

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

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on March 11, 2013 in the Superintendent's office at George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Board members present were Doug Krull, Terrence Clark, and Curt Fiedler. Ryan Klingenberg was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Janel Guse, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson, Geoff Kruse, Curt Schilling, Jenna Noble, Valecia West, Rachelle Munson, Paula Maxwell, Karie Aiekens, and Lori Fiedler.

The board recognized Abby VanderLaan for advancing to the State Geography Bee to be held on April 5 in Des Moines. Jordyn Clark and Jesse Stueven were named high school students of the month, and Gavin Smit and Ayden Klein were chosen as Character Counts students in the George Elementary. Adam Techen and Jacob Dickmann were chosen for All-State Individual Speech. Winners at the Science Fair were 1st place-Ashley DeBoer, 2nd place-Taia Ommen, and 3rd place-Mariah Terhark. Runners up were Conner Jurrens, Isabelle Johnson, Miranda Dreesen, Kiely Gerken, and Honorable Mention was Spencer Carstensen. The board also acknowledged the following people for judging and assisting at the Science Fair: Chet Verschoor, Scott Eastman, Steve and Bernie Weier, Mike and Bev Hoing, Larry Peterson, Mike Munson, Emily Ostrander, Russ VerBurg, Shannon Smith, Brenda Sandbulte, Michele Johnson, Chuck Sjogren, Glenn Eben, Dick Groen, Cathy Noble, Molly Schilling, Donna Sohl, and Sheila Klaassen. Their help was very much appreciated.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11 meeting was made by Clark, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0 to approve the financial reports and pay all bills as presented.

Mrs. Guse reported on the feasibility study and the recommendations made by Dr. Sunblad. A tentative date of March 26 has been set for a community meeting to discuss and gain insight of the declining enrollment. The meeting will be held in Little Rock at 7:30 P.M.

She also discussed the fire escape project. The latest plan, with an estimated cost of \$156,000 has been submitted to the Iowa State Fire Marshall's office, but has not yet been approved. The deadline for the waiver is August 8, and there will be no extension to use the building after that date.

She presented an agenda for the Superintendent search schedule with Jeff Herzberg. It will be held on March 14, and will include teachers, staff, students, and community members.

She reported on the sequestration which will mean a 5% reduction in federal funding, to include

Title I and ELL monies. The specific amounts for school districts have not been released.

The GLREA submitted their initial bargaining proposal for 2013-14, requesting a 4.75% increase in salaries and benefits. The district responded to their requests with a 1.83% increase in salaries and benefits.

She addressed the fact that there have been no applicants for the track position. According to the athletic director, there could be a total of up to 25 participants this spring. Mrs. Guse presented several scenarios regarding the coaching positions, including two head coaches, and two assistant coaches. The personnel committee will meet to make a recommendation.

Mrs. Schilling presented class size projections for 2013-14, comparing them with the graduating classes through 2017.

Jenna Noble reported on the Science Fair that was held recently. She thanked the people who volunteered their time to judge the students' projects. Two students, Kiely Gerken and Miranda Dreesen competed in the regional science fair held at Sheldon, and both received awards. Miss Noble is requesting permission to take these two students to the State Science Fair in Ames, IA, which will be held on April 4-5.

Rachelle Munson was present to request permission to take six freshman students to participate in a Robotics STEM challenge in Ames, IA. It is competition set up through a program called Hyperstream and is part of the Iowa STEM Program. It will be held on April 26-27 at the ISU Campus.

There will be an IASB ABLE II meeting on March 19 at the Sheldon Middle School.

The board discussed the potential revenue uses for the LCRF funds.

Mrs. Guse recognized all of the Science Fair winners and participants, and thanked Jenna Noble for all her extra time and work involved. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the trip to the State Science Fair in April.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0 to approve the Robotics team trip to Ames in April.

The budget hearing to approve the 2013-14 budget will be held on April 11 at 5:30 P.M. in Little Rock, with the regular meeting to follow at 5:45 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0.