

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on February 13, 2017 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, and Ryan Klingenberg. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Molly Bomgaars, Joel Hoogland, Jill Nachtigal, Brandon Meyer, and Cole Kaster. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized the Booster Club for the new gym pads; all the businesses and parents who work the concession stand; the SIAC committee members of parents, teachers, administrators who engage in conversations and gather information for other committees; and all winter activities for their time and efforts. Mr. Barber expressed how proud and thankful he is for our students and coaches.

Principal Kevin Range recognized freshman and sophomores for attending Lyon Co. Career Exploration Days, counselors and organizers who set up, the dynamic and engaging speakers at the event, homecoming week activities, variety show and Mr. Mauldin and Mrs. Poor Bear for their work, large group speech all-state members including One Act who is performing in this category for the first time in school history, TV News, Group Mime, and Ensemble Acting who is non-performing. Mr. Range invited everyone to the send offs for the wrestling and all-state speech members and coaches. Mr. Range congratulated the girls basketball team on their season.

Principal Schilling recognized 5th graders and their DARE Graduation, Sheriff VanderStoep for leading DARE, Nyron Moore who was DARE guest speaker, and Elise Sandbeck and Alexis Landis DARE essay winners.

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

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 Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0.

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

A public hearing was held on the 2017-2018 school calendar. It was reported that the committee has met and agreed upon the calendar with it posted in all buildings. Citizens were invited to address the board. No discussion was held.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of January 30, 2017 and upcoming IASB Board Governance Workshops noting March 21 in Sheldon. President Krull shared Lyon County Auditor office committee information.

Wade Netten arrived at 5:50 pm. Principal reports were shared. Principal Range shared 64% of high school students are on honor roll. He also shared FAST data and how teachers have classroom interventions with specific students to help their growth. Principal Schilling shared FAST data and growth reporting that data sources are being analyzed to tailor instruction to student needs. Mr. Hoogland reported on the interdisciplinary unit with the theme of perseverance for a World War II unit comparing

Holocaust, Genocide, and what's happening in the world with refugees with the hope of helping to end hatred happening in the world. It is a unit with different concepts around the same content at different levels helping students with prior knowledge and background to the unit.

A motion to accept the resignation of Sue Roseberry as elementary secretary was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0. The board expressed thanks for her many years of dedication and service and all that she did for the district. Fiedler expressed the need to advertise and hire to give ample training for the new person.

A motion to accept the resignations of Kameron LeFebvre as high school science teacher, Tara Madsen as ELL/Special Education teacher with both moving to other areas was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0. The board expressed their appreciation for their service.

A motion to approve the recommendation for hire of Matthew Grave as George elementary paraprofessional at 29 hours at \$9.25 per hour was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

Superintendent Barber shared about legislative updates regarding the Chapter 20 Collective Bargaining with expectations of timeline by the end of the week, state supplemental aid has been set at 1.11% which will kick in the guarantee budget, open enrollment increase in the last year, and the changes to the Aid & Levy by the Department of Management. Mr. Barber shared the personnel and budget committees need to meet, and Klein needs to meet about the Policy Series 500. The afterschool program has 16 signed up with positive feedback received. The *Northwest Iowa Review Stampede* will highlight GLR this coming weekend.

President Krull expressed how the board is committed to the teachers and the organization with the uncertainty with the Chapter 20 process.

A motion to approve the 2015-2016 audit with no compliance findings was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten. A roll call vote was taken with Netten, Fiedler, Klein, Klingenberg, and Krull all ayes, and no nays. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar with a start date of August 23 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the HVAC bids for the George Elementary. Both bid prices and alternate bids were explained with the changes made last year. Concern was shared about having Direct Digital control the elementary building. It is believed that this is subcontracted so it limits controls by the district. A motion to approve the alternate 1 HVAC bid of \$487,450 from Baete-Forseth of Sioux Falls was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0 with project to be completed by August 22.

A motion to approve the Premier phone system bid of \$15,502.00 with extra estimation of \$6500 on the high side for labor was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0. The system will allow internal communications between sites and software is provided to make changes internally.

A motion to approve the open enrollment request to continue education at GLR while moving out of district was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the early graduation request from Taylor Smith per Policy 505.06 for first semester of 2017-2018 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the LCRF grant request from the George Elementary teachers for \$612.50 was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, carried 5-0.

Miss Bomgaars requested to attend the State FFA Convention utilizing the point system and GPA to be allowed to attend. Students shared activities taking place, and delegates with 16 students expected to attend with Central Lyon providing transportation this year. A motion to approve the request to attend the State FFA Convention was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the summer recreation program for 2017 was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler and carried 5-0.

A special board meeting with closed session for the superintendent evaluation and work session to follow was set for February 22 at 5:30 pm in Little Rock.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

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