**Grand Island Central School District**

**Board of Education**

**High School Professional Development Room**

**Minutes - November 23, 2015**

Following a 6:00pm meeting with the Middle School administration a meeting of the Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District was held on November 23, 2015 at 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, New York. Mrs. Pyc called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

**Board Members Present**

President: Mrs. Lisa Pyc

Vice President: Mrs. Susan Marston

Trustee: Mr. Glenn Bobeck

Trustee: Mrs. Karen Carroll (arrived at 6:04pm)

Trustee: Mr. Richard D’Agostino

Trustee: Mrs. Joy LaMarca (arrived at 6:07pm)

Trustee: Mrs. Donna Tomkins

**Administrators Present**

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Teresa Lawrence

Assistant Superintendent of Finance: Mr. Robert McDow

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum: Ms. Karen Cuddy-Miller

Director of Pupil Personnel Services: Ms. Cheryl Cardone

Sidway Principal: Mrs. Denise Dunbar

Kaegebein Principal: Mrs. Mary Haggerty

Middle School Principal: Mr. John Fitzpatrick

Director of Technology: Mrs. Robin Kwiatek

The Board of Education immediately went into Executive Session.

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| **Moved by Mrs. Marston that the Board recess to conduct an Executive Session at 6:34pm on matters indicated below. This motion is duly seconded by Mrs. Carroll and carried 7-0.**  For the purpose of:   1. Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law. 2. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.   **Moved by Mr. Bobeck, seconded by Mrs. Carroll voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:29pm.**  **Mrs. Pyc called the regular meeting to order at 7:31pm.** | Executive Session |
| **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Marston voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the meeting agenda.** | Approval of Agenda |
| 1. BOE Meeting Minutes and Executive Session - 11/9/15   **Moved by Mrs. Marston, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the above mentioned meeting minutes.** | Approval of Minutes |
| 1. Wendy's High School Heisman Program - Grand Island Senior Adam Dryfhout has been selected as a 2015 State Finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Program. He is one of New York State's 20 best student-athletes. The original pool of school winners was 146 student-athletes. Each state finalist will receive a bronze medal, a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist patch and a $25 Wendy's gift card. Adam will continue on to the next round of the Wendy's High School Heisman Program where only one male and one female student will advance to be named State Winners. Adam was selected as a 2015 State Finalist due to his success in volleyball, academic accomplishments and community leadership. | Good News |
| No one signed up to participate in this portion of the meeting. | Voice of the People |
| PI1 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE  Recommended Action: Approval of the following requests for unpaid leave of absence:   * 1. Angela Gorecki, teaching assistant, so that she may serve as a short term substitute teacher, effective on or about December 28, 2015.   PI2 APPOINTMENTS  Recommended Action: Approval of the following instructional appointments:  Name: Angela Gorecki  Residence: Hamburg  Type of Appointment: Short Term Substitute  Tenure Area: Elementary  Current School Placement: Huth Road  Effective Date: on or about December 28, 2015  Ending Date: on or about March 18, 2016  Certification Status: NYS Professional, Childhood Ed 1-6, Literacy B-6 eff. 9/01/12  Retain Current Salary: $35,341  Additional information (not part of Board action): Ms. Gorecki replaces Courtney Gormley who will be on maternity leave. [40 applicants, 3 GI grads]      Name: Ashley Stafford  Residence: Tonawanda  Type of Appointment: Teaching Assistant  Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant  Current School Placement: Huth Road  Effective Date: on or about December 28, 2015  Ending Date: on or about March 18, 2016  Certification Status: NYS Initial, Childhood Ed, SwD 1-6 eff. 8/21/15  Salary: TA-1, $23,385 pro rata  Additional information (not part of Board action): Ms. Stafford replaces Angela Gorecki. [23 applicants, 1 GI grad]   * 1. BUILDING BASED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AT CONTRACTUAL DAILY RATE OF $100  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Building | Certification Area | | Weinstein, Meghan | HS | Social Studies 5-12 |  1. EXTRACURRICULAR/SPORTS/CMS  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Activity | Employee | Stipend | | Ice Hockey | Kirk Lawley | Volunteer | | Wrestling | Mike Loaiza | Volunteer | | Wrestling | Max Tafelski | Volunteer | | Wrestling | Anthony Zogaria | Volunteer | | Basketball | Erin Strassburg | Volunteer | | Cheerleading | Chelsea Fontana | Volunteer |     PI3 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST  Recommended Action: Approval of the following modifications to the 2015-2016 substitute teacher list:  Additions:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Address | Certification | | Sweeney, Jill | Grand Island | Not certified |   Removals:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Address | Certification | | Grunzweig, Stephen | Grand Island | Science | | Hartrich, Shauna | Tonawanda | Childhood Ed, SwD | | Magliocca, Autumn | Grand Island | Social Studies |   **Moved by Mrs. Marston, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the instructional personnel section PI1 thru PI3.**  **PERSONNEL - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**   1. APPOINTMENTS   Recommended Action: Approval of the following non-instructional appointments:  a)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | NAME: | Darlene Spratford | | ASSIGNMENT: | “Temporary” Transportation Clerk | | EFFECTIVE: | 11/24/2015 | | BEGINNING DATE: | 11/24/2015 | | SALARY: | $16.34 | | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | G.I. resident. 2 hr./day position to fill in for employee who is out on medical (1 applicant) |   b)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | NAME: | Michael Little | | ASSIGNMENT: | Bus Monitor/Attendant | | EFFECTIVE: | 11/23/2015 | | BEGINNING DATE: | 11/23/2015 | | SALARY: | $13.33 | | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: | G.I. resident. Probationary appointment starts 11/23/15-5/23/16. |  1. SUBSTITUTE LIST   Recommended Action: Approval of the following additions/deletions to the non-instructional substitute list:    Additions: Amy VeRost, substitute Clerical (eff. 11/9/15).  Geraldine Olszanski, substitute Clerical, School Monitor and Teacher Aide.  Helen Mayo, substitute Clerical and Teacher Aide.  Dana Olandt, substitute School Nurse.  Darlene Spratford, substitute Clerical (eff. 11/16/15).  **Moved by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the non-instructional personnel section PNI1 thru PNI2.** | Personnel – Instructional & Non-Instructional |
| CP1. District/Campus Update – Mr. Maracle updated the Board on the progress of Phases 1 & 2. Contractors have been meeting to finish up the punch list items. All is going well. The pool has been completed minus the draining issue which was noted to be an error of the District. This will be fixed during a “down” time of its use. Phase 3 continues to be in the hands of SED and it is anticipated to be completed in approximately one month. Bidding should take place in late January 2016. Our schedule is on track and turnover is anticipated for this spring. | Capital Project |
| F1. Financial Reports   * Appropriation Status Report * Revenue Status Report * Check Warrants * Treasurer's Report - August, September   F2. Legal RFP Update – we received six or seven responses to our proposal. A recommendation will come at the January 11 meeting. Mr. McDow asked for Board input on the committee. Mr. Bobeck, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Pyc and Mrs. LaMarca expressed interest. All RFP responses will be scanned and placed on the Doc Library for the Board to review.  F3. Naming Committee Update – the committee met last week. It is anticipated that additional information will be forthcoming at the January meeting.  F4. Approval of Budget Transfers over $5,000  F5. External Audit Management Letter – internal control-related issues were addressed - payroll is an ongoing issue; reconciliation of accounts by the treasurer; and training. | Finance |

