

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
August 11, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on August 11, 2014 in the high school library at George. Board president Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Board members present were Doug Krull, Ryan Klingenberg, and Wade Netten. Curt Fiedler was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Valecia West, Karie Aeikens, Eugene and Lynn Modder, Tara Madsen, LaRae Denekas, Serenity Putnam and Natalie Krull.

The open forum was moved to the New Business portion of the agenda.

The board recognized all of the 4-H and FFA members and their parents for their participation and excellent showing at the county fairs and also qualifying for the state fair. Mr. Range thanked the secretarial staff for their help and for everyone who welcomed him to the district. Mr. Barber also thanked everyone who helped with registration, and the custodial staff for getting the buildings ready for students next week.

Several items were added to the agenda. Under Communication: #2 Board workshop, #3 Senator Grassley visit; K. Personnel - #2 Employment - Mitch Lupkes, Middle School Football Coach; New Business - #1a - Restructure 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda with the additions.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14 meeting was made by

*Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.*

*The list of bills was presented for approval. Klingenberg moved to approve and pay all bills as presented, Krull seconded and the motion carried 4-0.*

*A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports.*

*Mrs. Schilling reported on the FAST assessment training which she, Melinda DeLeeuw, Kim Chadwick, and Nyla Hellinga attended. This is a new tool which will focus on data analysis, and will be administered three times per year.*

*Mr. Range reported on the mentoring program. In past years, the mentors/mentees have traveled to either Sioux Center or Sioux City for their training. This year, he will be doing the training in-house, which will help to build strong relationships among the teachers, and consistency for the students.*

*The board reviewed the Northwest AEA board briefs from their last meeting.*

*The fall ABLE workshop will be held in Sheldon on September 11 in Sheldon. Anyone wanting to attend should contact the office.*

*Senator Grassley will be in Rock Rapids, Sibley, and Sheldon on Tuesday, August 12.*

*A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve resignations received from Janet Hayden and Pam Nachtigal. The*

board thanked them for their service to the district and for providing meals and building relationships with the students.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the following contracts: Tina Range, Library Media Specialist-\$4,000; Amanda Storm, Elementary Library Para-\$8.50/hr.; Linda Kannegieter, Cook-\$9.85/hr.; Mitch Lupkes, Middle School Football-\$2,100.

Mr. Barber reported on the progress of the summer projects. The sprinkler system has been completed at the George Elementary, as well as the window installation. The carpet and shelves have been installed at the Little Rock library. The work has not yet been completed on the air conditioning in the music room at Little Rock. We have been notified by Alliant Energy of the overuse of energy in the high school for twelve consecutive months, which will put us in a higher billing category. He will check into ways that may help defray this extra cost. The district will be hosting a picnic on Wednesday evening to welcome all staff, new and veteran. The Title I allocation for 2014-15 will be approximately \$5,000 less than the past year. He and Mrs. Schilling are working on putting together an administrator schedule for Little Rock.

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

Mr. Barber presented an Open Enrollment application for 2014-15 for a student residing in the George-Little Rock District, to attend Sibley-Ocheyedan, and two Open Enrollment applications for 2014-15 for students residing in the George-Little Rock District, to attend Central Lyon.

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

to approve.

Mr. Barber shared information regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> grade structure for the upcoming year. Registration numbers indicate that there will be approximately 30 students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He named several options available to provide support, should there be only one class.

During the open forum, Karie Aeikens, Tara Madsen, Valecia West, and Eugene Modder addressed the board regarding the increased number of students in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their desire to have two sections for this class.

After some discussion, the consensus of the board was to advertise for an additional teacher for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Driver Education fees for 2014-15 were considered. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve an increase of \$5 per student for the instructor, with the student fee of \$225 to remain the same.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the following handbooks for 2014-15: Bus Driver, Pre-School, At-Risk, Bloodborne Pathogen Plan, Emergency/Crisis Plan, Section 504/ADA Policy, Teacher, and Coaching.

The list of board operating practices was discussed. The board will review an additional section of this document at the work session in September.

The next meeting will be held on September 15 at 7:00 P.M. in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and

carried 4-0.