

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 in the Middle School Library in Little Rock. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm requesting a moment of silence to remember the late Ethan Christians and extending the district's condolences to his family and friends. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, and Ryan Klingenberg. Curt Fiedler was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Karie Aeikens, Stacie VerSteeg, Mitch Lupkes, Kim Dykstra, Morgan McComas, Levi Judge, Sharon Klaahsen, Miranda Dreesen, Whitney Steenhoven, Shawn Dreesen, Vicki Klaassen, Brady Klaassen, Bryant Klaassen, Scott Burdsall, and Caleb Burdsall. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized all sponsors and volunteers who assisted with hosting the district speech tournament, Brandon Sprock for his artwork which was recognized by legislature, Spencer Carstensen and Dhalton Dirks for being nominated for All-State Individual Speech.

Principal Kevin Range recognized TV news for their All-State Banner, new National Honor Society members recently inducted, and upcoming State FFA participants including Miranda Dreesen for her Iowa Degree and Proficiency Award.

Principal Schilling recognized the success of the box top challenge with \$858 raised and extended appreciation to Geraldine and Grandma Jan for their assistance, magazine and cookie dough sales sold \$7406, Builders Club concession stand, and the successful response of the Strengthening Families program with assistance from the National Honor Society students.

An adopted agenda was requested deleting the Little Rock Entrance from the agenda. A motion to approve the adopted agenda was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

Public hearing of the proposed 2016-17 school calendar was held with no discussion brought forward.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

Mr. Judge, Caleb Burdsall, and Whitney Steenhoven reported on their recent experience and participation with the NASA trip to Houston. Caleb's team won the event judged by Boeing and NASA engineers.

Mr. Lupkes reported on technology upgrades, the new 1:1 laptops, the increased internet speed being the fastest in the state, policy plan effectiveness which has reduced repair costs, parent support meetings, computer lease with the second part of returns by November with some kept for extras. Future projects considered include Office 365, Windows 10, and the need to update servers which are 6 years old.

Principal Schilling reported on the preschool family night focusing around math commending Stacie VerSteeg and Pat Janssen, state taskforce team revising QPPS (quality preschool standards), state AEA needs of preschool and teachers to collect and analyze data, individual growth and development for preschool universal screener, and the upcoming preschool open house in April.

Principal Range recognized extra-curriculars commending fans and student body for attendance and involvement of the games including receiving compliments from opposing communities. Mr. Range also reported on senior and college freshman application of classes, expanding career exploration, and internships for job experiences.

Superintendent Barber reported on the application for the Harding Family Scholarship with the GLR Foundation managing the eligibility and application requirements. Deadline for application is April 15, as all other GLR Foundation applications, with the amount of scholarship up to the cost of one year of tuition and fees at Iowa State, but able to attend anywhere in an agriculture related field. The GLR foundation will be present during parent-teacher conferences on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 to assist with scholarship opportunities.

Mr. Barber reported on the mergers of Frontier Insurance with Waagmeester, Continuum with Centerpoint Energy Services, and Chemco with JCL. He also shared the Iowa Association of School Boards Leadership for Student Learning on Tuesday, April 19 from 6-8:30 pm in Sheldon requesting board member representation. The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of February 15, 2016.

A motion to approve the recommendation for hire of Kendra Reitsma at \$9.25 per hour as special education paraprofessional was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

Discussion was held regarding the TLC process and the ability to modify it for only one teacher. Concerns were also expressed for looking at demographics of students versus just the number of students in regards to class sizes particularly with the upcoming 4th grade class. This will be added to an upcoming work session.

Superintendent Barber reported on the Kindergarten round-up set for April 4, the ISJIT interest rate increase, HVAC bid process, Instructional Support Levy due in 2018 with deadline of February 2017 regular meeting, upcoming work session and superintendent evaluation for April, annual budget progress, and his upcoming jury duty. Mr. Barber also reported the approval of the At-Risk application and the legislative update agreed on coupling bill with projected SSA solved in the next couple days. Senator Johnson and Representative Wills will be in Rock Rapids on Saturday with Superintendent Barber attending. Klingenberg and Krull will be attending the Friday sharing meeting.

The Lyon County Riverboat Foundation revenue uses were reviewed with no action taken.

A motion to approve the Second Reading of Policy 505.07 Commencement with diploma and transcripts explanation for at-risk was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve School Calendar 2016-2017 Plan 1 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the bid from McDonald Roofing to replace the east side of the gym roof on the Little Rock building for an amount of \$25,774 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve four open enrollment requests that have met timelines and criteria was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the State FFA convention attendance request partnering again with Central Lyon with it being GLR's turn to provide transportation for the event was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

The first reading of Policy 705.1 was recommended for approval by Mr. Barber with an explanation of purchasing and bidding. Public improvements \$55,000-\$135,000 law states quotation required. Bidding process required over \$135,000. A motion to approve was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting was set for Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm in George. A work session was set for Monday, April 4 at 5:15 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.