

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36
Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Dr. Newby presented an overview of the Board Docs to the guests and Board members. Dr. Newby will be utilizing the program Board Docs beginning with the November, 2017 Board Meeting.

Call to Order*

Mr. Frendreis called the Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Williams

Also Present: Dr. William Newby, Superintendent
Dr. Joe Bailey, Interim Superintendent
Ms. Jane Lair, Business Manager
Mrs. Donna Plath, Principal
Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Mrs. Donna Bergl	Mrs. Elke Deutscher	Mr. Jake Rietschel
Mr. William Marcomb	Mrs. Deanna Denman	Mrs. Nicole Sweeney
Mrs. Marilyn Bowen	Mr. Chris Urban	Mrs. Denise Mandigo

Approval of Consent Agenda:

As presented under the Consent Agenda, one motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Ms. Tauke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. Frendreis led a discussion on the Treasurer's Report and items currently going over budget prior to the roll call vote. The items discussed were the legal fees currently at 70%, Workman's Compensation currently at 100% over, and 100% over on the technology expense.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Public Input

Mrs. Elke Deutscher presented to the Board her great experience over ten years at Grass Lake School. She highlighted the academics, the one on one attention and the ability for students to participate in all extra-curricular activities.

Mrs. Deutscher talked about the perceptions she has regarding the PBIS program. She shared with the Board that her kids talk about their perceptions of the rules with PBIS. Both of her children have experience both sides of the rules; one getting too many action forms and the other getting no recognition for following the rules.

She also highlighted how her kids do not like going to lunch. Mrs. Deutscher inquired why the school has decided to have assigned seats during lunch. She also talked about how the students are written up for being late for class when in actuality the students are waiting for the teachers to pick them up from lunch.

Mrs. Deutscher reiterated that she feels the punishment needs to match the crime. She also does not believe the lunch detentions are useful. Mrs. Deutscher expressed her opinion that too many things of the PBIS program focuses on the negatives and has too many inconsistencies.

She also highlighted her concern about a GLS paraprofessional that should be focused on the one on one student she is assigned to. Mrs. Deutscher feels she is consistently focused on her child.

Mrs. Deutscher again stated that the PBIS program should focus more on what the students are doing right not necessarily all the wrong doing. She feels that the more responsibility given to the students will give them the respect to and from their teachers/staff.

Mr. Rietschel also spoke up and agreed with Mrs. Deutscher and her perceptions. He also asked how the assigned seating came about at the lunch time.

Dr. Newby explained that he would have a written response by the next Board meeting to address the perceptions presented by the parents. Further discussion took place that an email response would be given to the families present by next Tuesday.

Mr. Rietschel also asked if the school is on track for the construction to be completed by the start of school next year. Mr. Chris Urban commented that the construction plan is on track for 100% completion by next year.

Mr. Rietschel asked if the project has gone over budget. Mr. Frenreis explained that there are allowances in the contract and the allowances may or may not be used up during the construction. Further discussion took place regarding other expenses that have come up due to the construction and how any overages in the construction project would be covered by the budget.

Mr. Rietschel also asked if there was any plan to move the baseball field. Discussion took place about the moving of the baseball field.

Mrs. Mandigo asked about the contracts approved under the Consent Agenda and how do they compare to previous contracts approved. Dr. Newby explained these are contracts currently used and needed by renewed.

Further discussion took place regarding next month's agenda which would highlight the Tax Levy and that Ms. Jane Lair would be putting financial projections together. Mrs. Mandigo asked whether the 2016-2017 Budget was posted on the school's website. Dr. Newby said he would look into this and that also the Policy Manual will be posted on Board Docs once up and running.

Reports/Communications

Correspondence

None

Facilities Committee

i. Facilities Project

a. Construction update – Chris Urban

Discussion took place regarding the building construction and any overages on the project due to the unforeseen flooding in the lower level. Dr. Newby highlighted that the construction funds allocated need to be spent. He emphasized that when you dedicate monies to construction, the monies need to be spent.

b. Status of Roofing Project

Discussion took place regarding the roofing contract estimated at approximately \$4,800. This expense is covered by dollars already appropriated for this expense.

