

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on August 10, 2015 in the High School Media Center/Library in George. Board President Amy Jurrens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were Ryan Klingenberg, Doug Krull, Wade Netten, and Curt Fiedler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Secretary Delinda Kruger, Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and Valecia West.

In recognition, thanks were extended to the staff, particularly the custodial staff in getting the buildings ready for the new school year. Thanks was also expressed to the secretaries in unpacking boxes and distributing the supplies. The 4H students and their parents were also recognized for their success in the Lyon County Fair. Mason and Mackenzie Burg were recognized in recently successfully participating in the run in Rock Valley. The Summer Reading Program was also recognized with the children and parents complimented on their attendance and attitude towards the program. The City of George was recognized in working with the school for an open swim for students and their families, as well as using the park for a picnic for the Summer Reading Program students and their families.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 14 meeting was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the list of bills for payment was made by Krull, seconded by Klingenberg.

A motion to approve the financial reports as presented was made by Netten, seconded by Krull.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of July 20.

A thank you was received from the family of Marilyn Johnson for the plant. A thank you was also received from Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) for supporting the board and superintendent.

Principal reports were given by Molly Schilling and Kevin Range. Schilling reported the 4th grade move to Little Rock for the upcoming year with their own wing on the second floor. The 5th grade will be moved to the main floor using the previous 1st and 3rd grade rooms. Shared teacher planning groups will continue to be a focus. Ag classes will be a new exploratory class. Mustang Reading will continue with the addition of WIN (What I Need) as a focus for

independent reading levels and every student having 30 minutes/day of reading. Range reported the biggest teacher needs were reported as common planning time. He has implemented a daily grade-a like common planning time at the elementary level with once a week meetings with him to address this need. At the high school level, a common study hall will be implemented for 8th period for all students. Check out will be available to meet with class teachers during that time to address concerns. Spanish will be offered as a hybrid with Meester three times a week with lessons with a proctor on alternate days.

A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the following individuals recommended for employment: Kim Dykstra, special education driver; Joel Hoogland, volunteer cross country coach; and Levi Judge, volunteer volleyball coach.

The Superintendent Report was given by Mr. Barber outlining the plan for the beginning of the school year including the new teacher orientation, staff ed camp with a keynote address and breakout sessions, technology meeting and the required parent and student computer 1:1 information meetings. A staff cook-out will be held on August 18 at 6 pm. Updates on the projects was given. The new carpets in each of the buildings and Little Rock roof projects are completed. Parking lot project is nearing completion with the entry way yet to be done, and the possibility of an extension to the fence by the bus barn needed. Some air conditioners may need to be replaced yet. Window installation time has yet to be determined. Digital Direct Controller is becoming obsolete and service will no longer be available after the first of the year for the building management system. Premier reported that the current servers are 5-6 years old and most are rotated every 4 years.

The updated teacher handbooks were reviewed with minimal changes noted including changes to the policy coordinators and updating the lesson plans to the current practice. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve the updated teacher handbooks.

Open enrollment applications were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 to approve open enrollment for Alexis and Riley Meyer and Beau Bussell. A motion was made by Krull, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to deny the open enrollment application for Michaela and Bradlee Robbins due to the application deadline not being met.

Discussion was held regarding the Board Policy 905.01 – Community Use of School District Facilities and Equipment. A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Krull , and carried 5-0 to approve the first reading of board policy 905.01 with the changes of fees from \$15 to \$20 per hour, \$50 half day, and \$100 full day for the rental of the multi-purpose rooms, commons, and middle school gym and no transportation rental available.

Discussion was held regarding the disposal of the 2001 Chevy Venture van through salvaging to Lems. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to dispose of the 2001 Chevy Venture van.

Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Grant Policy for teacher grant applications was discussed. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Krull, and carried 5-0 to raise the teacher grants to \$750 to further support education and the needs of the staff.

The Premier Network Solutions Service Contract was presented for review. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten to approve the contract for the upcoming year at \$12,000.

The Direct Digital Control proposal quote was reviewed. A motion was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten to approve of the system upgrade at a cost of \$13,020.

The board was invited to attend the upcoming staff cook-out on Tuesday, August 18 beginning at 6:00 pm. An invitation was also shared to be present on August 26 at 9:00 am for Senator Grassley visiting the high school.

The next board meeting will be held on September 15 at 6:30 pm in Little Rock.

The motion to adjourn was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 to adjourn.