

# GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on October 12, 2015 in the High School Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, and Curt Fiedler. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, Athletic Director Tyler Glanzer, and guests Valecia West, Judy Klaassen, Dawn Arends, Linda Kannegieter, and Scott Heibult. Ryan Klingenberg arrived at 7:04 pm.

A quorum was established as all board members were present. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward. In recognition, Superintendent Barber recognized the students for their politeness while he served in the lunch line. Tyler Glanzer was also recognized for his character messages sent out weekly to all students. Principal Schilling recognized the Builder's Club for the high honors they recently received for their activities and numbers. Students were also recognized for the I-STAT (Iowa Students Taking Action Against Tobacco) Club being initiated and the Penny War. Nicole Rockman was recognized for her partnership in bringing the Mega Heart to school for heart education. Marching Band was recognized for their successful season. Principal Range recognized FFA for their upcoming Feed the Farmers. Student conduct and support at the VanderLaan funeral were also recognized.

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

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

Bills were discussed. A motion to approve the bills was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

Principal reports were given by Kevin Range and Molly Schilling. Principal Range reported on the success of the common study hall period for teachers and students. Principal Schilling reported on the transition seeing good growth, adaptation, and collaborative culture for reading strategies, CGI (math problems), LIT circles and WIN time to individualize lessons based on needs.

Activities Director Tyler Glanzer reported on his transition and vision. He also shared his focus on servant leadership with taking 2 senior leaders, Mariah Terhark and Alex Kruse, to the Pursuing Victory with Honor in Sioux City. Fundraiser ideas are being brainstormed recognizing activity costs increasing with the income staying the same. A policy for activity tickets will be implemented and shared with all buildings. Activity Ticket costs will be evaluated with other conference schools being contacted for comparisons to consider an increase. Mr. Barber shared the losses for the last two years in activities. The board encouraged coordinating with the boosters and having control of rotation of the uniforms.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of September 21, 2015. AEA profile of purchasing savings was also reviewed.

Board members were encouraged to join Mr. Barber for the IASB meeting in Spencer on November 3 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm for board member orientation and the IASB convention on November 18 and 19. Mr. Barber also shared the School Board U – Guide to Board Development.

A motion to approve Randy Meester as Driver's Ed Instructor at \$180 per student was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Cheyanne Ledford as paraeducator at \$9.25 per hour was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Joel Hoogland as Middle School Boys Basketball coach at \$1500 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

Discussion items included the Farm to School Concept to research the use of local produce to be purchased by the food nutrition program. Smarter Balance will become law May 2017 and is linked to common core standards but will be more expensive and measure applied skills (vs. Iowa Assessments). Currently, assessments are in November with them moving to May which will affect the trend lines. Bright bytes tech survey will be used during assessments and a community survey is hoped to be used during parent teacher conferences.

Superintendent Barber reported that policy reviews will need to take place with the goal of a series every other month. A policy subcommittee with administration analyzing that practices meet policy was recommended with Fiedler and Klein volunteering. Issued backpack numbers were shared with 96/150 high school students and 49/68 middle school students using a school issued backpack. An invitation to a board meeting will be extended to Senator David Johnson and Representative John Wills. EMC assessment was overall positive with a recommendation for the district to select medical providers for their workmen compensation claims utilizing a doctor from both Rock Rapids and Sibley. The federal government has recently put a replacement grant process in place for buses with eligibility of up to \$15,000 to replace a pre-2006 model with a new model. Applications are due by October 30, 2015. The board discussed the years of the buses and that it was a good idea to pursue the possibility of the grant.

Mr. Barber requested committee meetings for facility, personnel, PERL, and policy committee within the next month or two. Mr. Barber reported that he will be presenting at a human resource workshop on October 20 and attending other seminars at the conference. It was reported that all teachers have received information on the Teacher Leadership and Compensation selection process and timeline with recommendations for two positions at the December board meeting. The LCRF check was received and will show in the October financials. The board reviewed revenue uses. Additional grant options should be considered to meet the activity needs utilizing the fundraisers as matches. Updates to the backpack program were shared with families now receiving coupons to redeem from a list of items at the Little Rock or George grocery stores over the weekend.

A motion to approve the recommendation for payment of \$1250 per year to Salem Reformed Church to utilize their parking lot for staff and event parking was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the revised 2015-2016 school year fundraiser list with the understanding that additional fundraisers will need to be approved by administration was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the request for eight students and Mr. Rockhill to attend the FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY October 27 – October 31 with costs covered by FFA, plus \$100 per member contribution was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

The district may request modified allowable growth and supplemental aid to increase authority without cash for a negative special education balance as it is a federally mandated program by law. A motion to approve the application for modified allowable growth for the FY2015 (2014-2015 school year) special education deficit of \$8,745.41 was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the driver's education fee at \$225, with students from other schools required to pay the full \$225 fee no matter income levels, was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the regular PPEL of .33 cents per thousand assessed property value which is no change to what is current was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Teacher Grant from Mrs. Christensen for classroom CPR models was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve an open enrollment application for 2016-17, with all timelines and criteria being met, was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

The next board meeting was set for Monday, November 9 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0 with a work session to follow.