

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Call to Order

Mr. Jost called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost

Absent: Mr. Lobodzinski and Mrs. Rietschel

Also Present: Dr. Terry O'Brien, Superintendent/Principal
Ms. Shupe, Assistant Principal
Ms. Patti Rische, Business Manager
Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Diane Hope, parent of GLS students
Ms. Carol Hope, GLS Community Member
Mr. Jason Adams, GLS Community Member
Mr. Jeff Hope, GLS Community Member
Mrs. Denise Spokas, Facilities Steering Committee Member
Mr. Jack Hall, GLS Teacher
Mr. Tom Sexton, GLS Community Member
Mr. Scott Stritar, Facilities Steering Committee Member
Mr. Vince Heywood, GLS Community Member
Mrs. Linda Vaughn, GLS Community Member
Mr. Tim McGrath, BLDD Architect Representative

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Mr. Lobodzinski requested by text to Mr. Jost to include Gloria Lobodzinski as present under the roll call list on the minutes. Mrs. Capek will amend the minutes as follows:

Also Present: Gloria Lobodzinski, GLS Student

As presented under the Consent Agenda, one motion was made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Caya to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2014, November 2014 Treasurer's Report, Payroll – November 2014, Vendors - December 2014, and the appointment of Mr. Jacob Bowen, Teacher's Aide.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	5	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	2	Mr. Lobodzinski and Mrs. Rietschel

Mrs. Rietschel entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Facilities Steering Committee

The Facilities Steering Committee (Mrs. Spokas, Mr. Stritar and Mrs. Fogel) presented the recommendations of the Steering Committee for the facility renovation or possible replacement school. Discussion took place regarding the three community engagement meetings held to present the facility condition assessment issues. Mr. McGrath presented a brief overview of the information presented at the engagement meetings to the community members present at the Board meeting. The Steering Committee shared the results of the voting regarding the options presented. The Committee is looking at Option 4B – Renovation with an approximate cost of \$6.0M and Option 7A – Replacement School with an approximate cost of \$13.0M.

Mr. Lobodzinski entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Further discussion took place regarding the facilities and the Community Engagement Meetings. The community members present questioned how a new school came about. Discussion took place regarding the renovation scenario being discussed at the first engagement meeting and then a new school was brought into the second engagement meeting. Mrs. Caya added the possibility of adding an additional Community Engagement Meeting to make sure the community members are aware of the two scenarios the Steering Committee and Board are looking at. Mrs. Collins also talked about the possibility of scaling down the replacement school for 225 students since the enrollment numbers are down at this time. Mr. McGrath of BLDD would revisit Option 7A and scale it down to house 225 students. During the discussion, Mrs. Rietschel presented that the first Community Engagement Meeting was primarily a tour of the building to show all present the conditions of the existing mechanical, electrical, and state of conditions of the building.

Mr. Gembara presented that we need to get a plan together to put a possible question on the April election ballot and see how the tax payers feel about a possible Building Bond. Further discussion took place regarding a possible referendum and the tax impact increase. Mr. Sexton, a Community Member expressed his gut feeling that a tax increase

would not pass and that the Board and Community need to present a referendum on a positive note. Mr. Sexton agreed that asking the tax payers is the fairest way to represent the community.

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mr. Gembara to proceed forward with a Building Bond on the ballot for the April 2015 election ballot.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	5	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	2	Mrs. Collins and Mr. Lobodzinski
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

Mrs. Diane Hope also asked about a FOIA request she had submitted and was not responded to in a timely manner. The aforementioned FOIA request was for Board and Committee minutes and Financial Reports. Ms. Rische addressed her question and reassured her that she would get the requested information as soon as possible.

Public Input

None

Correspondence

Mrs. Rietschel read a thank you note from the Whitely family for the post-funeral luncheon and fundraiser held on behalf of their daughter, Sherry.

