

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
March 26, 2013

The George-Little Rock Board of Education held an informational meeting on March 26, 2013 in the Middle School band room regarding the feasibility study that was done recently. Board president Amy Jurens called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with board members Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Curt Fiedler, and Terrence Clark in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Janel Guse, Principals Mike Munson and Molly Schilling, Secretary Delinda Kruger, Geoff Kruse, Dr. Richard Sunblad, Dennis Bahr, and approximately 100 guests.

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

Amy Jurens welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the feasibility study that was recently completed. The board is looking to keep the district viable and provide the best education for our students.

Mrs. Guse introduced Dr. Sunblad and Dennis Bahr, from Key Concepts, the firm who recently completed the feasibility study of the districts' elementary schools.

Dr. Sunblad talked about maintaining the effectiveness of the elementary school as a viable district. There is adequate space in both locations for the grade levels K-4. The need for two teachers for the amount of students needs to be examined, to continue or adjust. Their opinion included the following options.

Close the old building at Little Rock, eliminating the need to repair the fire escape. There is adequate room at George for grades K-4, and the staffing would be easier with target numbers. There would be a cost savings recognized for teaching staff, however, a shuttle route would have to be added, at an approximate cost of \$14,000. Little Rock would lose half of its student base.

It could be done on a selective basis. For instance, a class below 10 students would have to be combined to balance class sizes. This number would have to be determined by board policy.

Move all elementary students to George, with one section per grade level and one teacher. Extra teachers would be needed for specials, including Math, Science, and Reading.

Move one grade at a time, one grade per year.

Move K-3 to George, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Little Rock.

Move K-1 to George and transition as enrollment warrants.

The meeting was opened to questions and concerns from those in attendance. The final decision will be made at the board meeting on April 11.

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. was made by Krull, seconded by Clark, and carried 5-0.