

Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School  
District 72-C  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Thursday, July 16, 2020  
6:00 PM  
Board Minutes

The school board meeting was held on Thursday, July 16, 2020. Denny Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call

Members Present:

Denny Christensen, Jerry Olsen, Jamie Wilkey, Nick Hamilton, Lauren Vitko

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Superintendent Recognition**

- Dr. Merritt expressed extreme gratitude to the School Reopening Task Force made up of learners, parents, educators, office staff, and board of education members.

**Audience/Visitor Participation**

- Mrs. Sarah Sancken; Gardner Grade School District 72C Kindergarten Teacher attended the meeting to discuss and provide feedback regarding reopening school from an educator's standpoint
- Mr. Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management provided the board with Gardner Grade School District 72C financial report

**Motion to approve** Board of Education minutes from June, 2020

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Wilkey, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko, Christensen

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

## **Financial Business**

**Motion to approve** payment of bills for the month of June, 2020.

1st: Wilkey 2nd: Christensen

Ayes: Wilkey, Christensen, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

**Motion to approve** payroll in the amount of \$76,904.72(gross) \$59,467.55 (net).

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Olsen

Ayes: Christensen, Olsen, Hamilton, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

**Motion to approve** the treasurer's report for the month of June, 2020.

1st: Hamilton, 2nd: Wilkey

Ayes: Hamilton, Wilkey, Olsen, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

## **Superintendent Report/New Business**

- 2020-2021 Board of Education Meetings will resume on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:00pm
- Dr. Merritt discussed feedback provided by GGS School Reopening Task Force regarding school reopening options of shortened school day with remote learning option, which is still in discussion
- Board members would like further feedback from all educators before determining our reopening plan
- Dr. Merritt discussed items for discussion from the ISBE reopening guidelines.
  1. Remote learning option will be provided to families not comfortable sending their children back to school in person

2. Face coverings will be required by all students and staff while in school
3. 6ft social distancing will be required as much as possible
4. No daycare option will be provided to families by Gardner Grade School District 72C
5. Families will agree to do self screenings each morning before sending their children to school
6. Each learner will be provided a device to take home
7. Staff will rotate between classrooms to avoid students having to switch classrooms

- Special Board Meeting scheduled for July 30th
- Auditors expected the week of July 20th
- IASA Superintendent's Conference postponed
- **Motion to approve** Federal Title Grant Consolidation District Plan  
1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Hamilton  
Ayes: Wilkey, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko, Christensen  
Absent: Hahn, Male  
Motion carries

- **Motion to approve** disposition of surplus public property
  1. International Harvester Tractor
  2. Miscellaneous Classroom and Office Supplies

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Vitko  
Ayes: Wilkey, Vitko, Olsen, Hamilton, Christensen  
Absent: Hahn, Male  
Motion carries

IASB PRESS Updates: First Reading of Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure; 2:220-E9, Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration; 4:180, Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery; 4:180-AP3, Grant Flexibility; Payment of Employee Salaries During a Pandemic; 6:20-AP, Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s); 7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist; 7:340, Student Records; 7:340-AP1-E1, Notice to Parents/Guardians and Student of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records; 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 7:345-AP, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 7:345-AP-E1, Student Covered Information Reporting Form; 7:345-AP-E2, Student Data Privacy, Notice to Parents About Educational Technology Vendors; 7:345-AP-E3, Parent Notification Letter for Student Data Breach

### **Old Business**

- 2020-2021 Board of Education Sub Committees

### **Board Committee Reports**

- Building and Grounds Committee (Hamilton/Male).

Mike Cornale provided feedback on parking lot reconstruction. Marquee update and asbestos abatement (10 day public notice will be provided to the community prior).

- Denny Christensen requested update on Parking Lot Project
- Curriculum (Male/Vitko) - \$40,000 Level Book Room - Fountas & Pinnell
- Finance Committee (Hahn/Olsen)
- Handbook (Hamilton/Vitko)
- Personnel (Christensen/Wilkey)
- Sports (Christensen/Olsen) -
- Technology (Hahn/Wilkey)

**Motion to adjourn** into closed session to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or any permissible matter under the Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120 (2) (1) **Time: 8:45 pm**

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Wilkey, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko, Christensen

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

**Motion to approve** the resignation of Scott Anderson as 7th/8th grade boys basketball coach

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Wilkey

Ayes: Christensen, Wilkey, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

**Motion to approve** a 3% raise for the Principal/Superintendent for the 2020-2021 school year retroactive to the fiscal year, July 1st.

1st: Christensen, 2nd: Wilkey

Ayes: Christensen, Wilkey, Hamilton, Vitko, Wilkey

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

**Motion to adjourn** from closed session and return to regular session. **Time: 9:42pm**

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Christensen

Ayes: Wilkey, Christensen, Hahn, Hamilton, Vitko

Absent: Male, Olsen

Motion carries

**Motion for adjournment: Time: 9:50 pm**

1st: Wilkey, 2nd: Hamilton

Ayes: Wilkey, Hamilton, Olsen, Vitko, Christensen

Absent: Hahn, Male

Motion carries

Board President\_\_\_\_\_ Board Secretary\_\_\_\_\_