

## GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 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, Curt Fiedler, and Ryan Klingenberg. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, Activities Director Tyler Glanzer and guests Valecia West, Dawn Arends, Judy Klaassen, Levi Judge, Josh Haken, Brian Luenberger, Craig Johnson, and Sam Chase. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized staff, students, and community members who assisted with the Frisbee Golf project; Paul Denekas and Jeff Jager for preparing the football field for Thursday's scrimmage; all who were involved in a successful summer school; Ruth, Sue, Geraldine, Mr. Range, and Mrs. Schilling for their work with registration; and all Lyon County fair participants. Principal Kevin Range recognized Miranda Dreesen who received a \$2500 scholarship from the National FFA Organization. Principal Schilling recognized Lyon County Fair participants, Miss Bomgaars who assisted with fair events, Megan Krull for being selected Miss Congeniality, community members who have been involved in service projects, and the communities for their support in the past Campbell Soup labels project which was used for many supplies but has now been discontinued.

An adopted agenda was requested to add a couple recommendations for hire. A motion to approve the adopted agenda was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

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

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.

Sam Chase with Frontier Insurance presented the 2016-17 EMC insurance package and premium summary along with recommendations to consider equipment breakdown coverage for mechanical breakdowns.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of July 18, 2016. IASB letter, and the letter on Open Meetings Law Supreme Court Decision. Lynette Kruger was recognized for the donation received to the FFA through her refrigerator sale.

Principals Range and Schilling's written reports were shared. Mrs. Schilling reported on the planned 4<sup>th</sup> grade support and the 2015-16 WIN (What I Need) experiment and the reflection process. Mr. Range invited Mr. Glanzer to discuss a new fundraiser option for the activities department with a sports app and the opportunity to appeal to a wider audience of adults and students without the normal selling process. It involves a small start-up fee of \$40 and \$10 per month. If approved he will request assistance in getting the word out that all the activities department (athletics, speech/drama, music/band, etc.) will benefit from users of the app. Craig Johnson shared examples and details about the app and fundraiser process. Mr. Range reported on 2<sup>nd</sup> semester internship and apprenticeship opportunities to explore opportunities and job experiences for seniors in good standing for graduation. He also reported on the food to school greenhouse project curriculum sustainability with projected costs with grow lights of \$75,000 which grants would be obtained if proceeding with the project.

Superintendent Barber made the following recommendations for hire: Kris VerSteege, preschool paraprofessional in Little Rock and possibly George at \$9.56/hour; Wanda Sonne, special ed paraprofessional in Little Rock at \$9.25/hour. A motion to approve was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Brian Luenberger as mentor teacher at \$1500 replacing a previous recommendation who was not able to serve was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Kory Schulte as volunteer cross country coach was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0. Aaron Poor Bear was recommended for head boys' basketball coach at \$3998 noting he has master work in coaching. Fiedler spoke about the long overdue process and reflection requesting everyone to give support to the position. He stressed the importance of the community and staff being supportive and positive. A motion to approve Poor Bear was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Jordan Kruse as middle school football coach at \$1500 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

Superintendent Barber shared information on the last group of leased computers coming up in the fall with a buy-out option of \$9600 for all computers or the option of just purchasing part of the group for a parts source. Differentiated accountability results from the State of Iowa were shared regarding the FAST screener which has a primary focus of speed and accuracy and is the universal screener adopted by the state that replaces DIBELS. On average, the state has ¼ of students not proficient. 2015-16 driver's education estimated revenues/expenses including all free/reduced students were shared. The new bidders requirement law with 3 criterias needed and new procedures was shared. Mr. Barber reminded the board that the ISL is due in 2018 which is currently a combination of income surtax and property tax which provided a total of \$249,061 the previous year. Discussion was held regarding the options of public hearing to extend for 5 years or take to a vote for 10 year extension. Board communication narrative of happenings was discussed as an education piece to put copies around the communities and on the website sharing all the district's positives with the community. Superintendent Barber reported on trainings with new teachers, ed camp, professional development, work day, open houses, parent 1:1 computer meetings, CGI instruction, AIW, professional development ethics course with all support staff included on August 26. Mr. Barber shared the initial count is down about the graduation number versus incoming new students. Kim with Good Samaritan Society and Pastor Lint were recognized for a planning grant. Also shared was the Special Education law document compliance and a new conference rule regarding outside food coming in not being allowed at events except being allowed in locker rooms. Superintendent Barber has been asked to serve on a statewide C4K committee regarding early literacy. The board was asked to help Wednesday at the 5:30 staff picnic.

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

A motion to approve two open enrollment applications which met all requirements was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve staff employee funded 403b benefit limiting to core providers only was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the teacher handbooks, preschool family handbook, classified employee benefits guideline, coaching handbook, and the bus driver handbook was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. Each group will meet with staff provided their related handbooks.

The LCRF Teacher Grant from Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. McComas for IXL for about 100 student licenses at \$13.50 for each student to access. The board expressed the understanding that it is a tool to support teaching not replace teaching to correspond with what is being taught in the classroom. The board stressed the awareness that the board will evaluate in order for the project to continue. A motion to

approve the grant request with the understanding of an evaluation of uses and effectiveness report required from teachers involved with no guarantee for continuation was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting, including organizational meeting, was set for Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

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