

**GRAND RIDGE DISTRICT. #95
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

February 13, 2018

The February regular monthly Grand Ridge School Board of Education meeting was called to order in regular session by President Rich Frye, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: Steve Durdan, Ken Bernard. Fran Swallers and Rich Frye. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent: Mike Wielgopalan, Julie Angus and Todd Stehl.

Visitors to the meeting: Kate Jaegle, Jess Blakemore, Matt Blakemore, Laura Tredway and Jennifer Marvin.

Todd Stehl arrived at the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved, to be placed on file for further audit with a motion made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: The bills for the month of February were inspected and presented for payment. A motion was made to approve the bills by Todd Stehl. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Roll call vote was taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Laura Tredway addressed the Board, by thanking Mr. Sanders for getting the Brick Project taken care of. She voiced her frustration that she was not happy with how the 8th Grade Ball is being handled. It was discussed that the parents want to hire a party bus to bring the 8th Graders back from the ball. The parents are requesting to be allowed to have the party bus drop the students off at the school. It was discussed that the bus can drop the students off in the school parking lot since this is not a school function and the parking lot is public property. If there are any issues or problems, this would not be a school issue. The parents are also requesting to have \$300.00 returned back to them to help with paying for the party bus that was raised back in the fall for field trip expenses.

Principal's Report: Mr. Ahearn discussed the following.

- **Discipline Report:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the January discipline report.
- **Attendance:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the absences for the month of January.
- **February Calendar:** Mr. Ahearn shared with the Board the February calendar. He thanked Mrs. Doerr for the great job she did with the Science Fair.

A motion was made by Steve Durdan to accept the 2nd reading of the Board Policy updates Press Plus Issue 93. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion to accept a 1 year contract extension for Illinois Central Bus Company was made by Todd Stehl. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Roll call vote taken. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt the IMRF Resolution was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Roll call vote taken. All aye. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the 2018-2019 School Year calendar as proposed by Mr. Sanders was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Calendar revision for 2017-2018:

A motion to change April 25, 2018 to an 11:50 dismissal to allow for the Staff to participate in PBIS refresher training was made by Fran Swallers. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All aye. Motion carried.

Speech Language Pathologist:

Mr. Sanders shared that a Speech Language Pathologist has been found and that they will discuss this during closed session.

Job Description:

Mr. Sanders shared that he has been working on job descriptions for the Athletic Director, Yearbook Coordinator and other stipend positions.

Building Updates:

Mr. Sanders shared that he is still working on bids for the electrical work that is needing to be completed..

Order of Dismissal:

The Order of Dismissal was presented to the GREA as part of our annual duties

Water Billing:

Our water bill was over \$400.00 which is higher than usual. Mr. Sanders is investigating with the Village of Grand Ridge to determine if it is on our end or theirs.

PTO Trivia Night:

Mr. Sanders congratulated the PTO in raising over \$15,000.00 at their Trivia Night.

Executive Session A motion was made at 8:18 p.m. by Ken Bernard to move to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, student discipline, and pending litigation. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m. on a motion made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Durdan to hire Abby Fancher as the Speech Language Pathologist beginning the 2018-2019 school year. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was discussed and agreed that Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Sanders have the ability to take the 8th Grade Field Trip and participation in the Graduation Ceremony away from 8th Graders if cannot bring their grades up to passing, their behavior and attendance is not acceptable. The students would have the ability to earn these privileges back based on grades, attendance and behavior.

It was discussed and agreed that the school would not be returning back to the 8th Grade parents \$300.00. It was shared that when the class started the school year their funds were very low. The fund raiser that was done was to help pay for the 8th Grade Field Trip which typically runs \$2,500.00. There were roughly 1,300.00 that were raised which still left this class short. When the Board agreed to pay for field trips going forward in the November meeting, it was agreed that the money in the class trip would go towards the 8th Grade Field Trip and the Board would offset the difference. It was also agreed that they would give the class \$500.00 from the funds that were raised to help pay for the Graduation Dance, but going forward the next year's classes would need to reach out to PTO for the Graduation Dance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Fran Swallers. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Grand Ridge School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

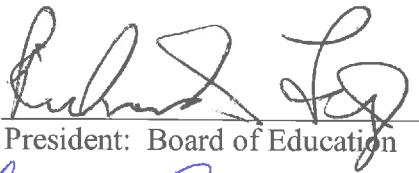
Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Bernard

Secretary: Board of Education

Attest:


President: Board of Education