

Minutes of Special Meeting  
Griswold Community School District Board of Education  
March 31, 2020

The Board of Education held a special meeting March 31, 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 (reason for change in start time explained in Approval of Agenda). 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 with the following changes: delete agenda item #4 – Discussion On interview Process; therefore, starting time changed to 5:30 pm. Kirchhoff seconded and motion carried all ayes.

**Public Input** None

**Consider Entering Into Closed Session** At 5:35 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. Hansen seconded and roll call vote: S. Peterson, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; Hansen, aye; and Smith, aye.

The board **returned to open session** in a motion by S. Peterson at 6:35 p.m. Kirchhoff seconded and roll call vote: Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye; Hansen, aye; Smith, aye; and S. Peterson, aye.

Board took a break from 6:36 – 6:40 pm to clean the interview area do to COVID-19.

**Consider Entering Into Closed Session** At 6:40 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: Houser, aye; Hansen, aye; Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; and Kirchhoff, aye.

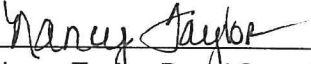
The board **returned to open session** in a motion by Kirchhoff at 7:18 pm. Smith seconded and roll call vote Hansen, aye; Houser, aye; Kirchhoff, aye; S. Peterson, aye; and Smith, aye.

Board took a break from 7:18 to 7:30 pm to clean the interview area do to COVID-19.

**Consider Entering Into Closed Session** At 7:32 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: Houser, aye; Hansen, aye; Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye; and Kirchhoff, aye.

The board **returned to open session** in a motion by Kirchhoff at 9:41 p.m. Hansen seconded and roll call vote: Hansen, aye; Smith, aye; S. Peterson, aye, Kirchhoff, aye; Houser, aye.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by at Kirchhoff at 9:41 pm. Hansen seconded and motion carried all ayes.

  
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Nancy Taylor, Board Secretary

  
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Aaron Houser, President

(Next regular meeting April 20, 2020.)