Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2026

The Board of Education for USD #291 Grinnell Public Schools met on Monday, November 16, 2026. Attending: Board members Sarah Teeter, Brian Beckman, Todd Losey, Brock Maier, Dusty Taul, Julie Dickman and Craig Prewo; Principal Rebecca Scheck; Clerk Elizabeth Rietcheck; Superintendent Keith Hall.
Meeting called to order by President, Brian Beckman, at 7:00 p.m.

The board approved the agenda as presented.

Technology Report: Les had a written reported, the technology committee met and discussed E-Rate for the 27-28 cycle. The E-Rate cycle has begun for 27-28 with the submission of the form 470 requesting bids on network subscription license for our equipment. USD 291 currently has an internet contract with S&T so we do not have to request bids this year. We will just submit the form 471 when the window opens to ask for e-rate money to fund our internet. A representative from S&T came last week to discuss the new phone system. Currently S&T is finishing up voice over IP phone systems with current customers and will setup our new system on January 18, 2027. They will train anyone onsite that day and will come back as needed for further training. The state is transitioning to the new KEDS system to connect our student data to the state. I am working with the state and Powerschool to make our data connection fully functional.
NKESC Report: Brian Beckman had no report. The meeting is Thursday night.

Government Relations: The new Governor elect should be more in favor of public schools where we can maybe keep the low-high enrollment weightings.

Principal/A.D. Report: Mrs. Scheck reported to the board that we currently have 22 boys out for basketball and 10 girls out for basketball. Since the high numbers for boys they will pick up a couple extra C team games for a chance for them to play more games. February 4th against Heartland Christian. Ellis will be played Tuesday, November 17th in Ellis for all girls and boys teams. In-Service was Friday and we will have to purchase new math curriculum. We purchased a health curriculum to be taught to the 6th grade students at semester. Big thank you to everyone involved on the Veteran's day program, it went very well as usual. Greenhouse students will be going on a field trip to 4B lettuce this week. Julie Dickman asked Mrs. Scheck if they could possibly grow flowers for the flower pots downtown this next spring.

Consent Agenda Items: Approval of the regular meeting minutes held October 19, 2025 and Special meeting November 3, 2026. Approval of checks for November in the amounts of General Fund $77,967.96, Supplemental $7,178.93, 4 Year Old At Risk $3,964.49, K-12 At Risk $4,565.35, Food Service $10,263.54, Capital Outlay $4,091.50, Professional Development $49.60, Special Education $23,003.94, REAP $749.94.

Approval and thank you for the generous donation received.

Cooperative Agreement: Three executive sessions were held to discuss personnel. Back into session at 8:23 pm

Hazard Mitigation Plan: The board approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan that was provided by the Gove County Emergency Management team.

Facilites: The board approved the quote from QMC for replacing the roofs on the shop building, fitness center and back middle school building.
The board discussed options for the football field. Underground sprinklers will be installed now and the sod will be put down in the early spring.

The school house on Jefferson street will be deep cleaned and some updates will be done by Randy Tholen.

The board approved for USD 292 to take and utilize the play/stage background props.

Mrs. Scheck and her husband were on campus over the weekend and got the water fountain in the fitness center up and going. They also replaced the faucet in the boys bathroom. Will be ordering replacement lights for the gym.

Two executive sessions were held to discuss personnel. Back into session at 9:22 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm

_____ President

_____ Board Clerk