CLARENCEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – Minutes
February 23, 2017
Location: Grandview Elementary Media Center

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Members J. Bunker, S. Krazel, B. Uren, M. Brooks, M. Boettcher, C. Immonen
Absent: None

Pack 279 led the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation: Third grade teachers Michelle Gamble, Rachel Hayes, Shannon Thomas and six of their students gave a presentation on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative which encourages students to use problem solving skills, collaborate efforts and use abstract, deeper thinking skills. To demonstrate the STEM Initiative, each student paired with a board member/administrator and used the supplies provided in a competition to build the tallest structure.

63/16-17 Moved by Mr. Bunker, supported by Mrs. Uren, that the board approve the meeting's agenda as presented.

Yea: Members Bunker, Krazel, Uren, Brooks, Boettcher, Immonen
Nay: None Carried

Minutes of the regular meeting dated February 9, 2017, were approved as presented.

Under recognitions, Grandview principal Renee Valentine introduced teachers Cindi Gibson, Jodi Miller, Lisa Piontek and Christine Rhines and explained why each teacher was being recognized for "going above and beyond". The board recognized and thanked the teachers for their efforts.

64/16-17 Moved by Mrs. Immonen, supported by Mrs. Krazel, that the board approve the consent agenda, including all vouchers, sinking fund voucher and personnel item as presented.

RCV Yea: Members Bunker, Krazel, Immonen, Boettcher, Uren, Brooks
Nay: None Carried

There were no communications or petitions.

There were no expressions from the public.

The high school student representative, Joseph Sanchez reported: The Student Congress held a Valentine's Day dance, the athletic team standings were updated with a notation that Joseph and David Means qualified for wrestling states and will be competing next week. It was also reported that the Senior Showcase theater students will be performing Into the Woods on February 24 and 25.

Under Board of Education reports, board members attended the Botsford BEST meeting and Tim Shaw's presentation. Tim Shaw, Clarenceville alumnus and former NFL player, "came home" to share his inspirational message to middle and high school students and to members of the community. Mrs. Uren reminded board members that Tim's annual football camp will be held in June along with an Ice Bucket Challenge to raise funds for ALS research (Tim was diagnosed in 2014 with ALS).

Under business and support services, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Bergeron was not in attendance at the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services, Wendy Kellehan, did not report.

Director of Special Education/Student Services, Neil Thomas, did not report.

Board of Education Vacancy Candidate Interview

The board interviewed candidate, Dennis Myers, who submitted a letter of interest for the vacant board seat. At the completion of the interview, the board took a vote.

65/16-17 Moved by Mrs. Immonen, supported by Mrs. Uren, that the board appoint Dennis Myers to fill the vacant Board of Education seat due to the resignation of trustee, Steven Massie, through Election Day November, 2018.

Yea: Members Bunker, Krazel, Uren, Brooks, Boettcher, Immonen
Nay: None Carried

The Oath of Office was administered to Dennis Myers who will fill the vacant board seat.

2016 – 2017 Grandview State Report Card Presentation

Ms. Kellehan introduced Grandview Elementary principal, Renee Valentine, who presented the state report card and informed the board that Grandview earned "lime" status on the report card. Mrs. Valentine explained that the staff is consistently working on ways to improve student learning with the end goal of closing the gap between students who score at the top of the percentage scale and those in the bottom range.

Elementary Reconfiguration Update

Mr. Shepich gave the board an update on the elementary reconfiguration which included a timeline and reiterated that reconfiguration at the elementary level is in the discussion stage only. Discussion followed.

Under others, Mr. Shepich gave a legislative update and shared several invitations with board members. Mrs. Immonen invited board members to attend a senior all-night party fundraiser and an education foundation fundraiser on May 4, 2017, at Corsi's Restaurant. President Brooks appointed Mr. Boettcher to serve as Mr. Myers' mentor. On behalf of the board, Mr. Brooks thanked Mrs. Valentine and FOG members for hosting the board meeting and for the gift of a journal.

66/16-17 Moved by Mrs. Uren, supported by Mr. Bunker, that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Yea: Members Myers, Bunker, Krazel, Uren, Brooks, Boettcher, Immonen
Nay: None Carried

_____
Brenda Uren, Secretary