

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
February 9, 2015

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on February 9, 2015 in the High School Library in 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 Curt Fiedler. Wade Netten was absent. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principal Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, Valecia West, and Justin Christensen.

During the open forum, Valecia West questioned whether there was a policy that would require each classroom to recite the pledge of allegiance at the start of each day. Amy Jurrens responded that there is not a policy to that effect, but would check into what each class is doing.

In board recognition, Mr. Barber thanked everyone who was involved with the recent site visit, including Larry Kruse, Pastor Dale Lint, Molly Schilling, Tom Schilling, Ashley DeBoer, Ruth Ackerman, staff, students and parents. He also recognized the Lyon County Economic Board, the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation, as well as local guidance counselors for organizing and presenting the career day for area students. The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation was also thanked for their support of the Strengthening Families program. The speech students were recognized for their excellent showing at the state tournament with three groups being nominated for all-state with two groups performing. Congratulations to the eight wrestlers who advanced to the district tournament, and to Zach Fugitt for having his 100<sup>th</sup> win. He will be recognized at the regional dual tournament at Central Lyon on February 10.

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the January 19 meeting.

A motion to approve and pay the bills as presented was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 4-0.

A motion to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports through January 31, 2015 was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

Wade Netten arrived at 7:20 P.M

Justin Christensen from DGR Engineering, presented drawings for the proposed parking lot improvements. He discussed drainage issues, sidewalk placement, and the removal of the city hydrant near the bus garage. His estimated cost for the project is \$350,000. The bid information will include a beginning date of July 6 and a completion of the project August 15, with a \$500/day penalty for not meeting the deadline. The bids will be viewed at the March 16 meeting.

Mr. Range reported that the construction class is building crows' nests for both the baseball and

softball fields. The GLR Athletic Boosters will be funding this project except for the stairs and steel entry doors. Also, the Entrepreneur class will be opening the Stable Coffeehouse in the high school library on February 16. The students have contacted investors, and are learning about establishing and running a business.

In Mrs. Schilling's absence, Mr. Barber presented her report on data walls in the Title classrooms. With assessment scores, teachers will be able to determine student progress in grades 1-4. Summer school may be required for those who are identified as not being proficient in the reading.

The Northwest AEA board briefs from January 19 were reviewed.

The board acknowledged a thank you received from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for their recent presentation at the basketball game.

Mr. Barber's report included the results of the recent site visit. Overall, requirements were met and it was apparent that the district climate and culture is positive, but our website is not user-friendly. The administration is working on moving forward to develop new ideas.

He attended the legislative session recently and spoke with Senator Johnson. The amount of supplemental state aid and categorical funding for 2015-16 is still unknown.

The facilities committee of Ryan and Curt met with Mr. Barber recently to discuss potential building improvements/repairs for summer.

He reported on the sharing meeting with Boyden-Hull, where they discussed additional sharing potentials including industrial arts and music, and the damage policy they have for their 1:1 student computer program.

The board reviewed the list of potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation funds. They continue to look at ways to enhance student needs.

Open enrollment requests for 2015-16 were received from Bob & Kristil School for their daughter to attend Sheldon Community School; and from Justin & Becky Marco for their daughter to attend Sibley-Ocheyedan. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 to approve the requests.

Revised board policy *603.04 Multi-Cultural and Gender Fair Education*, was presented for consideration. A motion to waive the second reading and approve the revised policy was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in Little Rock.

A motion to move to an exempt closed session was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to return to open session and adjourn was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg,

and carried 5-0.