

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 22, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in special session on April 22, 2014 in the high school library at George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present were board members Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Wade Netten, and Curt Fiedler; Superintendent Steven Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson; Secretary Delinda Kruger; and guest Valecia West.

The board recognized the high school students of the month, Dani Dieken and Jesse Koerselman; and George Elementary Character Counts students Spencer Sprock and Sam Moore. Jan Schilling and Doris Klaassen were both recognized for dedicating nine years to the George-Little Rock students through the Foster Grandparent program. Prom activities went smoothly - thanks to all involved. Congratulations to Jacob Dickmann for being selected as an outstanding performer at the State Individual Speech Contest, and qualifying for All-State.

Changes to the agenda included under Personnel, delete #2- "Consider Recommendation for Employment," and add "Consider Ratification of Contract with GLREA." A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Schilling reported on attendance at parent teacher conferences. The Little Rock Elementary had 100%, and the middle school a 46% average attendance. Mr. Meester is working with students on the daily progress of hatching baby chicks. The 8th graders have completed their blanket ministry unit. The middle school track numbers include 16 girls and 26 boys. The 5th grade Night of the Notables was very well attended and considered a success. She reported on all of the field trips that students will be taking in May. Preschool students held a fashion show which their families could attend.

Mr. Munson also reported on parent teacher conference attendance. The George Elementary had 100% attendance and the high school 41%. All of the K-5 students recently had a presentation from a Mime character program from Poland. The FFA banquet was held on March 25, and Ag Week was observed during the week of March 31 with many activities held for students. Both the jazz band and swing choir had a great showing at the Swing Show held on March 28-29. Thanks to the junior class, their sponsors, and Jenna Noble for doing a great job with this year's prom. The entire teaching staff attended the TIES conference held in Sioux Falls on April 14.

The board reviewed the minutes of the Northwest AEA meeting held on March 17.

Amy Jurrens reported on her trip to the National School Board Convention held in New Orleans recently. There were approximately 5000 in attendance.

Resignations were received from Michael Munson, Rachelle Munson, Michael Groen, Heather Grafing, and Eunice Becker. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve. The board thanked all of them for their years of dedication to the district

and students at GLR.

Mr. Barber reported that Alliant Energy has repaired the sinkhole near the gymnasium that occurred during the construction project. Damages from the transformer incident totaled approximately \$2,000 which was less than the insurance deductible. Board Appreciation month will be observed in May. A bid of \$5,811 was received from Siebring Manufacturing for a hot water pressure washer. The district has received the Early Literacy Grant, and the training is required for all staff by 2017. This will replace the DIBELS testing. Mr. Barber and Amy Jurrens attended a meeting this past week for evaluations. The public hearing for the sprinkler system has been published and will be held on April 28, with bids to be received on May 1.

The board reviewed the potential Lyon County Riverboat Foundation revenue uses. Several ideas will be explored by the facilities committee, and brought to the board next month.

A motion was made by Klingenberg to approve the Master Contract for 2014-15 with the George-Little Rock Education Association. Included was a 3.5% salary and benefit increase for a total of \$84,718. The motion was seconded by Netten, and the aye votes were Klingenberg, Netten and Jurrens. Doug Krull and Curt Fiedler abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid in the amount of \$25,098 from Schelling Construction, Sioux Center for three window replacements in the George Elementary.

Lawn mower bids were received from two vendors:

Don's Service, Ellsworth, MN: Hustler 35 hp 72" side discharge-\$11,254 and 10 bushel dump-\$3,100.

ICON Ag Solutions, Doon, IA: John Deere Z960R Z-Trak 60" side discharge-\$10,521 and 14 bushel dump-\$3,138.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the bid from ICON Ag Solutions for the mower and dump.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the Agreement through the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing for 2014-15.

A request was received from Jenna Noble to travel to the Iowa Lakeside Lab on West Lake Okoboji for hands-on learning for a group of 5-7 Science and Math students. The date of the trip is May 2-5. The STEM club will be supporting the fee for the students. Ms. Noble asked whether the board would cover her chaperone's fee of \$100 as well as her substitute teacher cost. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the trip, transportation, and Ms. Noble's costs.

A letter was received from Karie Aeikens, requesting permission for the annual 5th grade field trip to Des Moines on May 9. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the trip request.

A request was received from Tara Fastert to take 15-20 students to the Iowa FFA Convention in Ames on April 27-29. A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the request.

The list of the School Improvement Committee, including cadre and community members was presented for approval. A motion to approve the list was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

The board considered the disposition of the Ford Taurus. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to dispose of the car.

Revisions to the following board policies were presented for consideration. *Policy 102.0 Equal Educational Opportunity; Policy 603.4 - Multi-Cultural/Gender Fair Education; Policy 711.02 - Student Conduct on School Transportation; Selected Policies in Series 300, 400, and 600.* A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of the selected policies.

The next meeting will be held on May 13 at 7:00 P.M. in Little Rock.

At 9:20 P.M. a motion to go into closed session for the Superintendent evaluation was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:05 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.