

Regular Board Meeting September 19, 2016

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, September 19, 2016. Attending: Board members Brian Beckman, Duane Vollbracht, Julie Dickman, Robert Fellhoelter, Loren Stephens and Joyce Baalman; Clerk Mary Jane Goetz; Staff member Les Barnhart; Auditor Kalyn Ritter; Patron Jim Mize.

Meeting called to order by President, Brian Beckman at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Duane Vollbracht, seconded by Loren Stephens to approve the agenda with the following addition: staff flu shots.

Kalyn Ritter, auditor Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, gave the 2015-16 audit report. The audit report was reviewed and approved.

Les Barnhart reported for the technology committee. The committee did not meet this month. He is researching a security system with Meraki. There was discussion on location of cameras.

Dr. Mize reported for Mr. Vincent on school activities. The Gove County Classic Volleyball Tournament went well. We will be hosting HS and JH WKLL volleyball tournaments in October. The cheerleaders have done a tremendous job at the games.

Joyce Baalman reported on NKESC.

Dr. Mize reported on items for October in-service and accreditation process. She plans to attend the Fall Summit meeting and encourages any board members to attend. She explained the eWalkThrough available through Southwestern Plains. It is a web based data collection system. It will be the perfect tool for the Kansas Accreditation Model - 5 Rs. Dr. Mize explained SMART Goals for students. The daycare will open on October 3. There are openings for more children. The climbing wall is up at the grade school. Supplies were purchased with BCBS grant money. Preschool smartboard still needs to be installed. Cabinets in the lunchroom need to be repaired and hand wash station needs to be replaced or taken out. It has not worked for a few years. Blinds in some of the grade school classrooms need to be replaced. There is also issues with cabinets in the school home. Mr. Kraus and Dr. Mize have visited on classroom observations. At the last board meeting there was discussion on a pilot program allowing 7th & 8th band students to have another class choice 2nd semester. Due to scheduling conflicts that will not work this year. Dr. Mize reported on surveys returned and that we will put some out at parent teacher conferences. The grandparents breakfast was a big success. There will be a Muffins with Mom at the end of October and Donuts with Dad in the spring. We will have a Veteran's Day program on November 11. There was discussion on the flag retirement process if it could be incorporated with Veteran's Day. Pastor Brown has visited with Dr. Mize to be on an advisory council – Building Leadership Team. Dr. Mize has contacted agencies for health insurance quotes.

Minutes from August 15, 2016 and August 29, 2016 were approved.

Approval of September checks in the amounts of General Fund \$60,672.85, Supplemental General Fund \$545.90, 4 Year Old At Risk \$1,947.36, Capital Outlay \$13,277.99, Food Service \$7,691.99, Professional Development \$27.48, Special Education \$6,134.52.

Duane Vollbracht attended the KASB superintendent evaluation workshop. The board discussed the evaluation process.

There was discussion on the hand wash station at the grade school by the lunchroom. The board approved to remove the station and have a shelving unit with an automatic sanitizer dispenser.

There was discussion on the bender and dies that have recently been found. WHS shop class would be able to utilize this equipment. The board asked Dr. Mize to check to see if they have instruments we could borrow.

We received a price quote from Ringneck Spraying for weed and fertilizer applications at the football field, grade school and middle school. We will get more price quotes for next month's meeting.

There was a report that shingles have come off from the middle school old building.

The board approved to pay for staff flu shots.

The board approved .14 of Ronna Schultz's contract from USD 292.

There were two executive sessions for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

The board approved to purchase eWalkThrough from Southwestern Plains with Reap Funds.

Mary Jane Goetz, Clerk/GMS secretary, informed the board that she plans to retire September 1, 2017.

The board would like to thank all the businesses that donated to the hamburger feed held on September 9.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.