

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 20, 2026**

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday April 20, 2026. Attending: Board members Todd Losey, Julie Dickman, Brian Beckman, Dusty Taul, Brock Maier, Julie Dickman and Sarah Teeter.; Superintendent Keith Hall; Clerk Elizabeth Rietcheck; and Principal Rebecca Scheck and Guests Jesse Bauman, Adam Teeter, KDEM representatives and Amanda Ostmeier.

Meeting called to order by President, Brian Beckman at 7:00 p.m.

Board approved agenda as presented.

KDEM representatives came and were able to answer questions regarding next steps for the rebuilding process at the grade school. Everything that is redone has to be up to codes and standards. FEMA will pay for anything done as it was pre-disaster. FEMA will not pay for upgrades. Replacement cost insurance will be required on everything that FEMA pays to fix. The board discussed options for the football field regarding sprinklers. They will put underground sprinklers in. FEMA will reimburse once the district provides proof of payment. The district will look into rules and regulations regarding storm shelters to provide to FEMA. Discussion was made about the daycare building. Trying to get back at the grade school building. (KDEM left at 7:34pm)

Jesse Bauman provided an update on the mitigation process with FEMA, including inspection reports and associated mitigation costs. The grade school can have a builders risk policy through QMC until it is finished. The district will look into Dane G. Hansen for options on the storm shelter costs. The grade school has to have fire rated doors down the hallways. The State Fire Marshal has the plans and has to approve them before going forward. (Jesse Bauman leaves at 8:03pm)

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Hall has a call into a company to potentially get a line of credit if needed while doing the FEMA projects. Mr. Hall reported to the board 8<sup>th</sup> graders potentially getting out of school early. After graduation Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> they will not be required to return to school IF they are in good standings. Board approved the 8<sup>th</sup> graders being done after graduation on May 9<sup>th</sup>. On the school calendar shared with Wheatland Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> will be a "snow day" if we did not use snow days during the year.

**Principal's Report:** Middle school fastbridge data shows a 43% growth for the year. The kids are all done with state testing for the year. Since they had such growth in fastbridge they will have a bowling party.

Student Council wants to purchase a patio set to go outside. While the board sees this as a great opportunity, the student council will need to find a different place to put it and see how to stake it down etc.

Dolly Theobald wrote and received a grant for mats to be placed within the GAGA pit so they would not make such a mess in the mud. However, they were \$182 short. The district will cover the added cost.

**Consent Agenda Items:** Approval of the regular meeting minutes held March 8, 2026. Approval of checks for April in the amounts of General Fund \$67,332.80, Supplemental General \$10,280.93, 4 Year Old at Risk \$3,233.18, K-12 At Risk \$2,651.03 Capital Outlay \$212,722.52, Food Service \$8,956.38, Special Education \$7,943.12, Title I, \$1,364.50. Approval of generous donation of \$30,000 by anonymous donor. Thank you from the board.

Elizabeth Rietcheck discussed the results of the KSDE Audit that was recently finished. Student numbers are holding steady from last year.

Elizabeth also discussed a meeting that was held in attendance were representatives from Equity Bank Government Banking, Elizabeth Rietcheck and a local branch representative. Items discussed at the meeting were extra security measures the bank offers free of charge and just a check in as they were visiting the area.

**Technology:** Les Barnhart had discussed previously with Mr. Hall regarding new ipads that will need to be purchased for the next school year.

**Facilities:** Brian Mason from High Plains Improvement will be coming to look at the kitchen here at the middle school. Julie Dickman-family and Sarah Teeter-family thank you for planting trees by the football field. Pathway for letting us borrow the water trailer. Craig Prewo will bring his water trailer in so we can utilize that one now.

One executive session was held to discuss personnel. Back into session at 9:41 pm

Board approved contracts for classified and certified staff.

Board approved elementary contract for Faith Brackett for the year 26-27.

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Board approved resignations for Renae Nelsen as 5-8 science teacher and Erin Walz as JH Girls Basketball coach and cheer coach.

The board approved the Staff Appreciation Day resolution for May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm