arts and a counselor. There was discussion on the dies that were found in the shop and bender. Due to the negotiated agreement the form for leaving for your child's event the wording for only one staff member leaving at a time was removed. Greenhouse tarp needs to be fixed so that it will stay up and shade the greenhouse during the warm weather. Dr. Mize will have to have a one year mentor since this is her first year as a superintendent in Kansas. She will go through Keli a K-State mentoring program. Duane Vollbracht announced the Gove County Community Foundation fundraiser ideas for the Dane G. Hansen grant. Dr. Mize discussed various projects for writing up grants. Solar panels and an energy audit were discussed along with writing up a grant for a security system.

Dr. Mize discussed a pilot program at semester with 7th & 8th music. Dr. Mize has a parent survey that will go out with the September newsletter. The board will meet at 5:00 to cook hamburgers on September 9. The Monsanto Grant presentation will be during halftime.

The new merit system for the Cheerleading Constitution was approved.

The board approved a three year plan of 696.67 per year for the Securly Anywhere Filtering System.

The board acknowledged out of district transportation requests.

The board approved contracts to Amanda Ostmeyer for preschool teacher, Stephanie Albin for 3rd grade position and Christin Losey for bus dispatch position.

The board motioned and approved to rescind a motion made in June on supplemental contracts for preschool advisor and cheerleading sponsor. This was due to hiring a part-time certified teacher for the preschool position and certified teacher for cheerleading sponsor.

The board approved to pay Mary Jane Goetz and Melissa Meier a stipend for finding substitute teachers. Approval of custodian to receive the same rate of pay for custodial duties and school events.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.