

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on April 12, 2016 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Dawn Arends, Judy Klaassen, Dan Helkenn, Matthew Helkenn, Bob Johnson, Isaiah Johnson, Alek Aeikens, Jacob Starr, and Ashley DeBoer. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized Ron and Judy Schneider for their \$625 donation to the athletic department in appreciation for help with moving, Mr. Range, Mrs. Schilling, teachers, and students for their time and energy in the interview process to fill district vacancies.

Principal Kevin Range recognized Kindergarten roundup and the staff involved, ACT prep teachers, individual All-State speech success, parent-teacher conferences and the staff involvement, Frontier Bank for their contribution during conferences, National Library Week and the library staff, Swing Show students and staff, FFA banquet and all the businesses who donated. Principal Schilling recognized Matt Haken for his jazz band participation as an 8th grader, 4H Elgin members for their park clean-up, 5th grade Night of Notables success and the staff who assisted, and Jesse Henrichs (GLR graduate at USD) for his participation and winning a boxing match raising money for St. Jude's Hospital.

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

A public hearing was held for the proposed 2016-2017 budget. Superintendent Barber recognized the budget was posted with the board agenda and in both district papers within the time requirements with a tax rate of \$12.13 and income surtax of 12% with both showing decreases. There was no discussion from the public, so the public hearing was closed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 14 and special meeting on April 5 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

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

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

Ashley DeBoer presented a promotional video for the school prepared by the multi-media class. The board thanked and recognized the group for the great job with some finishing touches still needed before placing on the website and facebook pages.

Jacob Starr and Alec Aeikens presented their Genius Week Project including a power point presentation for redesigning the Little Rock entrance for efficiency and handicap accessibility. It was noted that Erik Macias and Jesse Kramer were also part of the project. Option A total with 3 doors estimate was \$8000. Option B total with 2 larger doors estimate was \$7200 with the advantages and disadvantages noted. The group was recognized and thanked by the board. Board recommended Mr. Barber follow-up on estimates with option A as the preference.

Miss West and TAG students, Matthew Helkenn and Isaiah Johnson, gave a presentation on their Go Animate software project. Miss West thanked the board for the software purchase. Students wrote a script about problems in the world and created characters to portray in a video. Miss West has created a YouTube channel and has the videos posted on her webpage accessible through the school website. The Board recognized and thanked them for their presentation.

Written principal reports were presented. Mrs. Schilling shared about a poetry book created by the 8th graders to present to Mrs. Hayenga for National Library week. Mr. Range shared about the scholarship night where all scholarships were presented to senior parents, ACT prep class, and parent-teacher conference attendance.

The middle school and high school were recognized for Authentic Intellectual Work Commitment Award received. The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of March 21, 2016. The board also reviewed a letter from the Iowa Association of School Boards recognizing and thanking the district for its membership.

A motion to approve resignations from Amanda Fredrichsen - 4th grade teacher and 7th grade volleyball, and Mitch Lupkes - middle school football was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, carried 4-0. The board thanked them both for their service.

Superintendent Barber made the following recommendations for hire with Mr. Range and Mrs. Schilling sharing support and reasoning for the recommendations: Morgan McComas as Middle School Math Instructor at salary of 1 year experience, Molly Bomgaars as Vo Ag Instructor/FFA advisor for beginning teacher salary of \$30,000 plus 13 day extended contract of \$2047.24, and Thomas Vigdal as High School Math Instructor at \$30,000. A motion to approve was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

Mitch Lupkes was recommended for Assistant Varsity Football Coach with Mr. Range sharing the position was opened to all GLR staff and Toby and Jason from Central Lyon observing the interview process since it is part of the sharing agreement. Thomas Vigdal was also interviewed but he recognized he was not ready for high school level yet. A motion to approve Mitch Lupkes as Assistant Varsity Football Coach for \$3120 was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0.

Superintendent Barber's report included concerns addressed at the meeting between the Central Lyon sharing committee and Central Lyon (transportation concerns, hosting events for revenues, GLR weight room utilization, and the costs involved particularly noting the costs associated with the success of state tournament qualifications). He also shared about the upcoming summer school with the consensus to increase the potential assistance through 5th grade for eligible candidates with a potential of 50 students this year compared to 38 last summer while still ensuring staffing to maintain small group status for best assistance. Summer food program is still being considered with the possibility of a closed program for summer reading participants pending reimbursements and state visit approval. Funding was questioned with the ability to use early literacy, special education, and at-risk funds pending participants with an estimate of \$15,000-\$20,000 for the 6 week period.

Mr. Barber also shared a legislative update noting the 2.25% SSA, SAVE extension, and concerns over the proposed voucher program. The HVAC project will be advertised for bids in the next issues of Lyon County News and Little Rock Free Lance with a pre-bid meeting held April 22 at 2:00 pm. Bids will be opened publicly at 2:00 pm on May 5 with board needing to meet May 9 or 10. Town meeting dates will be addressed. May Board meeting will need to approve an alternate option for insurance to replace the

Classic 200 insurance option which will no longer be available to the district and the server will also be presented.

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

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy 705.1 Purchase-Bidding adding language as recommended was made by Netten, seconded Klein, carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the 2016-2017 proposed certified budget with the goal met of staying fiscally sound while maintaining tax rates was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

Mr. Range presented the list of thirty-eight potential graduates for 2016. A motion to approve was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0, subject to meeting all requirements as set forth by the district and the Iowa Department of Education.

Mr Barber presented the proposed ending date for 2015-2016 with May 6 being a full day instead of an early out, May 25 as last day for students, and professional development days for teachers May 26 and 27 and a ½ day on May 31 with breakfast served to staff and recognition for increments of 5 years of service. A motion to approve was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0 to proclaim May 3 as National Teacher Day to formally recognize and show appreciation to staff.

A motion to approve LCRF grant request from Mrs. Barkel for \$654.10 to support the DRA Leveled Readers was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 4-0. The board encouraged staff to continue to apply for funding requests.

A motion to approve the field trip request to Des Moines for the capital visit for 5th grade was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

Summer Recreation position was reviewed. This position usually goes from when school is out through July with examples shared of camps at Pahoja, golf lessons, and movie nights. This position was previously paid at \$1500. A motion to approve advertisement of the summer recreation coordinator position with the recommendation of creating guidelines for the position was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

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

CORRECT ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Secretary

Board President