

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

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on November 11, 2013 in the High School Library at George. Board President Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by everyone present.

Roll call was taken with board members Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Wade Netten and Curt Fiedler present. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guest Valecia West.

During Red Ribbon Week, the middle school students held a food drive, with the winners earning a pizza party. A thank you was received from ATLAS of Lyon County for the donations. The fall sports teams were recognized, with honors for volleyball going to Jessica Sandbulte, 3rd team all-conference, and Danielle Eben, Honorable Mention. The cheerleaders participated in a competition recently, with several of the teams earning honors. Named as students of the month in the high school for November were Tanner VerSteege and Madison Henning. Micah Jumbeck and Jack Krull were chosen as Character Counts students in the George Elementary. The district thanked Monsanto for the \$2,000 check received for the Ag Bowl held in August.

The board proclaimed the week of November 18-22 as the annual observance of American Education Week.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda with a resignation added under personnel.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the October 14 and November 1 meetings.

A motion to approve and pay the bills as presented was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

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

Mr. Munson reported that the parent-teacher conferences were well attended, and extended thanks to the National Honor Society students for offering babysitting services in the elementary during this time. TK-4 students recently attended the play "Still Life With Iris" at Northwestern College in Orange City. On Halloween, the George elementary students went trick-or-treating to all the downtown businesses. A big thanks to them for making the day special for the students. The two local banks, Frontier and Security Savings, have been working with the Personal Finance Class, to help them better understand things dealing with checking and savings accounts, as well as loans and insurance. Thank you to both banks; their help was very much

appreciated. Congratulations to Mrs. Sandbulte and the cast of the play “The Miracle Worker” for their fine performance, and for all the time and dedication towards making it a success. The student council hosted a Halloween dance which was well attended. The STEM club held a vendor fair on November 2nd. Thanks to all of the different groups participating in the Veteran’s Day program. It was well attended and appreciated by everyone. The board watched three of the student videos that were made as a part of a project for Mrs. Sandbulte’s English II class.

Mrs. Schilling reported that the attendance was good at parent-teacher conferences in Little Rock also. Iowa Assessments were given during the week of November 4-8. The 7th graders recently completed a project on Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson. They have been communicating with him and are hoping to have him do a presentation at the school. TAG students recently competed in a mock trial competition at Central Lyon. A big thanks goes to Tom Weerheim, a former student and practicing attorney in Sioux Falls, who has been working with the students in preparation for the competition. The first LEGO league will be competing in Sioux Falls on December 7. The 5th graders have begun the DARE program with Sheriff VanderStoep. Enrichment Day will be held on November 27 with students in Art, STEM, and FFA assisting the elementary students.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs from October 21.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the following contracts: Tara Fastert - Cheerleading; Rosalie Arends - Food Services; and Carissa Janssen - .2 Teacher for remainder of year.

A resignation was received from Tim Walker, middle school wrestling coach. A motion to accept was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the potential Lyon County Riverboat Foundation revenue uses.

A motion to approve the two-year IHSA football sharing agreement with Central Lyon for 2014-15 and 2015-16 was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

Netten moved to authorize an application to the SBRC for additional on-time funding allowable growth for six students who were not included on the 2012-13 student count. Motion was seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve. The amount of the application is \$36,006.

Discussion was held regarding Board policy 407.06 *Licensed Employee Early Retirement* and whether to continue it for 2013-14. A motion was made by Krull, and seconded by Klingenberg to approve. Casting aye votes were Krull, Klingenberg, Netten and Jurrens. Fiedler abstained from the vote. Motion carried 4-1.

Mr. Barber informed the board that he met with a representative from our health insurance company regarding the new health care reform. Effective January 2014, there will be an additional fee of \$14.25 per person/per month assessed to each policyholder. For future board

meetings, he proposed having a 15-minute session on a chosen topic for discussion. He updated the board on the progress of the heating system installed recently by Visser Plumbing in the George Elementary. He briefly reviewed the Bullying/Harassment policy and steps that can be taken in the event of an incident. Mr. Barber, Wade and Amy attended the New Board Orientation held recently. Wade spoke regarding some of the topics covered. Mr. Barber, Amy, and Doug will be attending the IASB convention later this month. A suggestion was made that the board do a walk-through in both buildings, perhaps before a board meeting.

Mr. Barber will contact the Superintendent from Ellsworth, to schedule a meeting with him to discuss the status of the 28E Agreement that was approved by our board at the September meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 9 in Little Rock, with a work session at 5:00 P.M. and meeting to follow at 5:30 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.