

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Call to Order

Mrs. Collins 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: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Absent: Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel

Also Present: Dr. Terry O'Brien, Superintendent
Mrs. Donna Plath, Principal
Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Mr. Andy Williams	Mr. & Mrs. John Mandigo	Mr. & Mrs. Russ Page
Mrs. Denise Ludwig	Mr. David Tomei	Ms. Jan Simale
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mitchel	Ms. Susan Kolk	Mr. Tom Zawada
Mr. Randy Simale	Mrs. Lori Heywood	Mr. Rich Goodwin
Mr. Mike Chmela	Ms. Pam Worklan	Mrs. Bonnie Sutton
Mrs. Patricia Petty	Ms. Toma Lee Below	Mrs. Karen Wilberg
Mr. Dave Coon	Mrs. Deanna Denman	Mrs. Nicole Sweeney
Ms. Marissa Casper	Ms. Katie McMahan	Mr. Jim Esterquest
Ms. Barb Esterquest		

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2 Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel

Public Input

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

Mrs. Denise Mandigo inquired if the Board members received the email she had sent regarding consolidation of schools.

Mrs. Collins asked if Mr. Williams wanted to speak and he chose not to at this time.

Report/Communications

Correspondence

None

Maintenance Report

No questions asked about this report.

School Report

Mrs. Plath presented a power point presentation for the 2016 Rational for Educational Changes at Grass Lake School. She highlighted the rational to support the changes/improvements in the school setting.

The presentation given by Mrs. Plath showed the changes implemented at GLS for the 2016-2016 school year. Mrs. Plath also highlighted the misconceptions of offerings at the other Antioch feeder schools and the Advanced Placement classes at the high school.

Based on Mrs. Plath's information from talking to other administrators at the surrounding schools, she highlight that Grass Lake School has some amazing bright students.

Dr. O'Brien entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Additional information was provided by Mrs. Plath regarding the offering of Foreign Language curriculum at surrounding schools.

Further discussion took place regarding her presentation and Mrs. Collins inquired about the information provided from the professional development through the Regional Office of Education regarding the interpretation of the PARCC scores. Mrs. Plath highlighted that the Regional Office goes over the data in a spreadsheet and shows those items that

could use some work. Also, she talked about the professional development taking place in October to go over the curricular work to assist in the PARCC testing.

Mrs. Collins also asked whether the school was looking at the Integrated Math program to be implemented. Mrs. Plath highlighted that she is setting time aside to make sure she is attending curriculum articulation meetings at the high school to learn more about the Integrated Math curriculum.

District Report

Dr. O'Brien highlighted the inspection of the 1947 wing and the abatement quote which came under budget at approximately \$31K. Further discussion took place regarding the schedule for the abatement which will commence on December 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Further discussion took place regarding the proposed plans for the relocation of the two classrooms in the 1947 wing. Mr. Lobodzinski and Mr. Gembara inquired why the decision was made to begin the project over winter break versus a June beginning for the abatement. Further discussion took place regarding the rationale for the winter schedule. The 4 week abatement was scheduled with two teams to complete the two (2) week process.

i. Student enrollment

No discussion took place on the enrollment.

FOIA Requests

No FOIA Requests for this meeting.

IASB Press Plus Updates *

No IASB Press Plus Updates for this meeting.

Board Committee Reports/Professional Development

i. Joint Annual Conference of IASB/IASA/IASBO

Discussion took place regarding the pre-conferences/workshops available for two whole days and two half days. Mrs. Collins encouraged the board members to sign up quickly for these since these conferences fill up very quickly.

ii. Board Direction: Exploration of Consolidation

Dr. O'Brien highlighted the exploration of consolidation and is looking for the Board's consideration to do a formal request for an exploratory committee to look at this possibility.

Further discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of a consolidation with Emmons District #33. There are many items to be considered in pursuing a consolidation:

- After a formal request in writing, which has not been done for several years; and if there is an interest from the Board of Emmons School District #33, a team would need to be created to explore a consolidation. A great deal of resources may be needed to accomplish this.
- If the Board of Emmons has no interest; the BOE of GLS District #36 would continue to look into sharing resources between governmental bodies.
- Many different scenarios would need to be considered; for example, two (2) neighborhood schools/one (1) elementary/one (1) Junior High, etc.
- Financially, certain things would be minimized, but building wise there would still be a need for both schools.
- Consolidation would restructure the current district and there would be a new negotiation for a teacher's contract. Emmons and Grass Lake School do not have the same union for their bargaining agreements.
- Discussion of the purpose of the exploratory committee would be to define the advantages and disadvantages for both schools on consolidation.

