

Grand Island

School Board studies a policy on bestowing facility names

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The Grand Island Board of Education is studying a policy on naming parts of its five-school campus for individuals.

The matter was briefly discussed at Monday's board meeting.

There has been a petition drive within the community to name the high school auditorium for the late William and Marion Pinkow, who were both music teachers. Pinkow initiated the music program in Grand Island schools in the 1950s.

Board member Donna Tomkins asked if the board could see policies from some more school districts besides Kenmore-Tonawanda, whose policy was included in the board's meeting packet.

Board member Tak Nobumoto suggested considering formation of a committee that would also include individuals from outside the school district to look at such a policy.

Glenn Bobeck, another board member, said, "It's clear that any decision we make has to be carefully studied."

Superintendent Robert Christmann said he would have policies from some other districts and possibly a draft of a policy at a future board meeting.

Molly Marren, director of instructional technology, told the board it would soon receive an updated Internet safety policy that will reflect a new state law on educating students about online behavior, specifically as it relates to bullying.

The board also held a public hearing on the proposed \$53.1 million budget for the 2012-13 school year that will be voted on from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. next Tuesday in the high school gym.