

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
November 10, 2014

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on November 10, 2014 in the middle school library at Little Rock. 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, Wade Netten and Curt Fiedler. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Valecia West, Jill Christensen, Levi Judge, Josh Rockhill, Tina Range, Trisha Hengeveld, Miranda Dreesen, Trevor Klaassen, Colby Klaassen, Taia Ommen, Dylan Hinrichs, and Ross Wiertzema.

In recognition, Heartland Hardware and DRG Plumbing sponsored an all-school assembly for the students. Thanks to the staff, students and parents who have spent time working on the teacher leadership grant application. A Veteran's Day program will be held in conjunction with the local American Legion on November 11, 2014. Also a thank you is extended to Pastor Lint and the Builder's club who have donated and installed a new sign and flagpole at the Little Rock school. The members of the Builder's Club will be responsible for the concession stand at the middle school basketball games. Thanks to the Frontier Bank for their donation of a desk in the library at the middle school. Former graduate and now attorney, Tom Weerheim, was recognized for donating his time to work with the members of the mock trial team for their competition last weekend. A thank you to Bert Reitsma and Pizza Ranch for their cooperation with the Business Education class. Congratulations to Mrs. Sandbulte and members of the play cast for a successful and well-received fall play production. Named as students of the month in the high school for November were Ben Conaway and Jocelyn Buckalew. Also recognized were coaches and members of all the fall sports teams including football, volleyball, and cross-country.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

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

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

Mr. Range reported on several items including the multimedia class and their recent broadcasts, project-based learning in the classrooms, and the introduction of an entrepreneurial class during second semester.

In reports, Jill Christensen, Tina Sherrill-Range, and Levi Judge explained some of their ideas regarding the implementation of an entrepreneur class. It would involve the Family/Consumer Science and Business classes and would be a student-operated business. They have contacted several of the downtown businesses for some ideas on the startup process. The class will begin in January.

FFA students Dylan Hinrichs, Colby Klaassen, Trevor Klaassen, Taia Ommen, Miranda Dreesen and Ross Wiertzema, gave a powerpoint presentation of their recent trip to the National FFA Convention held in Louisville, KY. They felt the trip was very educational and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Mrs. Schilling reported that she, Ms. Robin and Mr. Helkenn have been working together on ELL testing, including listening, speaking, and writing skills. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Family/Consumer Science students will be donating their sewing projects to families in Haiti. Students are experiencing project-based learning, which requires a different set of skills while trying new things. Attendance at parent-teacher conferences were at 100% at both Little Rock and George Elementary schools, the middle school 69.3%, and high school 52%.

In communication, a report was presented from the Iowa Educators' Consortium, noting the approximate savings realized from both the general products ordered as well as food service savings.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA board briefs from their October 20 meeting.

A list of current employees for 2014-15 was presented for the board's information.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve Jordan Kruse as a teacher associate in the George Elementary. The rate of pay is \$8.50 per hour, 29 hours per week.

Mr. Barber presented the proposed IASB and AEA Legislative Priorities for 2015 that will be recommended to the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 19. Doug Krull will be representing the district at that meeting. Due to schedule conflicts, it will be difficult to have Senator Johnson attend the December board meeting. There will, however, be a meeting with the Senators and Representatives at Sioux Center on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Sioux Center Vocal room. Any board members interested are encouraged to attend.

He updated the board with financial information from the Iowa Department of Revenue, including the increase in per pupil revenue in the L.O.S.T. fund. The bus inspection held this past week went well. Mr. Barber will be setting up a meeting with Ryan, Curt, and a representative from DGR to discuss the proposed parking lot project.

The board reviewed the list of potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation. There are currently 58 students who are participating in the backpack program with a cost of approximately \$1200 per month.

The board reviewed Board policy 407.06 *Licensed Employee Early Retirement* and whether to continue it for 2014-15. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve and offer to those licensed staff members who meet the criteria.

Klingenberg moved to authorize a request to the SBRC for Increased Enrollment for 2014-15. The maximum on-time funding application for eleven students who were not included on the 2013-14 student count is \$70,026. Motion was seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to approve the request.

The next meeting will be held on December 15, at 5:30 P.M. in George.

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