

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 10, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on February 10, 2014 in the Middle School library at Little Rock. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone.

Present were board members Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Curt Fiedler, and Wade Netten; Superintendent Steven Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guest Valecia West.

The 6th and 7th grade Lego teams competed recently with the 7th grade advancing to the state competition. Thanks to Craig Johnson and Connor Jurrens for helping both teams. The 5th grade DARE graduation was well attended, with Jesse Henrichs as the speaker. Chosen to read their essays were Kailey Sprock and Alexis Hengeveld. A thank you was extended to Deputy VanderStoep for his time dedicated to the students. The high school students of the month are Tay Kruse and Austin Hayenga. Greg Stueven and Oliver Harms were chosen as the Character Counts students in the George Elementary. Congratulations were extended to Brent Klingenberg on receiving his 100th career wrestling win and to the wrestling team for qualifying for district competition; to Jake Hilbrands and Jacob Dickmann for being named to All-State speech and thank you to Brenda Sandbulte and Brittany Klaahsen for their many hours spent with the speech students. The fans were commended for their positive attitude toward the teams at events. Thanks again were extended to the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for the continued support of the school.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda with one addition under new business, #4 - Increase in broadband services.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 8 special meeting, and the January 20 regular meeting, was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve and pay all bills was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to verify the receipt of and approve the financial reports.

Mr. Munson reported that the National Honor Society students are delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of February. The Northwest Iowa Stem Regional Manager has recommended our school to meet with the designers and CEO of the Defined STEM website because we are leading the NW area in incorporating projects and ideas. Russ Verburg recently took the Physics students to Sudenga Industries to explore strategies of engineering. The wrestling team placed 3rd at the Siouxland Conference meet, and has since qualified and will compete at the team duals at Woodbury Central. Individual wrestlers from GLR advancing to the district level are Brent Klingenberg, Zach Fugitt, and Nolan Geerdes. Eleven groups participated in the State

Speech Contest on February 8, and one named to All-State.

Mrs. Schilling reported on the Creative Curriculum that the preschool has implemented, the progress of Math in the 2nd grade, the 8th graders who are starting to building their bridges, and the Robotics groups.

The Northwest AEA Board briefs of January 20 were reviewed.

The food purchasing report from the IAEP was received, with a total savings of \$5,249 for FY13.

A thank you was received from the Sadena Nagel family for the memorial sent.

Doug Krull reported on the Lyon County Conference Board meeting he attended.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve a contract for Justin Walker, Middle School Wrestling coach. The contract amount of \$1,500 will be pro-rated to the time of obtaining his official coaching authorization.

The potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation were reviewed. A suggestion was made to supplement classroom supplies for teachers each year. Mr. Barber will gather information to find out how much teachers are spending out-of-pocket for supplies.

The guidelines for hours vs. days in determining instructional time were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to move to a calendar based on hours for 2014-15.

Mr. Barber presented three calendar options for 2014-15. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve Plan #1, with a start date of August 19, and ending date of May 19.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the notification letter to the George-Little Rock Education Association of potential staff reduction for 2014-15.

Revisions to Board policy 705.01, ***Purchasing-Bidding***, were presented for consideration. The change would allow the superintendent to authorize purchases costing more than \$10,000 and less than \$50,000 without prior board approval. Sealed bids would be required for purchases over \$50,000. A motion to approve the revised policy was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

Mr. Barber explained the need for an increased level of broadband service to 50 Mbps for the district. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the increase.

The GLREA submitted their initial bargaining proposal for 2014-15, requesting a 6.92% increase

in salaries and benefits. The district responded to their requests with a 2% increase in salaries and benefits.

The Central Lyon sharing committee, including Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Mr. Barber, and members of Central Lyon's administration and board met on February 7. They discussed several items to be included on the next sharing agreement renewal.

The sharing meeting with Boyden-Hull will be held on February 11, before the basketball game.

The administration will begin looking at the applications for the Industrial Arts position, and scheduling interviews in the next week.

The next meeting will be held on March 10 at 7:00 P.M. in George. A building walk-through will precede at 6:15 P.M.

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