**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

**Call to Order\***

Mr. Frendreis called the Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

 Mr. Frendreis

Absent: Mrs. Rietschel

Also Present: Mrs. Donna Plath, Principal

 Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

**Guests**

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| Mrs. Nicole Sweeney | Mrs. Cyndi Collins | Mrs. Debbie Fogel |
| Mrs. Kathy Mueller | Mr. William Marcomb | Mrs. Deanna Denman |
| Mrs. Marilyn Bowen | Mr. Mark Friedman | Mr. Joe Porto |

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Frendreis appointed Mr. Gembara as the Pro Tem Secretary in lieu of Mrs. Rietschel’s absence.

Mr. Frendreis introduced Joe Bailey, Ed. D. as the interim Superintendent of Grass Lake School District #36. He presented Joe to the audience and Board members and complimented him on being a very valuable asset to the District.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

**Public Input**

None

**Reports/Communications**

**Correspondence**

None

**Maintenance Report**

No discussion took place on this report.

**School Report**

Mrs. Plath presented to the Board a review of the startup of the new school year and how busy she has been with the new hires. She also highlighted how the curriculum maps have been completed and the professional development plans are in place. Mrs. Plath also highlighted that it has been a very busy and productive summer for the startup of the new school year.

**District Review**

Dr. Bailey highlighted the facilities and how the recent flooding of the basement over the summer allowed for the removal of walls and increased learning space. The initial buildout of the basement did not include some of the finished products in the basement; but due to the flooding there was opportunity to increase the learning space.

Dr. Bailey also highlighted that over nine (9) truckloads of cement were delivered for a 93,000 + water tank. The cement was also used to increase some of the footings.

Mr. Williams added that the water in the basement over the summer is well known and that he would like to commend Dr. Bailey and Gilbane for overseeing the cleanup and revised plans for the basement. Mr. Williams also would like to commend Mr. Quinnett, Mr. Sweeting, and Gilbane with helping out with the clean-up of the basement. He also would like to thank the teachers for their flexibility in inventorying their belongings and patiently waiting for their rooms/offices to be set up.

**FOIA Request(s)**

None

**IASB Press Plus Updates\***

1. July, 2017 – need verification of which updates need to be approved. This will be put on next month’s agenda.

**Board Committee Reports/Professional Development**

1. 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**

1. **Review of Closed Session Minutes \***

Dr. Bailey explained to the Board how the Board needs to look at the Closed Session minutes to see if we would like to destroy the recordings after 18 months. Mr. Frendreis asked for a volunteer on the Board to review the Closed Minutes. Mr. Page volunteered and will coordinate a time to review the closed minutes.

**New Business**

1. **Establish Special Meeting Date to approve 2017-2018 Budget\***

One motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mrs. Caya to approve the recommendation of Dr. Bailey to hold a public hearing 30 minutes prior to the Board Meeting on September 19, 2017.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

1. **Presentation of 2017-2018 Budget**

Mr. Frendreis presented that the budget for now is matching up the revenue to the expenses. The proposed budget reflects a 1.1% decrease in expenses over LY. He also highlighted that the proposed budget has been thoroughly reviewed and all accounts are in line for the expenses. Mr. Frendreis also commented that the school’s budget is based on a very labor intensive operation. Further discussion took place that the public view would like to see a multi-year scenario.

1. **Approve Posting of 2017-2018 Tentative Budget\***

One motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Page to approve the posting of the 2017-2018 Tentative Budget.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

1. **Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution\***

One motion was made by Mr. Frendreis and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution contained in the Board package of August 15, 2017.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

**Public Input**

Mrs. Collins thanked whoever posted the pictures of the construction on the school website and what a great job it is.

Mr. Marcomb questioned the flooding and how the water and mud came in. Discussion took place how the water overcame the barriers and with the amount of rain brought in the mud from the excavation.

Mr. Williams also explained that with the removal of the carpeting the basement was doubled in size for learning capacity. Dr. Bailey added that he met with Ms. Lair, STR Architects and Gilbane to decide who would pay for the not planned construction in the basement.

Mr. Williams also added that with the addition of concrete walls; the opening is covered and this should not happen again.

**Recognition of Media**

No media present at the meeting.

**Executive Session**

At 7:17 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mr. Page 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. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

The following members answered roll call at 7:35 p.m.: Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Frendreis Absent: Mrs. Rietschel

**Open Session**

At 9:07 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mr. Williams to return to the open session.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

The following members answered roll call at 9:07 p.m.: Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke and Mr. Frendreis Absent: Mrs. Rietschel

**Adjournment:**

At 9:15 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Tauke and seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn the open meeting.

Ayes: 6 Mr. Page, Mr. Williams, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Caya, Ms. Tauke

 and Mr. Frendreis

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

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