**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 36**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Collins called the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Grass Lake School District #36 to order at 4:09 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Rietschel (via phone), Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Absent: Mrs. Caya and Mr. Lobodzinski

Also Present: Dr. Terry O’Brien, Superintendent

Mrs. Donna Plath (formerly Shupe), Principal

Mrs. Mary Capek, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Nancy Nava, Office Assistant

**Guests**

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| Mrs. Deanna Denman | Mrs. Nicole Sweeney | Mrs. Denise Spokas |
| Mrs. Amanda Lutze | Ms. Jaydee Miller | Mrs. Melissa Stein |
| Mr.& Mrs. Robert Starke | Mr. Nick Mapson | Mr. William Marcomb |

**Public Input**

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

Mrs. Stein recommended to the Board to split the PreK class into two classes based on age. She continued to express her opinion that there are different skill sets between 3 and 5 year olds.

Mrs. Lutze also recommended to the Board to split the classes between the unique age differences. She also talked about the negative behavior possible having siblings in the same class.

Ms. Miller also shared that she had the same concerns as the two parents who already spoke at the Public Input.

Mr. Mapson also shared that he had the same concerns also.

Mr. Marcomb addressed the Board and inquired why the recommendation for an AM and PM class was not addressed in April to give parents the opportunity to plan for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Collins explained that in April we did not have complete numbers for the upcoming school year for PreK. Dr. O’Brien invited Mr. Marcomb to his office after the meeting for further explanation of the registration numbers in April for

the PreK class.

**Pre-Kindergarten\***

One motion was made by Mrs. Kozenski and seconded by Mrs. Fogel to approve the PreK program for full-time and staff the program for two sessions AM and PM.

Prior to the roll call vote, discussion took place regarding the parent’s comments. Mrs. Plath agreed with the parents present at the meeting and highlighted the advantages of splitting the classes based on age differences.

Mrs. Rietschel via phone expressed her view on the PreK program and also agreed with the parents. If she was able to vote, she would recommend the PreK program consisting of an AM and PM session.

Mrs. Collins inquired if the PreK program was already in the proposed 2017 budget for two classes. Dr. O’Brien explained that it is in the budget for the upcoming school year as an AM and PM class.

Further discussion took place regarding the program and how an aide would be provided since it is state law to have an aide for 10 or more students. Dr. O’Brien also shared that at the August 30th board meeting, the Board would approve the .5 Paraprofessional and .5 Teacher to accommodate for the proposed recommendation of a AM and PM session.

Mr. Lobodzinski entered the meeting at 4:29 p.m. Mrs. Collins updated him on the discussions prior to him joining the meeting.

Motion carried by roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 1 Mr. Lobodzinski

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Caya

Via Phone: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

Mr. Lobodzinski left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Mrs. Collins requested Public Input. The collective group thanked the Board but no formal public input was presented. Mrs. Collins thanked the parents who attended the meeting for their input.

**Adjournment**:

At 4:32 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Fogel and seconded by Mrs. Kozenski to adjourn the special meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote:

Ayes: 4 Mrs. Kozenski, Mr. Gembara, Mrs. Fogel and Mrs. Collins

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1 Mrs. Caya and Mr. Lobodzinski

Via Phone: 1 Mrs. Rietschel

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