

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

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on March 10, 2014 in the High School library in George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. and the pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Board members present were Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Curt Fiedler, and Wade Netten. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Mike Munson and Molly Schilling, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Valecia West, Melia Winter, Shawn Carignan, and Paul Denekas.

During the open forum, Shawn Carignan addressed the board about her concerns regarding a recent incident at school. She expressed her views and concerns about bullying and questioned what is being done to prevent any further problems. Amy thanked her for coming forward, but at this time the board cannot take any action.

The board recognized all of the winter activities participants, grades 7-12, and thanked all of the parents, coaches and sponsors for their time and support. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade AAU volleyball team qualified for state and will compete in Marshalltown. The high school students of the month are Jesse Henrichs and Matt Kruger. Livia Bodie and Jessica Garcia were chosen as Character Counts students of the month in the George Elementary. Participants in the Quiz Bowl held at Boyden-Hull were Conner Jurrens, Mariah Terhark, and Ashley DeBoer.

All-Conference honors in girls' basketball were: 2<sup>nd</sup> team - Jessica Sandbulte, 3<sup>rd</sup> team-Tehya Graham, and Honorable Mention-Danielle Eben. Maddie DeBeer and Jessica Sandbulte were chosen for the Academic All-Conference team.

Jordyn Clark, Tayler Kruse, and Alyssa Krull were selected to the Cheerleading All-Academic squad. The CL-GLR competition cheerleading squad was invited to participate in the half-time entertainment at two of the state boys' basketball games. Kassie and Kalie Peters were selected for the All-Star cheer squad.

Congratulations were extended to state wrestling participants Colby McIntire-2nd place, Travis VanderStreek-5th place, Zach Fugitt and Mitch VanBeek. All-Conference picks were Mitch VanBeek, Colby McIntire, Brent Klingenberg, and Travis VanderStreek -1<sup>st</sup> team, and Zach Fugitt and Nolan Geerdes-2nd team.

Named to the All-Conference boys' basketball team was Tanner VerSteege-1st team, Jesse Koerselman-Honorable Mention, and Taylor Kruse - Academic All-Conference.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda with additional bills and one addition under new business #10; Consider approval of vehicle purchase.

The public hearing was held to set the school start date as August 19, which is earlier than the mandated start date.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 10 meeting.

Netten moved to approve the list of bills, Klingenberg seconded, and motion carried 5-0.

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

Mrs. Schilling's report included the preschool family night and the "Strengthening Families" program which will both be held on March 11. The third and fourth graders recently participated in the science fair, where they all had to do experiments. Eighth graders celebrated "Read Across America" on March 3<sup>rd</sup> by making book trailers. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students held a wax museum in honor of President's Day by each choosing a president and first lady and dressing like them. The second, third, and fourth grade students participated in a snow shoe activity with the Lyon County Conservationist. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be hosting the "Night of Notables" on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The middle school will be having a dance on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Munson reported on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The winners were Greta Ackerman-1st place; Angela DeBoer-2nd place; and Brady Klaassen-3rd place. Ms. Noble thanked the judges, students, parents and teachers who helped, along with the STEM club for donating food. The National Honor Society inducted nine students at their ceremony held last week. There are thirteen speech students with twenty one performances who are advancing to State on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He also presented the list of 32 seniors for graduation.

Mr. Barber reported that TLC grants were given to Sioux City, Rock Valley, and LeMars Community Schools. He and Amy Jurrens attended the IASB Regional meeting at South O'Brien.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board briefs of February 17.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve Jenna Noble as a volunteer golf coach.

Mr. Barber presented the projected expenditures for next year, including recommendations for a three-year facilities plan.

He reported on the results of the Iowa Assessments in Math, Reading, and Science for grades 4, 8, and 11. The George Kiwanis will be doing a survey of parents regarding a backpack program. A program such as this will require support from the community. They hope to have the plan in place by fall. A committee has been formed to recognize years of service among staff.

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

The Start Date Waiver Request Resolution which allows the district to begin school earlier than the mandated start date was presented for approval. The motion was made by Krull to adopt and seconded by Klingenberg. A roll call vote was taken with Krull, Klingenberg, Fiedler, Netten, and Jurrens all voting aye. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

A change will be made on the calendar for 2014-15. The early dismissal date of April 17, will be moved to May 1, 2015.

A teacher grant application for LCRF funds totaling \$500, was received and endorsed by the Administration. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the application.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve an open enrolled out application for 2014-15.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the thirty two member class of 2014 for graduation, subject to meeting all requirements as set forth by the George-Little Rock Board of Education and the Iowa Department of Education.

A request was received from Rachelle Munson to take two Robotics teams (of STEM Club) to the IT Adventures Competition in Ames on April 25-26. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the trip and to pay for one night hotel stay for three rooms.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve a request from Tara Fastert for an FFA trip to the Monsanto research facility in Ankeny on March 18-19. All expenses will be paid by Monsanto.

The board discussed the four-year athletic sharing agreement renewal with Central Lyon. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the agreement in effect from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the summer project list for 2014 totaling approximately \$272,500. Included in the list is the George Elementary sprinkler system, window replacements, new sidewalk, carpet, bus, lawn mower, bus cameras, and hot water pressure washer.

Board policies series 400 were presented for consideration and approval. A motion to table was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to purchase a 2014 Chevrolet Equinox Van from VanderLee Motors, Rock Rapids at a purchase price of \$23,200.

The budget hearing for 2014-15 will be held on April 14 at 7:00 P.M. in Little Rock with the regular meeting to follow.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to adjourn to an exempt meeting to discuss negotiation strategies.