

**Grand Rapids Christian Schools  
Board of Trustees  
June 19, 2006**

**Meeting Minutes**

---

**Members Present:** Julie Bos, Cathie Brasser, Ric Hernandez, Brian Hoeksema, Dan Holtrop, Paul Jeltema, Jim McClurg, Tom Nobel, Jim Schipper, Dave Tiesenga, Cindy VanScoyk, Myra Warners, Tim Wiersma

**Members Absent:** Jeff Bouman, Jim Bush, Candace Sorensen, Gayle VanGessel

**Staff Present:** Tom DeJonge, Jay Laninga

**Staff Absent:** Lon Swartzentruber

**Guests:** Jim DeKorne – CSI

Jan VanderWerp – New Rockford Christian Principal

Mark Warners – New Athletic Director

Eric Burgess – New Director of Admissions and Student Recruitment

1. **Welcome** by Jim Schipper to all in attendance. Brian Hoeksema led the group in devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.
2. **Thanks** expressed to Julie Bos, Herm DeVries, Brian Hoeksema, Cindy VanScoyk and Myra Warners  
**Welcome** to new board members: Ross Leisman, High School; Dan Holtrop, Millbrook; Jim McClurg, Oakdale; Dave Tiesenga, At Large
3. **Minutes** of the May 22, 2006 board meeting were presented for approval. Minutes accepted as presented.

4. **Public Comment** - None

5. **Reports**

**A. Superintendent**

- 1.) Spiritual Task Force Update distributed
- 2.) **MOTION PRESENTED FROM JIM SCHIPPER AND SECONDED BY PAUL JELTEMA** that the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' Board of Trustees approve Grand Rapids Christian Schools' membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for the 2006-07 school year, will adopt and enforce the rules as listed on the MHSAA Resolution for the 2006-07 school year, and wishes to participate in 2006-07 school year MHSAA post-season tournaments.  
**MOTION PASSED**
- 3.) Enrollment - tracking along very similar to past several years.

**B. Executive Committee**

- 1.) 2006-07 School Year GRCS Goals  
Board retreat in August will be for, in part, determining 06-07 goals; Jim Schipper will request input from members in July in preparation for retreat planning.
- 2.) **MOTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECONDED BY PAUL JELTEMA** that the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' Board of Trustees approve the following members of the Board of Trustees as officers for the 2006-07 school year:
  - Jim Schipper, President
  - Gayle VanGessel, Vice President
  - Ric Hernandez, Secretary
  - Jim Bush, Treasurer
  - Cathie Brasser, Vicar

**MOTION PASSED**

**C. Personnel Committee**

- 1.) Introduction of Mark Warners, Athletic Director and Eric Burgess, Director of Admissions and Student Recruitment
- 2.) Introduction of Jan VanderWerp by Eric VanOrman, Rockford Christian District Board President and Chair of Principal Search Committee.

**MOTION FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SECONDED BY DAN HOLTROP** that the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' Board of Trustees endorse the Rockford Christian School District Board recommendation that Jan VanderWerp be appointed principal of Rockford Christian School effective the 2006-07 school year.  
**MOTION PASSED**

Update on Creston and Evergreen Principal Search – 3 candidates have received 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews. Final interviews scheduled for June 21, 2006, with a recommendation expected by June 23, 2006.

**D. Operations/Finance Committee**

- 1.) Review of June 8, 2006 minutes  
Thanks expressed to Tom Nobel for his many hours of work on behalf of the Operations/Finance Committee.
- 2.) Review of the June 13, 2006 Construction Management interview and selection process completed by the Construction Committee of the Funding Initiative. Rockford Construction selected to complete capital projects pending successful fund raising efforts and Board of Trustees approval.
- 3.) Budget Review  
FACTS – working very well

**5. Board Member Orientation - Jim DeKorne, CSI Director of Consulting**

**6. Round Table and distribution of board information for next year**

Committee lists were distributed  
Tom thanked the retiring board members  
Brian read a letter he had prepared about his term on the board.  
Tom Nobel reported on his 6 years on the board.

**7. Meeting closed in prayer by holding hands and reciting the Lord's Prayer together**

**8. Meeting Adjourned 9:50 pm**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- August 21 at Varnum 8:30 am -3:00 pm (Board Retreat)
- September 11 Combined District Board meeting at GRCHS at 7:00 pm
- September 18 Board of Trustees at GRCS – hoping to start all meetings next year at 7:00 pm