

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36
Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

Executive Session

Call to Order*

Dr. Frendreis called the Executive Session Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 6:03 p.m.

The following members answered roll call at 6:03 p.m.: Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Frendreis Absent: Mr. Williams and Mrs. Caya

Also present: Dr. Newby, Superintendent

Mrs. Caya entered the Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.

Open Session

At 6:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Mrs. Caya to return to the open session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Frendreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Frendreis

Absent: Mr. Williams

Also Present: Dr. William Newby, Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Plath, Principal
Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

Principal Report

Mrs. Plath presented a power point presentation on the results GLS' PARCC testing from the 2016-2017 school year in comparison to other schools in our area. She also highlighted the summary comparison of the District's results from 2015 to 2017. The District has shown growth in the percentage of exceeded and met since 2015. Mrs. Plath also highlighted the goal for professional development with the teachers this school year. She also highlighted some of the upcoming initiatives: Zacharias Center, Autism Itinerant Presentation to Students and Discipline Reform. After the presentation, there was discussion with Board members and the audience regarding Mrs. Plath's efforts.

Financial Report

The financial report was provided by Dr. Newby for the Board's review. Dr. Newby assured the Board that of those accounts showing 100% FYTD expense activity does not mean the District is out of money or overspending.

Legal Cost Report 2017-2018

The legal cost report was provided by Dr. Newby for the Board's review. No further discussion of the report.

Maintenance Report

Mr. Quinnett submitted his maintenance report to Dr. Newby for the Board's review. No further discussion of the report.

Construction Update

Mr. Chris Urban of Gilbane presented that the project is on schedule and on budget. Dr. Frendreis inquired if Gilbane could somehow connect with the students such as presenting vocational information or opportunities to present an educational side to the ongoing renovation project. Mr. Urban and Mrs. Plath agreed and have already had discussions on this request.

FOIA Request(s)

None

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Newby presented his idea on the strategic plan and how he plans to consolidate the committees down to four. Dr. Newby also highlighted that he would be adding a furniture committee. He is also looking into creating sample plaques dedicated to the new building and a dedication ceremony.

Dr. Newby presented to the Board that he would like to have pictures and bios of all the Board members to be put on the website.

Dr. Newby also presented the need to replace the ventilator unit due to asbestos. The replacement of the ventilator unit will go out to bid.

He also presented that the conversion to gmail from webmail went well. He did advise the Board and audience members if they had any contacts in their email system that addressed contacts as bnewby@webmail.gls36.org those addresses no longer work. All staff at GLS is the person's first initial, last name @gls36.org.

Dr. Newby also presented he would be working with McCral a walk-through tool to identify what practices are going on in the classroom.

Dr. Newby also presented that the Board member and himself would be attending the Triple I Conference this weekend. He also shared with the Board that there would be a holiday celebration for staff and families at Moretti's on Friday, December 15, 2017.

IASB Press Plus Updates*

None

Board Committee Reports/Professional Development

No discussion on this report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Approval of Radicom proposal for phone system

One motion was made by Dr. Frenreis and seconded by Mrs. Rietschel to approve the recommendation Dr. Newby to approve the Radicom proposal for an upgraded phone system.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Frenreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Approval of the 2017 Estimated Tax Levy

Discussion took place regarding the tax levy and how the final decision is made in December on the estimated tax levy. Dr. Fren dreis commented about the revenue and how the estimated tax levy is keeping the revenue the same as in the past year. Discussion took place regarding the levy and how this is the vehicle for driving more economies at the District. Dr. Newby added that the estimated tax levy is the best guess for future spending.

One motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the resolution to adopt the 2017 Estimated Tax Levy.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Fren dreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Approval of the District Title 1 Plan 2017-2018

One motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the District Title 1 Plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Fren dreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Approval of the 2017 Illinois School Report Card

One motion was made by Dr. Fren dreis and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the 2017 Illinois School Report Card.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Fren dreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Per Dr. Fren dreis, he requested another Public Input at this time.

Public Input

Mrs. Mandigo addressed the Board and inquired about the estimated tax levy and is the Board looking to utilize this vehicle to reduce the surplus without a rebate. Further discussion took place that this will be an active topic until the tax appeal is resolved.

Further discussion took place regarding the revenue versus the budget and Mrs. Mandigo inquired again about utilizing the surplus. Additional discussion took place regarding the expenses and how they can go up 30% over ten years. Also, there was discussion about the change in the district in 2005 which increased the surplus for rebuilding. This meant rebuilding in other ways such as helping students, for example, full-day Kindergarten.

Executive Session

At 7:56 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Mrs. Rietschel to go into closed session permitted by Statute 5 ILCS 5/120/2

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Fren dreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

The following members answered roll call at 8:06 p.m.: Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Fren dreis Absent: Mr. Williams

Also present: Dr. Newby

Open Session

At 9:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Caya and seconded by Dr. Fren dreis to return to the open session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Fren dreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams

Recognition of Media

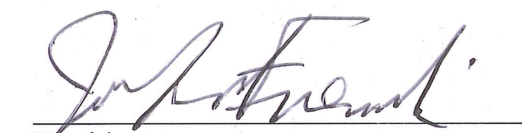
No media present at the meeting.

Adjournment:

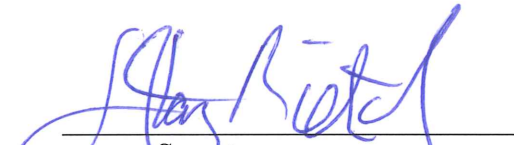
At 9:21 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Caya and seconded by Dr. Frenreis to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke and Dr. Frenreis
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Williams



President



Secretary