

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

November 14, 2017

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 14, at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: Steve Durdan, Ken Bernard, Julie Angus and Rich Frye. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent was Mike Wielgopalan, Fran Swallers and Todd Stehl

Visitors to the meeting were: Lisa Killelea and John Vezzetti.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the October meetings was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Julie Angus. 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 Steve Durdan and seconded by Ken Bernard. 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 Steve Durdan. This was seconded by Julie Angus. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to transfer from General Funds to Insurance in the amount of \$2,000 to cover the 125 plan payments and avoid late fees or penalties. This was seconded by Julie Angus. A roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Bernardi Securities: John Vezzetti from Bernardi Securities, presented to the Board refunding bond information.

Tax Levy: Mr. Sanders reviewed with the board the Tax Levy. A motion to accept the Tax Levy as proposed at 2.983% was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Roll call vote was 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:

- The Veterans Day Ceremony was a big success.
- Invenergy was at the school last week doing interviews with Mr. Sanders and two other students for the Wind Farms.

- The School Report Card Information from 2016-2017 was shared with the Board. Mr. Sanders was pleased to announce that our school did very well, placing at the top of the county. Mr. Sanders commended all of the Teachers and Mr. Ahearn for all of their hardwork with our students.
- Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the GREA Sick Bank.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that the Booster Club and PTO minutes are in their packet to review; that going forward we will start to have these minutes for them to review. The Booster Club has reached out requesting if they can do a Super Bowl Board or a March Madness Board for fundraising. The Board is not in favor of doing this type of fundraiser at the school, but they can do this off premise if they would like. The Board was in favor of doing fundraisers of 50/50 and Chuck a Puck.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board a plan of eliminating the need to do fundraisers for field trips. He explained that going forward the Board would pay for educational field trips each year totaling not more the \$10,000. We would continue to ask PTO to help with transportation costs, but would give them a figure at the beginning of the year, so that they can plan for this in their budget. The question was asked what would be done with the money that is currently in the class funds for 7th and 8th Grade; it was discussed that those funds would go towards this year field trips. Since the individual classes will no longer be fund raising, the question was asked about the Graduation Party. It was explained that the school will provide the reception following the graduation ceremony. The dance will be organized by the parents; if the graduating class would like additional things for the graduation party, they could reach out to the PTO to see if they will pay for those items.
- The Board reviewed a bid from Danchris Nursery to do brickwork at the front entry to complete the semicircle, and for trees to be added near the playground. It was agreed by the Board, that they will table the discussion and focus on items to work on right now, since this work cannot be done until spring.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board the Health and Life Safety Report. There were a few minor issues to be resolved. Mr. Sanders also provided an update on our Lead Test Results.
- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board some bids from Ficek Electric. It was agreed that we need to focus on getting lighting around the building as soon as possible as well as start the work for the Marquee. Mr. Sanders will work with Ficek Electric to get new bids for this work so that it can begin as soon as possible.

Executive Session - A motion was made at 9:03 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 Julie Angus. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

Terry Ahearn left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 10:16 p.m. on a motion made by Steve Durdan and seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Aye . Motion carried.

Open Session

A motion was made by Ken Bernard to hire Mike Jaegle as the Assistant 5/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Julie Angus. This was seconded by Steve Durdan. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

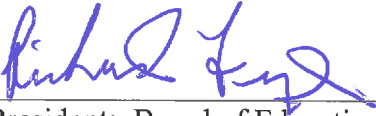
The next regular meeting of the Grand Ridge School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Bernard
Secretary: Board of Education

Attest:



President: Board of Education

