

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
March 12, 2012

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on March 12, 2012 in the Middle School Library at Little Rock. Board president Amy Jurens called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were board members Ryan Klingenberg, Doug Krull, and Terrence Clark. Curt Fiedler was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Janel Guse; Secretary Delinda Kruger; and guests Geoff Kruse, Dave Jans, Valecia West, Jill Christensen, Jenna Noble, and Brooke Murphy.

The board recognized the Middle School Lego League teams for competing in Sioux Falls on February 25. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 26<sup>th</sup> in robot run and 2<sup>nd</sup> in teamwork. Mariah Terhark qualified for the State Geography Bee. The high school students of the month were Terron Geerdes and Jesse DeKam. Spencer Sprock and Alex Bonestroo were chosen as the Character Counts students of the month in the George Elementary. State speech qualifiers named were Jacob Dickmann, Adam Sohl, Madeline DeBeer, Kami Reitsma, and Adam Techen.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16 meeting was made by Clark, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0.

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

Mrs. Guse presented information on E-Rate bids. She also informed the board that next year we will have a -1.7% in allowable growth due to declining enrollment. This amounts to a decrease of \$49,454. She also projected declining enrollment to continue next year.

Mrs. Guse presented a list of thirty four students for graduation.

Geoff Kruse spoke to the board regarding the 1:1 Laptop initiative. He noted that access to technology is beneficial to exceed as learners, preparing students for college and the workplace. Teachers receiving training would be paid professional development. He also presented three bid options, high school - 155 units, middle school - 115 units, and a combined total of 270 units. Webclimber Services submitted a bid for Dell Computers, which will price match any other bid. The board requested a report listing the technology expenditures for the last three years, and a projection for the next three years.

His next presentation was Sophos and Astaro, filtering and antivirus systems which would replace the CIPA filter which expires on 3/31/12, and Dell Kace which would offer asset management and imaging software, tracking all machines. This could be submitted through Microsoft Funds.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve a resignation from Brooke Murphy for Assistant Volleyball, pending a suitable replacement. The board thanked her for her time and dedication to the students.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0 to approve the contract for girls' track to Karl Fiedler at \$2,499.

The list of potential casino revenue uses was reviewed.

The calendar for 2012-13 was approved at the February meeting. After consideration, the dates for parent-teacher conferences are changed to November 5 & 8, with the compensation day November 9, and March 25 & 26, with the compensation day March 28. A motion to approve the updated calendar was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0.

Two trip requests were received from Jenna Noble. The first is for permission to take the Wildlife Biology Class of approximately 15 students to the Niobrara Wildlife Preserve in April. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0 to approve the trip.

The second request was to travel to the Iowa Lakeside Lab on West Lake Okoboji for hands-on learning for Science and Math students. The approximate cost would be \$80 per student. Ms. Noble asked whether the board would cover half of the cost for the trip. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the trip. The cost sharing of the trip will be discussed at the next meeting.

A grant application to the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for a module lab in the Middle School Family/Consumer Science Department was submitted for board approval. This would require matching funds from the district of \$9,962.60. A motion to approve was made by Clark and seconded by Klingenberg. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting aye: Terrence Clark, Ryan Klingenberg, Doug Krull, and Amy Jurens. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A grant application to the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation by the Spanish Club for their trip to Spain this summer was submitted for board approval. A motion to approve was made by Krull and seconded by Clark. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting aye: Doug Krull, Terrence Clark, Ryan Klingenberg, and Amy Jurens. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A grant application to the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation by the Playground Improvement Committee was submitted for board approval. This would require matching funds from the district of \$2,028. A motion to approve was made by Klingenberg and seconded by Krull. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting aye: Ryan Klingenberg, Doug Krull, Terrence Clark, and Amy Jurens. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A grant application to the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation by the Foster Grandparent Program was submitted for board approval. The matching funds from the district include meals for the participants. A motion to approve was made by Clark, and seconded by Klingenberg. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting aye: Terrence Clark, Ryan Klingenberg, Doug

Krull, and Amy Jurrens. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Krull, and seconded by Klingenberg to approve Resolution No. 031212, approving the four applications for the purpose of receiving benefits from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting aye: Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Terrence Clark, and Amy Jurrens. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the internet contract with Premier Communications.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to table the 1:1 laptop proposal until the next meeting.

The following proposals were presented for board approval: Sophos filter/anti-virus system for 400 units at a cost of \$6860, and the Astaro firewall and VPN management system at a cost of \$9,200. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 4-0 to re-open the 2012-13 early retirement policy for 30 days. Notices will be sent to all eligible employees.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the notification letter to the George-Little Rock Education Association of potential staff reduction for 2012-13.

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the class of 2012 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 motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Board Policies Series 800.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 11, at 8:00 P.M. in George. The budget hearing for 2012-13 will be held at that time.

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