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| F6. Donation – Kiln – the art department received a pottery equipment donation.  F7. Tax Certiorari – Lutnick – Mr. McDow recommended that we accept this decrease in tax.  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Tomkins voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the Finance section F4 thru F6.**  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Marston voted upon and carried 6-0-1 (abstain – LaMarca) that the Board approve the Tax Certiorari (F7) recommendation.**  PPS1. Committee on Special Education Report  PPS2. Committee on Pre-School Special Education Report  PPS3. Increase Sub Nurse Pay – pay will go from $15.75 per hour to $18.00 per hour.  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Tomkins voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the Special Education and Pupil Personnel Items.** | PPS |
| SR1. Ballot for Special Election to Board of Cooperative Educational Services  **Moved by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Marston voted upon and did NOT carry 3-4 (Bobeck, D’Agostino, Tomkins, Pyc) that the Board recommend to elect John Semler for the vacancy on the BOCES Board.**  **Moved by Mr. Bobeck, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino voted upon and carried 5-2 (Carroll, Marston) that the Board recommend to elect Mary Busse for the vacancy on the BOCES Board.**  SR2. Adopt Changes to Policy 5322 - Use of District Cell Phones  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Carroll voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the changes to Policy 5322.**  SR3. Field Trip Request - Wrestling, High School Student Council  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Tomkins voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board approve the above referenced field trips.**  SR4. Topic Updates | Superintendent’s Report |
| BOE1. Sidway Building Tour Update – Mrs. Pyc and Mrs. Marston spoke about the improvements in the Sidway building – library, stage lift and items that are not noticeable. Great tour. Mr. Bobeck and Mrs. Tomkins also attended the tour.  BOE2. Joint Town Board/School Board Meeting - November 30, 2015  BOE3. Resolution Appointing District Superintendent as Search Consultant  **Moved by Mr. D’Agostino, seconded by Mrs. Tomkins voted upon and carried 6-0-1 (abstain - Bobeck) that the Board of Education appoint and indemnify Dr. Lynn Marie Fusco, District Superintendent of Erie 1 BOCES, as search consultant for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Grand Island Central School District at no compensation and agrees to reimburse the Erie 1 BOCES for incidental costs associated with the search process, costs not to exceed $8,000.** | Board of Education |
| No one signed up for this portion of the meeting. | Voice of the People |
| 1. Roundtable    * Mrs. Carroll congratulated the boys soccer team for a great season.    * Mr. D’Agostino wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.    * Mrs. Marston stated she attended the ECASB Budget & Finance Meeting. Budgets passed with no raises in costs. The next meeting is January 7.    * Mrs. Tomkins attended the High School PTSA meeting. Members talked about attending budget meetings to attain the information first hand.    * Ms. Cardone briefly talked about the focus review. All 10 issues were submitted to SED and already two of the 10 have been approved. January/December more will be approved.    * Ms. Cuddy-Miller wished everyone a happy holiday.    * Dr. Lawrence stated that three contracts have been settled during her time with the District. 2. Upcoming Events  * November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Recess (District closed November 26-27) * November 30 - Grades 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conference (no school) * November 30 - Joint School Board/Town Board Meeting & Board of Education Retreat Follow Up * December 14, 2015 - BOE Meeting * December 24, 2015 - January 1, 2016 - Winter Recess | Roundtable |
| **Moved by Mrs. Tomkins, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino voted upon and carried 7-0 that the Board adjourn at 8:23pm.** | Adjourn |

Respectfully submitted,

Janet J. Schuster

District Clerk