

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 19, 2015

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on January 19, 2015 in the Middle School Library at Little Rock. President Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Steve Barber, Principal Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Aleene Williams, Mitch Lupkes, Valecia West, Scott Heibult, Ryan and Michelle Hellenga, Kevin Trei, and students Anna Hellenga, Kim Trei, Candyce Eubank, Abby VanderLaan, Mariah Leemkuil, and Emily Donaker.

In board recognition, Mr. Barber thanked Premier Bank for their annual donation of \$2,500, and also Premier Communications for their donation of \$1,000. Genius week was a success, despite the weather. Thanks to Craig Johnson and Rick Henning for organizing the Variety show that raised \$1,500 for the music boosters. The students were commended for a successful homecoming week.

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

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the minutes of the December 15 meeting.

Aleene Williams, representing the auditing firm of East, VanderWoude, Grant, & Co., presented the 2013-14 audit report of the George-Little Rock District. Revenues decreased by 2.78% and expenditures decreased 6.44% from the prior year. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to acknowledge the receipt of and accept the audit as presented.

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

A motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports through December 31 was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0.

Mr. Range reported on Genius Week held the first week after Christmas break. A survey was taken among the students and teachers, with the consensus that it was a success and very supportive of doing again next year. Two groups of students presented their genius week projects. Anna Hellenga, Kim Trei, and Candyce Eubank presented their project titled AHOTD, which featured a small hovercraft that could carry items such as books or grocery items; and Abby VanderLaan, Mariah Leemkuil, and Emily Donaker, who played their saxophones to a song which they composed.

In Mrs. Schilling's absence, Mr. Barber presented her reports on student progress monitoring and

assessments.

Mitch Lupkes spoke to the board regarding wireless issues and access points in the buildings. He discussed the current laptops, and the option to purchase an additional year of damage protection or purchase new computers. He suggested having a policy in place for damages before any laptops are issued next year. Parents should be educated as well as the students regarding the responsibility and care of the school-issued computers.

Mr. Barber and Amy Jurrens attended the Advocacy and Governance meeting held in Sheldon recently where they met with local legislators.

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

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the resignation received from Jenna Noble at the end of the year. The board thanked her for her dedication to the students and district.

A resignation and early retirement request was received from Delinda Kruger as board secretary/business manager. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve. The board extended their thanks for her years of dedication and service to the district.

Mr. Barber's report included the use of Snowcap for school closings and late starts and other options that he will look into. The five-year school site visit will be held next week, and will involve most of the staff and administration, parents and students, and board members Curt Fiedler and Ryan Klingenberg. As the members of the board facilities sub-committee, Ryan and Curt will also meet with Mr. Barber to look at the parking lot specs at a later date. Options for the school start date for next year are still unknown. He reported that the GLR FFA has been nominated for a \$2500 Monsanto grant by Keri and Tyler Johnson.

The board reviewed the list of potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation funds. The district received very positive comments from the LCRF members at the recent basketball game, where the quarterly contribution was presented. A suggestion was made to purchase a camera for the annual staff.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to not purchase a one-year extension warranty on the laptops.

Mr. Barber has recommended that several activity fund accounts be combined or changed. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the following changes: Workkeys balance moved to the general fund; Band Fundraiser combined with Music Boosters; MS Vending and MS Magazines combined with MS Promotions.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the notification letter to the George-Little Rock Education Association of potential staff reduction for 2015-16.

Proposed changes for board policies 104.00 *Anti-Bullying/Harassment* and 505.05 *Graduation Requirements* were presented for approval. A motion was made by Krull to waive the second reading and approve the revised policies. Fiedler seconded the motion, and carried 5-0.

The board considered a two-year extension to the Superintendent contract. After some discussion, a motion was made by Klingenberg and seconded by Krull to extend the contract for an additional two years with the salary to be determined at a later date. Voting aye were Klingenberg, Krull, and Jurrens; and nays: Netten and Fiedler. Motion carried 3-2.

The board named Doug Krull to serve on the Lyon County Conference Board for 2015.

The next meeting will be held on February 9 at 7:00 P.M. in George.

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

A work session followed to discuss the district's current financial picture.