

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

January 16, 2018

The January regular monthly Grand Ridge School Board of Education meeting was called to order in regular session by President Rich Frye, on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: Rich Frye, Steve Durdan, Julie Angus, Mike Wielgopalan and Todd Stehl. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent Ken Bernard and Fran Swallers

Visitors to the meeting was Jennifer Rix.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the December meetings was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. 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 Mike Wielgopalan and seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

A motion as made by Mike Wielgopalan to do a transfer \$1,302.50 from Operations and Maintenance to Debt Services for interest payment on land. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no Public Comment

Presentation by Jennifer Rix: Jennifer Rix presented to the Board her research findings for Title I in completing work for her Masters and Reading Specialist degree.

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

- **Discipline Report:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the December discipline report.
- **Attendance:** Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the absences for the month of December.
- **January Calendar:** Mr. Ahearn shared with the Board the January calendar
- **Library Grant:** Mr. Ahearn shared with the Board that Rachel Woodyer had received a grant for \$750.00 for the Library.
- **Accident at the School:** Mr. Ahearn shared with the Board that there was an accident on the south end of the building by the crosswalk. Mr. Ahearn will have the Safety Team look at possible solutions for the crosswalk at the next Safety Meeting.

Board Policy: Mr. Sanders provided an overview to the Board on the first reading of Board Policy updates.

Superintendent's Report:

- **Library Grant:** The Illinois Library Grant was filled out and submitted by Rachel Woodyer; the school has been awarded \$750.00. Rachel has also worked on donating books to Circuit Breaker.
- **Science Scores:** Science scores from 2016 were released. We did very well with 70.6% of our 5th grade students being Level 2 Proficient in science compared to the state level at 57.6%. The 8th graders were 91.7% proficient compared to the state at 61.1%.
- **Elizabeth Bernardoni's Maternity Leave:** The board received a request from Elizabeth Bernardoni for maternity leave. A motion to accept Elizabeth Bernardoni's maternity leave was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried. A motion to hire Alison Kerestes as the substitute teacher for Elizabeth Bernardoni's maternity leave was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- **Administrative Contract:** Mr. Sanders let the Board know that we will need to begin working on administrative contract negotiations to help with budgeting process. The Superintendent evaluation will need to be completed no later than March 1st.

Executive Session – A motion was made at 7:56 p.m. by Mike Wielgopolan 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 Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:22 p.m. on a motion made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All Aye. Motion carried.

Open Session

Mr. Sanders provided updates on the following items:

- Mr. Sanders and the Board discussed the Bus Contract; we will do a 1 year extension.
- Mr. Sanders will schedule a budget meeting with the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Sanders brought the Board up to date on the Fire Alarm issues.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that lights on the west side of the building should be installed around the end of January.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken: All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Bernard

Secretary: Board of Education

Attest: Richard F. [Signature]
President: Board of Education

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