

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015**

Call to Order

Mrs. Fogel called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost

Also Present: Dr. Terry O'Brien, Superintendent/Principal
Ms. Donna Shupe, Assistant Principal
Ms. Patti Rische, Business Manager
Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Linda Vaughn, Community Member
Mrs. Lori Heywood, Community Member
Mr. Vince Heywood, Community Member

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Prior to the motion, a question was asked by Mr. Lobodzinski regarding the payroll report showing the \$15 per game stipend for Timekeeper, Scorekeeper and Game Supervisor. Discussion took place that the dollar amounts for the winter sports' stipends will be shown in the April payroll report.

As presented under the Consent Agenda, one motion was made by Mr. Lobodzinski and seconded by Mrs. Collins to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 17, 2015, February 2015 Treasurer's Report, Payroll – February 2015 and Vendors – March 2015.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, and
Mrs. Fogel

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0
Absent: 2 Mrs. Rietschel and Mr. Jost

Public Input

None

Reports/Communications

a. Correspondence – None

b. Instructional Report

No questions asked about this report.

c. Athletic Report – Mr. Hall

No questions asked about this report.

d. Maintenance Report – Mr. Quinnett

Questions were asked about the locations of the HVAC units with the most trouble in keeping temperatures consistent.

e. Technology Report – Mr. Wong

Questions were asked about the malware and virus protecting software and its adequacy for protecting the network at the school. Dr. O'Brien will verify the software.

f. Administrative Report – Dr. O'Brien, Mrs. Rische, Ms. Shupe
i. Investment Report

Discussion took place regarding the prepayment of the District's outstanding bond principal for SEDOL's series 2008 Bonds. The cost to prepay the District's debt is estimated to be \$65,702.27. The difference between this figure and the District's outstanding debt of \$60,634.45 is \$5,067.82. This difference arises from interest due through the redemption date on the 2008 bonds plus the allocated share of costs to execute the transaction. The payment for the District will be required on the day prior to the closing of the refinancing, which is subject to change but currently expected around April 30, 2015. Mrs. Collins asked if a signed agreement was completed with Lake Forest. Discussion took place regarding the utilization of the Lake Forest School District 117 and the New Connections campus. No action taken on this item at this time. Need to revisit at the April meeting to approve verified additional monies for the outstanding bond principal.

Mrs. Heywood, a community member, asked the Board for permission to ask a question regarding the District's limited school bonds in the amount of approximately \$300K. Mrs. Heywood informed the Board that the "District Bond Principal Payments Report" on the county website shows a payment schedule of the previously mentioned bond. Dr. O'Brien and Ms. Rische will confirm the bond and get information to the community members. Mrs. Vaughn also commented that the school's website was missing information and that information was difficult to find. Dr. O'Brien will investigate the issues with the website and provide information to the community members.

Mrs. Rietschel entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

g. Committee Reports

i. Facilities – Mrs. Collins, Ms. Fogel

No updates on the facilities at this time. Mrs. Vaughn, a community member also commented that the school's website was missing information and that some of the information was difficult to find. Further discussion took place regarding the link missing on the website to ask questions from the community regarding the facilities. Dr. O'Brien will investigate the issues with the website and provide information to the community members.

Ms. Rische left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ii. Meal Services – Mrs. Fogel, Mr. Jost (*Mr. Lobodzinski as of 2/17/15*)

Currently waiting for approval of the submitted bid from ISBE.

iii. Attorney of Record – Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Caya

Discussion took place regarding the selection of the Attorney of the Record. Letters were sent to the recommended three firms to invite them to the April 21, 2015 Board meeting. Mr. Lobodzinski asked whether the current Attorney of Record, Hodges Loizzi & Eisenhammer would receive a courtesy invite. Further discussion took place regarding the input of the Board and what was most important to them in the selection process of the Attorney of Record.

Old Business

a. Self-Injury Policy *

Dr. O'Brien presented a copy of the recommended self-injury policy. Discussion took place regarding the recommended policy.

One motion was made by Mr. Lobodzinski and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the recommended Self-Injury Policy.

Motion carried by voice vote:

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

b. Activity Bus *

Ms. Shupe provided additional survey information on the tutoring program. Ms. Shupe and Dr. O'Brien recommendation is to approve the activity bus for the 2015-2016 school year.

One motion was made by Mrs. Rietschel and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the recommended activity bus for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by voice vote:

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

New Business:

a. 2015-2016 Registration Fees*

Currently, the registration fees are \$135 per student. Dr. O'Brien recommended the fee to remain the same for the 2015-2016 school year. Discussion took place regarding the fees and the possibility of offering parents some kind of incentive for paying in full or registering early. No decision was taken on this idea.

Mr. Jost entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

One motion was made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to approve the recommended registration fees for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

b. 8th Grade Graduation *

Dr. O'Brien recommended that the 2015 graduation date be moved from Thursday, May 28 to Thursday, June 4. Dr. O'Brien also presented that no complaints or concerns were heard from the Class of 2015 families on the date change.

One motion was made by Mrs. Caya and seconded by Mrs. Rietschel to approve the revised graduation date due to the inclement weather experienced this school year.

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

c. Summer School *

Dr. O'Brien included the registration information from the previous school year. Ms. Shupe also provided a 2015 Summer School proposal showing the mandatory attendance for certain students, reducing the number of electives available, and increasing the hours of instruction.

One motion was made by Mr. Lobodzinski and seconded by Mrs. Rietschel to approve the proposed summer school for students and electives.

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

d. 2016-2016 Calendar *

Dr. O'Brien met with the staff calendar committee prior to the Board meeting and included the recommended calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

One motion was made by Mr. Gembara and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to approve the recommended calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

e. Staffing *

This item will be discussed in the Executive Session.

Recognition of Media

No media present at the meeting.

Executive Session:

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mrs. Collins at 9:00 p.m. 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	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	0	

The following members answered roll call at 9:07 p.m.: Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Rietschel, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost

Mrs. Rietschel left the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Open Session

At 9:56 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Caya and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to return to the open session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

The following members answered roll call at 9:59 p.m.: Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost Absent: Mrs. Rietschel

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mr. Lobodzinski to approve .5 Pre-K program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

One motion was made by Mrs. Collins and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to eliminate .50 Rtl certified teacher position for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mrs. Caya to offer the Principal position as discussed in the Executive session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

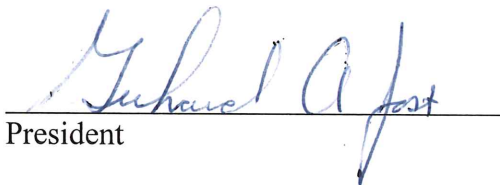
Ayes:	6	Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Lobodzinski Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Jost
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	1	Mrs. Rietschel

Adjournment:

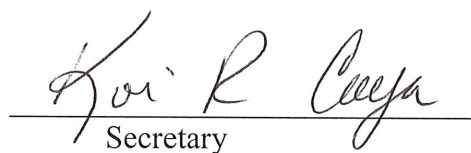
At 9:59 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Caya and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote:

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



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