**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Collins called the Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Terry O’Brien, Superintendent

Mrs. Donna Plath (formerly Shupe), Principal

Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

**Guests**

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| Denise Mandigo | Antoinette Giamo | Jen Sherman |
| Randy and Janeal Simale | Joe Mitchell | Richard David |
| Karen Wilberg | Susan Kold | Deanna Denman |
| Kim Shaffer | Nicole Sweeney | Marissa Casper |
| Diane & Russ Page | Susanne Tauke | Gordon Pierce |

**Approval of Consent Agenda**:

As presented under the Consent Agenda, one motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**Public Input**

Mrs. Collins invited the following community members to speak at the Public Input.

Mrs. Denise Mandigo presented that the 2016 Board of Education Calendar on the website is blank. Further discussion took place regarding the website and it was determined that although the dates were updated on the main calendar, the BOE Calendar on the website was not updated past September. Dr. O’Brien replied to the Board that he would update the BOE Calendar on the website.

Mrs. Mandigo inquired of the Board the selection criteria for being on the Strategic Planning Committee. She also highlighted that she has offered in the past to volunteer and was not asked to participate. Mrs. Collins talked about how the Board was asked via email to recommend community members for the upcoming strategic plan sessions. She also highlighted that a prior board member was invited to participate.

Mrs. Kim Shaffer, parent of GLS students, inquired about the changes made for the current school year. She highlighted the change in recess for the primary students and the change in higher “AP classes” for the Junior High. Mrs. Shaffer highlighted her concern about the proposed Math and that her daughter does not have the opportunity to be in the higher Math. Mrs. Shaffer also talked about the opportunities for her daughters’ peers at AUGS to take higher Math classes at the high school level and to start at the high school level a year in advance in a Foreign Language. Mrs. Shaffer inquired about the Spanish class offered in the past.

Mrs. Plath explained the changes moved us toward a true middle-school elective base curriculum and hears her concern.

Dr. O’Brien also talked about how the 8th grade students who qualify do take a high school level Algebra class. Mrs. Collins also offered to Mrs. Shaffer to please talk to Mrs. Plath about your concerns.

Mrs. Shaffer also asked about the change to recess for the primary students and how her son needs to decompress during the day. Dr. O’Brien explained the necessary changes of a 30-minute lunch versus a 45-minute lunch to accommodate the required time for curricular changes.

Mrs. Plath highlighted that the wellness walks were incorporated after lunch which would give students the opportunity to socialize with one another. The decrease in lunch time was a way for the school to increase the necessary instruction time.

Mrs. Shaffer also highlighted the studies she has read on the benefits of recess for students.

Discussion took place regarding the changes in place and how this reflects where the school is headed. It was noted by Administration to better communicate the changes before school starts.

**Report/Communications**

**Correspondence**

None

**Maintenance Report**

No questions asked about this report.

**School Report**

Mrs. Plath highlighted the start of the school year and how she felt it was a great start. She highlighted the students’ planners being ready for the start of the school year.

Mr. Lobodzinski inquired about the Technology contract and if someone other than the student causes the damage. Discussion took place regarding the contract and the mechanism to insure this is covered.

Further discussion took place regarding the technology contract and what other districts are doing in regards to allowing the devices to go home during the summer months. Dr. O’Brien will check with Lake Villa regarding this topic.

**District Report**

Dr. O’Brien presented the NWEA Scores from 2015-2016 for Reading and Math. He also highlighted how the NWEA Scores show areas the school needs to focus on. Dr. O’Brien also presented that the PARCC scores will be released nationally next month. He also highlighted that the District has not received any comparison information. It is important that once this information is available that the information correlates to the increasing of instruction time.

Dr. O’Brien hopes to have comparison information to share with the Board once the information becomes available.

Dr. O’Brien emphasized how the NWEA test results show more reliable and consistent data and that we can see a trend in the student’s performances.

Dr. O’Brien also highlighted the expectations given to the teachers regarding curriculum and how we cannot deviate from the curriculum.

1. **Student enrollment**

No discussion took place on the enrollment.

1. **Cafeteria Tables Bid Process**

Dr. O’Brien is looking for the cafeteria tables to come under the threshold of $25,000.

1. **Snow Plow Bid Process**

The snow plow bids are due on September 16th by 8:00 a.m. Dr. O’Brien offered that anyone interested to please contact Mr. Quinnett.

Dr. O’Brien also highlighted the Insurance Committee meeting and notice of a 22% increase in rates. He stated once we change we can no longer go back to the previous plan. It is the recommendation of the committee to go with an Affordable Health Care Act plan. Mrs. Collins inquired about the deadline. Dr. O’Brien believes the deadline is October 1st.

**FOIA Requests**

* + 1. Katherine Smyser, NBC Chicago: Leases or agreements with telecommunications providers for cellular antennae and/or towers installed by the provider on your school property.
    2. Denise Mandigo, Community Member: 1) March 2016, April 2016, May 2016 version of the Treasurer's Report you share with the Board of Education; 2) The 2015-16 school year 'Annual Statement of Affairs' (ISBE Form 50-37) you have provided to the state.

1. Sinthu Ramalingam, One Chance Illinois: Request of an acceleration policy.

**IASB Press Plus Updates \***

1. July 2016

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mrs. Rietschel to adopt the IASB Press Plus Update for July, 2016 as proposed from IASB.

**Motion carried by voice vote:**

Ayes: 7 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**Board Committee Reports/Professional Development**

1. **Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO**

Discussion took place regarding the sign-up for specific conferences.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. **December 2016 Regular Meeting Date\***

The currently scheduled date for the December 2016 Regular Meeting is the 20th which falls during the school’s Winter Break. Combined with the break and asbestos abatement, we are recommending moving the December BOE meeting to December 13th.

One motion was made by Mr. Lobodzinski and seconded by Mr. Gembara to moving the December BOE meeting to December 13th.

**Motion carried by voice vote:**

Ayes: 7 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

**Executive Session**

At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to go into closed session for the purposes of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

The following members answered roll call at 9:06 p.m.: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobdzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

**Open Session**

At 10:24 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Colins and seconded by Mrs. Kozenski to return to the open session.

The following members answered roll call at 10:24 p.m.: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobdzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

**Recognition of Media**

No media present at the meeting.

**Adjournment**:

At 10:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Kozenski to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mr. Lobodzinski,

Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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President Secretary