

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

November 6, 2020

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 6, 2020 at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. Answering present were: George Lukach, Ken Bernard, Mike Wielgopolan, Mary Domoleczny and Rich Frye. Also present was Ted Sanders, Terry Ahearn and Melissa Bernard. Absent was Fran Swallers and Christine Christensen.

Visitors to the meeting were: Kate Jaegle and John Lubelski.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the October meetings was made by George Lukach. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Voice vote taken: All Ayes. Motion passed.

A motion by Mike Wielgoplan to reflect that the minutes from the October meeting to transfer from the Operation and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund was not completed due to an error discovered before the transfer of those funds took place. This was seconded by George Lukach. Voice vote taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved, to be placed on file for further audit with a motion made by Mike Wielgopolan and seconded by Mary Domoleczny. 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 George Lukach. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to transfer \$10,959.28 from the Educational Fund to the Building Fund for the janitor's salary and benefits was made by George Lukach. This was seconded by Ken Bernard. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kate Jaegle addressed the Board asking that we continue to leave the Y Afterschool program on the table when/if the time comes that we can offer such a program.

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

Mr. Ahearn shared that the Attendance, Discipline and the calendar for the month of October was in the packet for all to review.

Mr. Ahearn shared that we currently have 54 remote learners.

Mr. Ahearn shared that the Teachers and Staff are doing an excellent job during this difficult time. He also shared that the after school program is going good and starting to see good results.

Mr. Ahearn thanked the PTO for the purchase of T-Shirts for all students and staff. We took a group picture outside spelling out Mohawk Strong with a drone; a thank you to Mr. Baxter for bringing the drone and taking the pictures for us.

Tax Levy: The Board reviewed the three options for the Tax Levy. A motion to accept Draft #3 of the tax levy with the total tax rate at 2.82081 was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by Mike Wielgopalan. Roll call vote was taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Sanders shared with the Board that the GREA Sick Bank is in the Board packet for them to review.
- An update on the COVID advisory group was given by Mr. Sanders; at this time, we will continue to stay with the 11:50 dismissal for second quarter. The next meeting is planned for January to review what third quarter should look like. Mr. Sanders also stated that we will continue to provide in person instruction for as long as we can. This can be a challenge as the numbers continue to grow. He also stated that we did have our first teacher and student case of COVID in the school.
- Mr. Sanders shared that we have done a Veterans Day Video that we will be sending out to all of the families and posting on the website.
- It was shared with the Board the latest updates on IESA regarding winter sports. Currently the sports are on hold until after the first of the year.

Executive Session - A motion was made at 7:49 p.m. by Mike Wielgopalan 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 Mary Domoleczny. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:19 p.m. on a motion made by Mike Wielgopalan and seconded by George Lukach. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Bernard. This was seconded by George Lukach. Voice vote taken: All Aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Grand Ridge School Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Bernard
Secretary: Board of Education

Attest: 
President: Board of Education

