

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 20, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on January 20, 2014 in the high school library at George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Present were board members Curt Fiedler, Ryan Klingenberg, and Doug Krull. Wade Netten was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steven Barber, Principal Mike Munson, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Valecia West and Kristi Donaker.

The participants in the Northwest Iowa Honor Choir are Isabelle Johnson, Zach Dickmann, and Conner Jurrens. High school students of the month are Zach Geerdes and Jake Hilbrands. Nathan Redd and Cash Emerson were chosen as Character Counts students in the George Elementary. The Kiwanis Club in George is considering implementing a backpack program for students. Mr. Barber will keep the board informed on this project.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg and carried 4-0 to approve.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, and special meeting of December 12.

Aleene Williams, representing the auditing firm of East, VanderWoude, Grant & Co. presented the 2012-13 audit of the George-Little Rock District via telephone due to inclement weather. She reported that the district had a 2% increase in revenues and a 8.54% increase in expenditures compared to 2011-12.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the receipt of, and approve the audit as presented.

A motion to approve and pay bills as presented was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0. A suggestion was made to visit the families of the open-enrolled out students to share some inviting qualities of our district.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 4-0 to verify and approve the financial reports.

Mr. Munson reported that the students thoroughly enjoyed all of the Homecoming week activities. A thank you was extended to Joel and Marcia Rosenboom for hosting the dance at the Good Knight, and making food and refreshments available for those attending.

The Northwest AEA Board Briefs of 12/16/13 were reviewed.

The board acknowledged the receipt and offered their thanks for donations of \$2,500 from Premier Bank of Rock Valley, and \$1,000 from Premier Communications. These donations are greatly appreciated.

A thank you was received from the family of Janice DeBoer for the memorial sent.

A resignation was received from Sharilyn Reemtsma as special ed para. A motion to approve was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0. The board thanked her for serving the students of the district.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve Ashley Huisman as a paraprofessional at \$8.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 4-0 to approve the snow removal bid received from LeRoy Hassebroek in the amount of \$70/hour.

The potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation were reviewed. Some of the expenses during the past year included laptop bags for students, Microsoft licensing for all computers, school supplies for grades K-5, and grant applications from teachers. These donated funds are very much appreciated.

Mr. Barber explained the new legislation regarding hours vs. days to meet the State Instructional Time Requirements. The 2014-15 school calendar will still have 180 days, and will require 1080 hours. A board decision will have to be made by March 1st. This item was tabled until the February meeting.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, and seconded by Fiedler to name Doug Krull to serve on the Lyon County Conference Board for 2014. Aye votes were cast by Ryan Klingenberg, Curt Fiedler, and Amy Jurrens. Doug Krull abstained from the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

A teacher grant application for LCRF funds totaling \$500 was received and endorsed by the Administration. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve.

Mr. Barber reported that the van we ordered eight weeks ago has still not arrived. He spoke to Tony Taylor regarding the sprinkler system in the elementary. He advised not to proceed until go-ahead statement is received from Brian Bishop from the state fire marshal's office. The district's calendar has an incorrect ending date for the year. The last scheduled day for students should be May 21 rather than May 20. Parent-teacher conferences will be held according to the calendar.

The final meeting with Jeff Herzberg will be held on February 10 at 6:00 P.M. in Little Rock. The regular board meeting will follow at 7:30 P.M.

A motion to adjourn to an exempt session to discuss collective bargaining strategies was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.