

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 13, 2015

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on April 13, 2015 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, and Wade Netten. Curt Fiedler was absent. Also present were Superintendent Steve Barber, Principals Molly Schilling and Kevin Range, Secretary Delinda Kruger, and guests Sheryl Kruse, Valecia West, and Brenda Sandbulte.

In recognition, five students participated in the Northwest Iowa 6th grade Math Bee. The middle school dance held recently was a success. The FFA banquet was outstanding, and showed the leadership of the program. Thanks to Mrs. Poor Bear, Mr. Mauldin, and all the participants for the great performance at the swing show. Congratulations were extended to Jacob Dickmann for receiving two All-State nominations, being the first performer in GLR history to be nominated to All-State all four years, and also for receiving a total of nine total nominations....an amazing accomplishment. Mrs. Sandbulte was also commended for all her dedication to the speech program. Dani Eben participated in the IBCA All-Star Basketball Game, and Dani and Teyha Graham both played in the Northwest Iowa All-Star Game. Thanks to the members of the National Honor Society for their help with the children during the Strengthening Families program. Connor Jurrens was chosen as outstanding vocal jazz soloist, and Abby VanderLaan, and Mariah Leemkuil were chosen as outstanding jazz band soloists at the USD Jazz Fest. Mr. Barber thanked all of the committee members for donating their time to serving the district.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda with one addition under personnel.

The public hearing was held for the proposed 2015-16 budget. Mr. Barber noted that the tax rate is \$12.22, but is subject to change depending upon the state's decision on the supplemental state aid rate. There was no discussion from the public, so the hearing was closed.

The public hearing was held for the proposed 2015-16 calendar. Per state requirements, the school start date will be August 25, 2015.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the minutes of the March 16 meeting.

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

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

Mr. Range reported on the high school assembly that was held to discuss student behaviors and several other topics. He commended Madison Henning, Tom Schilling, and Ben Conaway for addressing the

group regarding respect and school pride.

Mrs. Schilling presented a summary of the Preschool Desk Audit that was conducted by the State of Iowa. The district has met all preschool program standards as required and received continued verified status for the program.

Memorial thanks were received from the families of Randy Meester and Kristi Donaker.

Brenda Sandbulte spoke to the board regarding the IHSSA honors that Jacob Dickmann has earned throughout his high school career at GLR. He has broken the GLR record for most All-State nominations all four years, and receiving a total of nine nominations during those years is a remarkable accomplishment.

The Northwest AEA board briefs from March 16 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the following individuals recommended for hire: Kameron LeFebvre-HS Science @ \$31,500; and Joel Hoogland-MS Social Studies @ \$30,000.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve contracts for Tyler Glanzer-Middle School Baseball @ \$2,100 and Assistant Baseball @ \$2,880.

A motion to approve summer school reading instructors including Melinda DeLeeuw, Kim Dykstra, Jenni VanderVeen, and Brittany Negus was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0. They will be paid \$20 per hour.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve Jessica Sandbulte for summer help @ \$9.25/hour.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve the voluntary transfer of Nyla Hellinga from Title I to Kindergarten for 2015-16.

Mr. Barber's report included the district's graduation rates, and technology plans for the 1:1 computer replacements. Due to the fact that the total amount will be over \$200,000, board policy requires that sealed bids be submitted for approval. A special meeting will be scheduled to consider any bids received.

There will be a retirement/recognition open house on May 6 for anyone retiring this year. The board will again provide an appreciation breakfast for all staff at the end of the year.

Negotiations are on hold right now, until the state sets the rate for supplemental state aid for 2015-16.

The list of potential revenue uses for the Lyon County Riverboat Foundations funds was reviewed.

A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to approve the proposed budget for 2015-16.

Mr. Range presented the list of twenty-six potential graduates for 2014-15. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve, subject to meeting all requirements as set forth by the district and the Iowa Department of Education.

A motion to approve the proposed 2015-16 calendar was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

Mr. Barber presented a proposal for the ending date for 2014-15. The last date for students would be May 20, and May 21 and 22 would be staff development for teachers. A motion to approve was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve the contract with Lyon County Health Services for 2015-16.

A motion to continue the sharing arrangement with Boyden-Hull (Science) for 2015-16 was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0.

The Athletic Sharing Agreement through 2018 with Central Lyon was reviewed. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve.

A proposal was presented from American Aluminum Seating for bleacher options at the softball field. The cost for 8-row x 21' aluminum bleachers would be \$6,093. A motion to approve the unit was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A request was received from Jenna Noble to attend the Lakeside Lab in Milford for hands-on learning with a group of 6-7 Science and Math students. Ms. Noble asked whether the board would cover her chaperone's fee of \$100 as well as her substitute teacher cost. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve the trip, transportation, and Ms. Noble's costs.

Mrs. Sandbulte submitted a request to again begin planning a trip to Washington, DC and New York City in 2016, with the approximate cost being \$1,800. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 to approve the request.

The second reading of Board policy 504.06 *Student Activity Program* was presented for adoption. A motion to approve was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A letter was received from Karie Aeikens, requesting permission for the annual 5th grade field trip to Des Moines on May 8th. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to approve the trip request.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull, and carried 4-0 to proclaim May 5th as National Teacher Day.

Costs to bury existing overhead electrical lines at the George site were discussed. The project would take approximately one week, with an estimated cost of \$87,500, and would have to be completed during the

parking lot project. It may require an extension to the completion date for the parking lot. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to table this item until the special meeting on April 22.

Mr. Barber presented a list of potential summer projects at a projected cost of \$95,000. A motion to approve the items on the list was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A revised job description for the School Business Official position was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

An open enrollment application was received from Michael Groen for his son to attend Central Lyon in 2015-16. A motion to approve 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 2015-16 Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing Agreement for food service.

Curt Fiedler arrived at 8:55 P.M.

A special board meeting will be held on April 22 at 5:30 P.M. in Little Rock to consider the computer purchase and the underground wiring proposal.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 8:15 P.M. in Little Rock.

At 9:00 P.M. a motion to go into closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:50 P.M.

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