

Minutes of Special Meeting
Griswold Community School District Board of Education
March 30, 2020

The Board of Education held a special meeting March 30, 2020 in the Elementary Library. Purpose of the special meeting was to conducting interviews for the position of middle school/high school principal. Board President Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call of board members present: Scott Hansen-here, Erika Kirchhoff-here, Scott Peterson-here, and Don Smith-here. Ryan Askeland and Rob Peterson were absent. Also present: Superintendent David Henrichs, Business Manager Dan Rold, Board Secretary Nancy Taylor, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Middle School/High School Principal Katie Elwood, and various visitors.

Reading of Mission Statement President Houser read the school mission statement "The mission of the Griswold Community School District, in partnership with our families and communities, is to provide leadership for positive change to ensure the best learning opportunities for everyone in a safe and caring environment."

Approval of Agenda Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

Public Input None

Discussion on Interview Process Board selected questions to ask, and who would ask them.

Consider Entering Into Closed Session At 5:33 pm board member Kirchhoff made a motion to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)i, for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Smith seconded and roll call vote: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

The board **returned to open session** in a motion by S. Peterson at 6:21 p.m. Kirchhoff seconded and roll call vote as follows: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

Board took a break from 6:22 – 6:29 pm to clean the interview area do to COVID-19.

Consider Entering Into Closed Session At 6:30 pm board member Kirchhoff made a motion to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)i, for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. S. Peterson seconded and roll call vote: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

The board **returned to open session** in a motion by S. Peterson at 7:19 p.m. Kirchhoff seconded and roll call vote as follows: Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; S. Peterson, aye; and Smith aye.

Board took a break from 7:20 – 7:28 pm to clean the interview area do to COVID-19.

Consider Entering Into Closed Session At 7:29 pm board member Kirchhoff made a motion to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)i, for the purpose of evaluating the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Smith seconded and roll call vote: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

The board **returned to open session** in a motion by Kirchhoff at 8:06 p.m. S. Peterson seconded and roll call vote as follows: Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; and Hansen, aye.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Kirchhoff at 8:06 pm. S. Peterson seconded and motion carried all ayes.


Nancy Taylor, Board Secretary


Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting April 20, 2020.)