

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 15, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on December 15, 2014 in the media center at George. President Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 5:40 P.M. when a quorum was established. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Board members present were Ryan Klingenberg and Curt Fiedler. Doug Krull and Wade Netten were absent. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Valecia West, Jordan Robin, Brian Luenberger, Jenna Noble, Ben Conaway, Tom Schilling, and Justin Christensen.

Student council president and vice president Ben Conaway and Tom Schilling explained the request for senior privileges.

In recognition, the MS Boys' basketball team and their coaches were commended for a great job this season. The combined elementary/middle school concert at Little Rock went very well. The book fair at George was held in November. The FFA had a successful fruit sales season, with sales of approximately \$35,000. The elementary concert at George was very well attended. Thanks to Glenn Eben and John Schuck for helping with the seed corn auction at the recent basketball game. The teaching staff was treated to pies during the inservice held recently, celebrating the progress of their staff development.

Additional agenda items under new business included #5: Local grant application for LCRF; and #6: Consider approval of SIAC committee members. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 3-0 to approve the revised agenda.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10 meeting was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

Doug Krull and Wade Netten arrived at 5:46 P.M.

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

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports through November 30 was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.

Ben Conaway and Tom Schilling were present to explain the request for senior privileges and the expectations for students to earn them.

Mrs. Schilling reported on the PROSPER team, which promotes both a school and family-focused program for students. The Strengthening Families program is offered to 5th and 6th grade students and their parents. Participants receive a free meal, and childcare is provided for children not in the program. The program is offered for a period of seven weeks.

Mr. Range reported on “Genius Week” activities which will take place the first week in January when students return. Jenna Noble explained the procedures for the proposed projects, including submitting a proposal and applying for funding to complete the project. On Friday afternoon, the projects will be on display for the community to view.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA board briefs from their meeting held on November 17.

A thank you was received from the family of Eugene Barber for the memorial sent by the district.

Doug Krull reported on the delegate assembly which he attended at the IASB convention.

A resignation was received from Taylor Klingenberg as the MS and Assistant Baseball coach. Resignations and early retirement requests were received from Paula Maxwell and Randy Meester. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to accept the resignations and grant the early retirement requests. The board extended their thanks to these individuals for their years of dedication and commitment to the district and students.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten and carried 5-0 to approve the following contracts: Mitch Lupkes, MS Wrestling-\$2,100; Hailey Swacker, Assistant Speech-\$500; and Ashley Sandbulte, Assistant Speech-\$500.

Mr. Barber’s report included the legislative session held in Sioux Center that he, Amy Jurens, and Doug Krull attended. The Microsoft settlement funds will be available by March 17 for the purchase of technology equipment. The district will be notified whether we are one of the TLC grant recipients on Friday, December 19. The 2015 District IASB meeting will be held on January 13 at the Sheldon High School.

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

Justin Christensen, representing the engineering firm of DGR in Rock Rapids, presented a proposal for expanding and resurfacing the south parking lot in George. Krull moved to go forward with the project and to begin the boring, sampling, and soil testing for a fee of \$1450. Klingenberg seconded the motion, carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the request for Modified Allowable Growth for At-Risk/Drop-Out Prevention in the amount of \$180,278 for FY16.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to approve the request for senior privileges for second semester.

Mr. Range explained the PE Waiver Request for 2015-16. It would allow students more flexibility and opportunities for scheduling classes. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the waiver.

A teacher grant application for LCRF for \$2,500 to be used for Genius Week was received and endorsed by the Administration. The application included five teachers at \$500 each. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve.

The list of SIAC members was presented for approval. Upon recommendation by Mr. Barber, a motion to approve the list was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on January 19 at 7:00 P.M. in Little Rock.

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