

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 14, 2013

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on October 14, 2013 in the Middle School library at Little Rock. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present were Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, Curt Fiedler, and Wade Netten. Also present were Superintendent Steven Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Mike Munson, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Sharon Klaahsen, Tara Fastert, and Tony Bevers.

During the open forum, Tony Bevers addressed the board regarding the late open enrollment application for his son.

Mr. Barber recognized the Frontier Bank for their donation of \$1,800 to the George-Little Rock Education Foundation. He also commended the community for their thoughtfulness for all the staff members involved in the auto accident, and thanked Paul Denekas and Dave Klaahsen for their immediate help in getting the vehicle back in the district.

Students of the month in the high school for October were Jaycee Johnson and Rachel Williams. The fall sports teams at the middle school are concluding and have had much success. Congratulations were extended to the City of Little Rock for receiving the LCRF grants to continue to update the city hall.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 16 and 30 meetings was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A change order from Sunkota Construction was submitted for an additional cost of \$2720 for the fire escape project. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve.

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

Klingenberg moved to approve the financial reports, motion seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

Mr. Munson reported on the student body president/vice president campaign, with Jordyn Clark and Brent Klingenberg being elected. FCCLA has been running a "Work out Warriors" program after school with approximately 4 students currently involved. The preschool, TK, and Kindergarten students visited the local fire station, and will be going to Pumpkinland. The entire elementary will be attending a play at Northwestern College on October 24.

He also included a report from Jenna Noble, who took four students to Lakeside Lab. The trip was very educational, and she thanked the board and administration for allowing them to make the trip.

Mrs. Schilling's report included the use of the new fire escape during a recent fire drill. October 14-18 is National Hot Lunch week and also the Book Fair in Little Rock. She thanked the manager of the Rock Rapids Subway for allowing GLR students to participate in the "star" of the week, which will earn that student a Subway certificate. The elementary Character Counts lessons include multi-aged teamwork projects. She reported on middle school classroom activities, and the new exploratory classes that have begun.

A report was received from the State of Iowa Fire Marshall Division, stating that the newly constructed fire escape at Little Rock is in substantial compliance. Exit lights will be installed after which another compliance report will be issued.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA board briefs from their meeting held on September 16.

A notice was received from IASB, regarding the district director nominations. Currently Amy Jurrens has been serving this district on the IASB board of directors. She has been nominated for IASB President-elect, and should she be elected the District #1 position will be open and an election would be held to fill her vacancy.

A dividend check for \$4,045 was received from EMC Insurance Company.

A letter of retirement was received from Kathy VerSteege who has worked in food services for the past 19 years. A letter of resignation was also received from Karen Wibben who has served as cheerleading sponsor for 13 years. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve both resignations and extended their thanks and appreciation for all of their years of service to the district and the students.

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

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten and carried 5-0 to name Delinda Kruger as the Board Secretary/Treasurer for 2013-14. The oath of office was administered to her by President Amy Jurrens.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to set a \$50,000 surety bond for same.

An open enrollment application to Central Lyon, and dated 9/01/13, was received from Chad Klosterbuer on behalf of his son entering TK. A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the application, since the deadline was met.

An open enrollment application to Sibley-Ocheyedan, and dated 10/04/13, was received from Tony Bevers on behalf of his son entering TK. After some discussion, a motion was made by

Fiedler, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the late application due to the young age of the student and the circumstances involved.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the IDATP fee payment for 2014.

Revised Board policies **701.03 - Financial Records; 709.00 - Insurance Program; and 905.02 - Tobacco/Nicotene-Free Environment** were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to waive the second reading of these policies and approve all.

Mr. Barber reported on several items including the 2013-14 certified enrollment numbers. He updated the board on state funding for the current year, including the Teacher Leadership and Compensation planning grant. Beginning Wednesday, all of the doors at the George site will remain locked throughout the day as part of the new security door project. Mr. Barber met with city emergency personnel from both George and Little Rock to discuss concerns about the ability to access the building during school events in case of an emergency. A fire lane will be designated on the north side of the high school building, and marked with signs. The van involved in the auto accident near Spencer was declared a total loss by the insurance company.

He updated the board on the Little Rock building and the question of whether or not the north side should be tuckpointed or if steel siding could be used to address the water problem. He will contact the lumberyard to gather information.

Amy and Ryan will meet to discuss the district's Early Retirement policy.

Amy thanked Mr. Barber for his weekly communication with the board.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 11 at 7:00 P.M. in George.

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