Reports

a. Triple-I Conference

The Board members shared the information gained from attending several workshops at the Triple-I Conference.

b. Facilities*

Mr. Jost asked for the Board's direction on putting a referendum together in January for the April 2015 Election ballot. Further discussion took place that on the April 2015 ballot it would be more like an advisory and asking a question of the taxpayers to support a Building Bond. The election in November 2015 would be a true vote. Dr. O'Brien will talk to Legal and Lake County to see what needs to be accomplished for the April 2015 election.

Mrs. Fogel left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

a. Space/Usage Current Facility

Dr. O'Brien presented possible alternatives due to space limitations in the lower level for special education staff. One alternative he presented was to create small classroom/office space in the existing library. The additional space would require approximately 500 square feet to be eliminated from the library. Dr. O'Brien is recommending this to be completed over Winter Break for an approximate cost of \$4,000.

One motion was made by Mr. Jost and seconded by Mr. Lobodzinski to approve the recommendation of Dr. O'Brien to create small classroom/office space in the existing library not to exceed \$4,000.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	5	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	1	Mrs. Caya
Absent:	1	Mrs. Fogel

c. Athletic Report

No questions asked about this report. Discussion took place regarding the use of Constant Contact to inform parents of upcoming Athletic activities.

d. Instructional Report

No questions asked about this report.

e. Maintenance Report

No questions asked about this report. Discussion took place regarding the well tank.

f. Technology Report

No questions asked about this report. Discussion took place regarding asset management and a master list of equipment.

g. Administration Report

No questions asked about this report.

h. Attorney of Record *

Seven firms have submitted an RFP and meet the requirements of the RFP. The Board has requested to table this until next month so members can review the submitted proposals.

Old Business:

a. Breakfast Program *

This item will be tabled until next month. Rise & Shine will be joining the January meeting to present.

b. Activity Bus *

Dr. O'Brien presented that Durham Bus Services would try to do "door-to-door" delivery for most students; however, there were some roads that are not accessible with the large bus (and therefore, students would be walking in the dark). No decision made on this item at this meeting.

New Business:

a. Sideline Chairs

Mr. Hall provided a quote for custom athletic sideline chairs. Discussion took place regarding the chairs and the Board would like to revisit this at the May, 2014 Board meeting.

b. Transportation Extension

Dr. O'Brien presented that Durham Bus Services is requesting an extension with a 3% increase. Discussion took place regarding the transportation services and Mr. Jost said he would contact District #34 to see if they were willing to provide service. No action taken on this item at this meeting.

c. May 2015 Board of Education Change Date *

Grass Lake School District #36 will be hosting the Antioch Area Boards of Education dinner on Tuesday, May 12th. Barb Toney from the IASB is the keynote speaker. Following the dinner, the regular monthly meeting (rescheduled from May 19) would take place.

One motion was made by Mr. Gembara and seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the date change of the May, 2015 regular monthly meeting to May 12, 2015. (rescheduled from May 19)

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski,
Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1 Mrs. Fogel

d. Approval of 2014-2015 Tax Levy *

The tax levy has been on display for the past month and requires final approval from the Board of Education.

One motion was made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the 2014 tax levy as follows:

- for Educational Purposes the sum of \$2,740,820
- for Operations & Maintenance Purposes the sum of \$430,000
- for Transportation Purposes the sum of \$470,253
- for Working Cash Purposes the sum of \$39,100
- for Social Security Purposes the sum of \$35,000
- for IMRF Purposes the sum of \$35,000
- for Special Education Purposes the sum of \$312,550
- for Special Education District IMRF Purposes the sum of \$5,798

Motion was carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost
Nays: 1 Mr. Lobodzinski
Abstain: 1 Mrs. Caya
Absent: 1 Mrs. Fogel

Recognition of Media

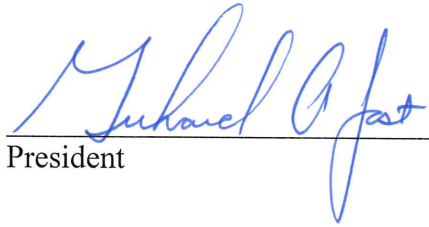
No media present at the meeting.

Adjournment:

At 10:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Rietschel and seconded by Mrs. Collins to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mrs. Fogel



President



Secretary