Maintenance – Don Quinnett

No further discussion on this report.

School Report – Mrs. Plath

Mrs. Plath praised the teachers for taking on the task of the standards curriculum this school year. She also highlighted that she is branching out professional developments with other schools; for example in Lake Zurich. Mrs. Plath also highlighted the current effort of monitoring and measuring student growth. This continues to show the work in progress by staff.

Mr. Gembara asked whether Mrs. Plath would continue to provide a School Report as she has in the past. Dr. Newby will discuss with Mrs. Plath her contribution to the School Report.

District Report – Dr. Newby

i. Board Member Training

The website has been updated with current Board Member Training completion.

ii. Finance Committee Meeting – October 24, 25, or 26, 2nd meeting November 14, with approval in December

Discussion took place regarding the proposed dates in October for a Finance Committee Meeting. Administration and the Board decided to hold this meeting on October 24th at 6:30 p.m. In addition, a decision was made to move the regular Board meeting from Tuesday, November 21st to Tuesday, November 14th.

One motion was made by Mr. Frenreis and seconded by Ms. Tauke to approve the regular Board Meeting to be moved from Tuesday, November 21st to Tuesday, November 14th.

Motion carried by voice vote:

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

iii. Decennial Life Safety Survey

Discussion took place regarding the drafted life safety survey.

iv. Board Docs

Dr. Newby highlighted the Board Docs at the start of the meeting and how he would be completing training on the 31st. Board Docs will be used for the November 14th regular Board Meeting.

FOIA Request(s)

- i. American Watchdogs Inc. requested the following: A copy of all debt currently held by the School District, District in any form to include but not limited to, lines of credit, financial institution, bonds, credit card, a copy of all payment structures for that debt that reflects principal payment, interest payment, and time frame of those obligations, a copy of all compensation provided to the Superintendent, a copy of the Superintendents employment contract, a copy of the minutes and agenda where the Superintendents contract was approved.
- ii. Gabriella Lauricella, SmartProcedure: 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number; 2. Purchase date; 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase); 4. Line item quantity; 5. Line item price; 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address.

No further discussion.

IASB Press Plus Updates*

- i. Issue 95, July 2017 Update Memo

Discussion took place regarding having a committee to review the Press Plus Updates prior to approval or continue with IASB recommending approval. Further discussion took place regarding the Policy Book and how the policies are updated.

Board Committee Reports/Professional Development

- i. Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO

Board members were reminded of the conference to be held in Chicago on Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Mr. Frendreis opted to discuss with the Board the responsibility of the Superintendent in regards to the authority of the dollar amount allowed to spend without approval of the Board. Discussion took place that the Board would like to receive an email from the Superintendent to be informed of any expenditure under \$10K. Further discussion took place regarding the policy of this and whether policy was created. Dr. Newby will look into this policy.

Public Input

None

Recognition of Media

No media present at the meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Ms. Tauke to go into closed session for the purposes of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5ILCS 120/2(c) (9)).

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

The following members answered roll call at 9:25 p.m.: Mr. Page, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Frendreis Absent: Mr. Williams

Open Session

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Page and seconded by Ms. Tauke to return to the open session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

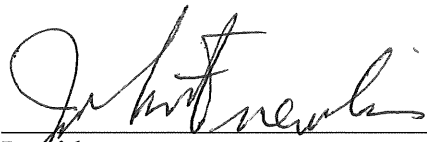
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Adjournment:

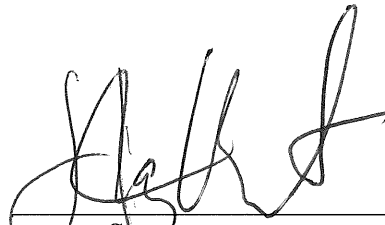
At 8:46 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mr. Gembara to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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



President



Secretary