Mrs. Collins requested a brief overview from community members, Mrs. Mandigo and Mrs. Wilberg who met with her and Dr. O'Brien to go over notion of consolidation.

Mrs. Mandigo shared her view from the meeting regarding the overhead that comes with a single school district and that she does not see the cost benefit. Mrs. Wilberg shared that she liked the fact that Emmons is not a huge entity and that she suggests Emmons because they are very similar to Grass Lake School.

Mr. Lobodzinski inquired if there were any notes from this meeting with Mrs. Collins and Dr. O'Brien.

Mr. Lobodzinski expressed that the only way to end the speculation of whether Emmons would be interested or not is to write a formal letter.

Further discussion took place regarding the timeline of a formal letter to the Superintendent of Emmons and the date of their Board meeting which happens to be Thursday, September 22, 2016.

Mr. Williams suggested that if Emmons was not interested that the Board get the reasons for the negative response for future decisions; especially with the Strategic Planning process coming up.

After further discussion, Mrs. Collins requested that Dr. O'Brien draft a letter to the Superintendent in hopes of getting it on their Board Agenda for the meeting Thursday night.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Cafeteria Tables *

Dr. O'Brien highlighted that he obtained a bid under our \$25,000 threshold for the bid for cafeteria tables. The bid matches identical tables provided in a bid in 2013. The difference between the bid from the 2013 bid and the current bid is a savings of approximately \$12,000. Dr. O'Brien's recommendation is to approve the purchase of the cafeteria tables.

One motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mr. Gembara to approve the recommendation to purchase the cafeteria tables.

Motion not carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	2	Mrs. Kozenski and Mrs. Collins
Nays:	3	Mr. Gembara, Mr. Lobodzinski and Mrs. Fogel
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	2	Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel

b. Snow Plow Bids*

Dr. O'Brien highlighted the bids for the snowplowing services for the 2016-2017 school year. His recommendation is to approve the snowplowing services to continue with Stritar Construction for this school year.

One motion was made by Mr. Gembara and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to approve the recommendation to utilize Stritar Construction for snowplowing services for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

c. Application for Recognition of Schools 2016-2017*

One motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mr. Lobodzinski to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools 2016-2017*

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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

d. Water Filtering Systems*

Mr. Lobodzinski presented a bottle less filtered drinking water cooler system made by quench. Discussion took place regarding the proposed two models and whether the school should invest in one or two of the units. The better unit, the Quench 810, would approximately cost the school \$109.00 per month for a 12 month term and \$99.00 for a 24 month term.

One motion was made by Mr. Gembara and seconded by Mrs. Kozenski to approve the purchase of one (1) Quench 810 unit.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes:	4	Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Fogel
Nays:	1	<i>Mrs. Collins (amended 10/29/16)</i>
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	2	Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel

e. Gym Floor *

Dr. O'Brien highlighted the walkthrough he completed with Mr. Quinnett regarding the gym floor. Mr. Lobodzinski commented that the gym floor did not look completely encased. Dr. O'Brien would confirm with Mr. Quinnett the purpose of waiting for one year before four (4) coats of sealant are applied. Mr. Lobodzinski just wanted to make sure that there is no potential long-term problem with waiting for one year. Dr. O'Brien will provide the Board with information regarding the finish after he confirms with Mr. Quinnett.

Public Input

Further comments took place regarding the consolidation and positive comments about Mrs. Plath's presentation.

Executive Session

At 8:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lobodzinski and seconded by Mr. Gembara 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:	5	Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins
Nays:	0	
Abstain:	0	
Absent:	2	Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel

The following members answered roll call at 8:39 p.m.: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mr. Lobodzinski, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins. Absent: Mrs. Caya and Mrs. Rietschel.

Mrs. Rietschel entered the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Open Session

At 9:06 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mrs. Collins to return to the open session.

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

Recognition of Media

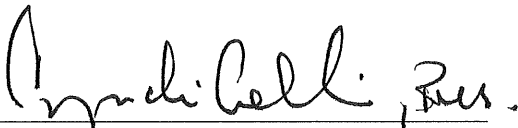
No media present at the meeting.

Adjournment:

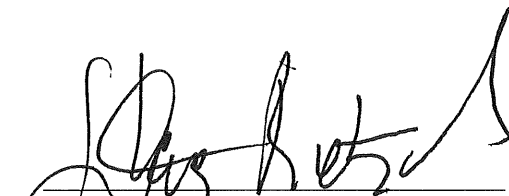
At 9:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mrs. Collins to adjourn the open meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

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



President



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