

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 13, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on October 13, 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, Curt Fiedler, and Wade Netten. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests including Michele Johnson, Valecia West, Tara Madsen, Josh Rockhill, Sheila Klaassen, Greta Ackerman, John Donaker, Dylan Hinrichs, Miranda Dreesen, Taia Ommen, and Colby Klaassen.

In addition to several bills, under new business, item #6 Request to attend the National FFA Convention was moved to item #1. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the revised agenda.

Under board recognition, Mr. Barber acknowledged the 26 businesses and individuals who made a donation to the FFA program, including Northern Grain and Crane from Sheldon, and the Security Savings Bank. Frontier Bank will be funding the farmers feed to be held later this month. Thanks were extended to Mark Gross for hauling the FFA cattle to the sale barn in Sheldon. The marching band, under Shannon Poor Bear's direction, had an excellent showing at the band festival in Sioux Falls recently. Tom Schilling, Ben Conaway, Jake Hilbrands, and Madison Henning did a fantastic job in their campaigns for student body president and vice president. Pastor Dale Lint was recognized for again starting the Builder's Club at the Little Rock school. His time spent with the students is very much appreciated. They will be working towards replacing the current school sign at the Little Rock site.

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

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

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.

Tara Madsen spoke to the board on behalf of the School Improvement Advisory Committee, comprised of four students, and parents Mark and Amy Haken, Greg VerSteeg, and Allison Sandbeck. They have been working with the district's leadership team to understand staff development. Thanks were extended to all the members of the committee for their time and dedication to the district.

Mr. Range reported on the the STEM day activities, formerly Enrichment Day, that will be held on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten through fifth grades will participate in many activities, that will involve at least 100 high school students. Local organizations such as Sudenga

Industries, will also be contributing to the STEM day activities. There will be adult volunteers from the DNR, Iowa State University Extension, and Dordt College who will assist the students in their involvement in activities, promoting the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). He thanked Jenna Noble and Michele Johnson for their work in coordinating the activities for this day. Mrs. Johnson commented that it is important to get the elementary students involved to use their higher order thinking skills. Greta Ackerman gave a presentation on one of the kits that will be used during the STEM day activities.

Mrs. Schilling's report included some new ideas for the fall parent-teacher conferences, to gain better attendance and make it more inviting for parents. She noted that the Builder's Club is again active under the direction of Pastor Dale Lint. They will be replacing the school sign at Little Rock, and a new light has been installed to highlight the sign.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the resignations received from Paul Konechne-MS Wrestling coach, and Heather Woodbury-evening custodian.

A motion to approve the following individuals for employment: Rosmi Mairu-evening custodian @ \$12.00/hour; Melia Winter- MS Girls' Basketball coach @ \$1,500; and Rick Henning-substitute bus driver.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to correct the minutes of 9/16/14 to read "*Jennifer VanderVeen - Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach @ \$1,500.*"

Mr. Barber's report included the review of the five priorities that were chosen by the board and submitted to IASB, to prepare for the 2014 Delegate Assembly. At a recent meeting, Senator Johnson approached Mr. Barber, and asked whether he could be a part of a future board meeting. The consensus of the board was to have Mr. Barber invite him to the November board meeting. The Mustang Athletic Boosters will be tailgating at the Sioux Center game on Friday night, with Mr. Barber and Mr. Range serving. Mr. Rockhill has been working hard at making things happen for the FFA and the FFA farm, including raising much needed funds for the organizations. They have recently sold several cows, calves, and hay bales. Mr. Barber also informed the board that currently, the natural gas for the Little Rock building is billed through Continuum Retail Energy Services, who is a transport for the natural gas. Alliant Energy has now notified the district that the gas meter currently used at Little Rock has not been read correctly, therefore the billings have not been accurate, and will create an increase in the cost at that site. Student achievement scores in grades 4, 8, and 11 in the areas of math, science and reading were also presented for the board's information.

The board reviewed the list of potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation. Plaques have been ordered for both the sprinkler system at George and the fire escape project at Little Rock.

The revised Classified Employee Benefit Guidelines were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve.

Josh Rockhill spoke to the board regarding the request to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. There are currently seven students who are planning to attend. The approximate cost per student is \$385. They would be making the trip with other FFA groups from West Lyon, Rock Valley, LeMars, and Akron-Westfield. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the trip request.

Revisions to board policies **411.03** *Classified Employee Contracts*, and **412.03** *Classified Employee Group Insurance Benefits* were presented for consideration. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to waive the second reading of these policies and approve as presented.

*A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the application for allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2013-14 negative special education balance in the amount of \$6,166.43.*

*A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the current list of board members for the George-Little Rock Educational Foundation. Those members include: Amy Jurrens, James McConnell, Angela VanBriesen, Jerry Smit, Sara Sprock, Kim Terhark, and Karie Aeikens.*

*The board directed Mr. Barber to contact the firm of DGR Engineering in Rock Rapids, to obtain an estimate of costs to resurface the south parking lot in George.*

*A list of fundraisers throughout the year for various organizations was presented for approval. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the list.*

*The next meeting will be held on November 10 at 7:00 P.M. in Little Rock. Mr. Barber will contact Senator Johnson regarding that date.*

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