

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

November 13, 2018

The November regular monthly Grand Ridge School Board of Education meeting was called to order in regular session by President Rich Frye, on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: Steve Durdan, Ken Bernard, Mike Wielgopalan and Rich Frye. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent was Julie Angus, Fran Swallers and Todd Stehl

Visitors to the meeting were: Matt Lamps, Kate Jaegle and Megan Black.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the October meetings 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 Mike Wielgopalan and seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills: The bills for the month of November were inspected and presented for payment. A motion was made to approve the bills by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kate Jaegle addressed the Board on behalf of the PTO, to share that the venue for their Trivia Night will be held at the Starved Rock Inn.

Basalay, Cary and Alstadt Architects: Matt Lamps from Basalay, Cary and Alstadt Architects discussed with the Board about the outstanding issues with the new addition, as well as future projects. Some of these projects included the boiler/HVAC, asbestos abatement and the bidding process and timelines.

Todd Stehl arrived at the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Tax Levy: Mr. Sanders reviewed with the board the Tax Levy. A motion to accept the Tax Levy as proposed at 2.9443%, on an estimated EAV of \$82,437,827 was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Farm Land Bid: The farm land bids were opened at the meeting by President Rich Frye; we received two bids. A motion to accept a bid submitted by David Black for \$326.09 for the next three years was made by Todd Stehl. This was accepted by Mike Wielgopalan. Roll call vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried

Principal Report: Mr. Ahearn reported to the board on the following:

The discipline report for the month of October was reviewed by the board.

The absences for the month of October were reviewed by the board.

Mr. Ahearn reviewed with the Board the calendar of events for the month of November.

Superintendent's Report:

- A motion to approve the 2nd reading of the Board Policy 5-year updates was made by Mike Wielgopolan. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Julie Angus arrived at the meeting at 8:16 p.m.
- The School Report Card Information from 2017-2018 was shared with the Board. Mr. Sanders was pleased to announce that our school did very well, placing in the top 10% of the school districts.
- Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the GREA Sick Bank.
- A motion to accept a 3% increase for the IL Central Bus Contract for 1 year was made by Todd Stehl. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that a surprise Health Inspection was done. The Health Department dinged us for not having a 3-compartment sink in the cafeteria. In order to meet the requirements, we wrote a letter for a variance and promised to use a special kind of soap/disinfectant.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that IDEAL has provided us a bid for the abatement of the tunnel space. A motion to proceed with bids for the asbestos abatement for the tunnel was made by Todd Stehl. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Mrs. Woodyer has received the Library Grant for \$750.00
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that the State made a change in the prevailing wage. Since the Board approved the motion to "pay the prevailing wage" we do not have to have an additional motion.
- Mr. Sanders shared additional information regarding the State offering a grant to offset local property tax rates.
- A letter was received from Newkirk and Associates stating that the State had miscalculated T.H.I.S. based on our audit, it does not affect the school.
- Mr. Sanders shared that he has received updates from the State on the school calendar and attendance. At this time, there are many questions from all the area Superintendents; they will be meeting with the Regional Office of Education to understand how this will affect the school in the new school year.

Executive Session - A motion was made at 9:00 p.m. by Todd Stehl 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 Julie Angus. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 9:11 p.m. on a motion made by Mike Wielgopolan and seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken: All Aye . Motion carried.

Open Session

A motion was made by Todd Stehl to pay Rose Goodchild \$599.00 for her services in preparing school medical reports. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the resignation of Bill Stapleton for 7/8th Grade Girls Head Volleyball Coach was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken. All Aye. Motion carried.


A motion to hire Meg Ryan as the 7/8th Grade Girls Head Volleyball Coach was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to hire Terry Ahearn as the 7/8th Grade Boys Assistant Basketball Coach was made by Todd Stehl. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Todd Stehl. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Grand Ridge School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Melissa Bernard
Secretary: Board of Education

Attest: 
President: Board of Education

