

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 11, 2013

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on February 11, 2013 in the Superintendent's office at George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with board members Doug Krull, Terrence Clark, Curt Fiedler, and Ryan Klingenberg in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Janel Guse, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Geoff Kruse, Valecia West, Jenna Noble, Michele Johnson, Melia Winter, and Aleene Williams.

In recognition, Matt Helkenn and Mason Post were chosen as Character Counts students in the George Elementary, and Brendan Reifers and Jordan Kruse were named students of the month in the high school. Speech students involved in the area of short film were selected as outstanding performers and will be performing at the large group All-State Speech festival on Saturday. The 6th grade Lego League team received the Inspiration trophy at the competition in Sioux Falls on Saturday. The 5th grade AAU volleyball team qualified for the state tournament. The Board recognized the wrestling team for qualifying for the regional team tournament, and also individual wrestlers Nolan Geerdes, Brent Klingenberg, and Ben Starr who qualified for the district tournament.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda with one addition under Reports: Staff Report.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 14 meeting was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the financial reports and pay all bills as presented.

Aleene Williams, representing the auditing firm of East, VanderWoude, Grant & Co., presented the 2011-12 audit of the George-Little Rock School District. She reported that the district had a 2% increase in revenues and a 3.7% increase in expenditures compared to 2010-11.

Mrs. Guse updated the board on the fire escape project. When the project plan was submitted to the State Fire Marshall, they also required that all openings crossing the fire escape would need to be enclosed. Therefore, most all of the windows will need to be removed and filled in. The most recent estimate from Koch Hazard for the probable cost is now \$156,000. We will be notified if the current project with enclosures meets building code as determined by the State of Iowa Fire Marshall's office. Until then, no additional action can be taken. The project must be completed by August 8.

She accepted the Safety/Security Grant from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation in the amount of \$32,386. This will cover approximately half of the cost to install a new safety entrance system for the buildings.

She reported on the sharing committee meeting with Central Lyon which she, Doug, and Ryan attended. The current athletic sharing agreement was discussed.

Mrs. Guse recognized the work of Nadine Dykstra in the district library.

Jenna Noble and Michele Johnson reported on the STEM Club and their activities. There are five students who have been chosen to participate in the NASA trip. Those students are Heather Sohl, Jesse Stueven, Amber Stettinichs, Miranda Dreesen, and Laura Heibult. The Lakeside Lab date has been set for May 3-6.

Mrs. Schilling reported that the NAEP testing has been completed for the 4th and 8th grade students. There are 22 students participating in middle school wrestling.

Mr. Munson reported on a successful Homecoming week. Jordan Kruse and Keeley Kruse were named king and queen at the coronation ceremony. The basketball playoff games have begun; the National Honor Society will be holding their induction ceremony on March 12; we will be hosting the District Individual Speech Contest on February 23; and the Science Fair will be held on February 28 in the High School Commons. Congratulations were extended to the All-State Speech outstanding performers.

A letter of resignation was received from Janel Guse effective June 30. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve. The board extended their thanks for her 14 years of dedication and leadership to the students and the district.

The potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation funds were reviewed by the board.

A new proposed calendar for the 2013-14 school year was discussed with a proposed start date of August 19. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0 to approve.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the audit report for 2011-12.

A motion to approve the request for the annual 5th grade field trip to Des Moines on May 16 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0 to approve the notification letter to the George-Little Rock Education Association of potential staff reduction for 2013-14.

A letter of application was received from Unity Christian, requesting admittance into the Siouxland Conference. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0 to deny the request.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0 to approve a Resolution to request support of 4% allowable growth funding rate for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

The next meeting will be held on March 11 at 4:30 P.M. in George.

A motion to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0.