

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on April 11, 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, and Ryan Klingenberg. Curt Fiedler and Wade Netten were unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Amy Stump, Kris Hamilton, Nick Long, Jayden Klingenberg, Erik Vander Laan, and Ashley Stueven. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized Mr. Long and his students for the plans they presented to the Kiwanis; Lynette Kruger who we discovered has paid the FFA farm electric bill until now with no repayments requested; Library/Media week recognizing Trish, Dawn, Amanda, and Tina for their work; Myles Master and Caleb Burdsall who will participate in the World Prize Institute at the state level; and Miss Stump who reported on her first year of teaching at GLR.

Principal Range recognized band and music students and Mr. Mauldin and Mrs. Poor Bear for their recent events including state music, USD Jazz Festival, and a great Swing Show; Abby Vander Laan all-state individual speech participant and her TAG project WW II display, along with Tina and Michele for their help; NASA trip participants Erik Vander Laan and Ashley Stueven; Molly Bomgaars for the FFA Banquet success; teachers with the NCRC tests, assessments, and parent teacher conferences; Jim McConnell and foundation scholarship night presentation; track and golf participants; those who helped with Kindergarten roundup; and all the superintendent search focus groups for successful meetings with Les.

Principal Schilling recognized parent teacher conferences and Linda, Rosalie, and Char for their help; Frontier Bank for the meat and cheese platter; 5th grade Night of the Notables; and all who helped with the Pass, Shoot, and Dribble event.

A motion to approve the adopted agenda which added some bills and resignations was made by _____, seconded by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein and carried 3-0.

Public hearing was held on the 2017-2018 published budget. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of March 20, 2017 and the Iowa Architectural Foundation press release recognizing Austin Eben who received NW Region Photography Award for his picture "Library". State of Iowa Department of Education Cuts were shared. IASB Membership information was shared. Klein shared about the board workshop he and Superintendent Barber attended recognizing not to micromanage and having members follow the proper chain of command.

NASA trip report was shared by Erik Vander Laan and Ashley Stueven about the learning experience from their trip. Advice was to talk to others to get the most out of the experience.

Jayden Klingenberg shared about the Kiwanis project that Mr. Long and students presented. Kiwanis can project wanted can crib more functional with slant and ability to access cans to get them out and improve the aesthetic look. Mr. Long and students presented options to the Kiwanis after using CAD design and the 3D printing with Jayden's option selected, After revising, it will be presented to the Kiwanis again with the metals class making the project. Again GLR is giving real world skills in their education through this project.

Mrs. Hamilton shared about the WW II unit and museum collaboration and the success of the learning through student voice/student choice making great things happen. This unit used collaboration for staff and students in science, math, English, history, and TAG. It was a fun way to incorporate the unit with students learning much more about why WW II generation is considered the greatest generation.

Principal Schilling reported on the 8th graders and Holocaust museum being a powerful unit for the students and parent teacher conferences with 94% attendance. Mrs. Klaahsen and 4th graders are using marble run kits in science class to learn about gravity, motion, angles, and good STEM principles while working together. The 5 free kits were donated by the ambassador program. Mrs. Schilling reminded everyone that volunteers are still needed for the hosted Central Lyon track meet on May 5.

A motion to approve the resignations effective the end of the 2016-17 year for Jill Christensen, FACS teacher, and Nicole Rockman, 5th grade teacher, with both accepting positions where they reside, was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0. Both were thanked for their service to the district.

A motion to approve the resignations of Gary Jager and Dave Klaahsen as bus drivers effective June 30 with plans for both to substitute drive after November 1 was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg and carried 3-0. Both were thanked for their service to the district.

A motion to approve Adrienne Reitsma, Nathan Voss, and Dwayne Postma as new substitute teachers was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

Superintendent Barber reported on legislative updates and stressed the importance of public school parents taking an active role in advocating for our public schools regarding school choice. Netten and Barber met with Boyden-Hull about the sharing agreement for Mr. Verburg. Both districts recognized both are the smallest schools in the Siouxland Conference with similar demographics of the smallest grades in the elementary leaving with an understanding both are willing to look at similar sharing opportunities for operational sharing in the future. Krull and Klingenberg reported on the Central Lyon sharing meeting with good open discussion and improvements recognizing it is the longest sharing agreement in the state. Two new coaching positions will be added with shared costs if approved. Next year, the 4 year agreement will need to be renewed.

Mr. Barber shared the Iowa Association of School Boards General Fund expenditures per served enrollment across the state noting GLR spends more money per student than any of the surrounding schools demonstrating GLR's commitment to the students. Project updates included an HVAC project pre-construction meeting to be held Wednesday, April 19, The Mustang will be painted, carpets will be ordered soon, and finalizing extensions for the new phone system. Mr. Barber shared the estimate of \$6000 for equipment to convert the old concessions stand into a weight room with the possibility of using

the other end of the building for something else. This will be further discussed when all board members are in attendance at an upcoming work session.

The superintendent interview schedule for April 26 was reviewed. The board praised the focus groups who had good interaction with Les. Updates are needed for kitchen equipment. GLR will present their initial proposal on Wednesday at 4:00. A mock accident will take place on April 19 beginning with a lockdown in the building.

The board reviewed the 2017-18 budget noting tax rate is close to same as past years. The increase in LOST/SAVE fund takes note of the HVAC project and leaves room for additional items if necessary. A motion to approve the 2017-18 published budget was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg. A roll call vote was taken with Klein, Klingenberg, and Krull all ayes, no nays, passes 3-0.

A motion to approve the 2017 graduating class as presented was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0. Krull will hand out diplomas.

A motion to approve the shared sport coaching contracts adding assistant softball coach and junior high cross country coach based upon projected numbers with contracts held by GLR and Central Lyon being billed half of the expenses with both schools having representation during the interview process which has become standard procedure was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the Little Rock Roof Bid of \$33,972 from McDonald Roofing for the entrance roof plus Mr. Barber estimating \$3500 for Peters to remove wooden fire stairs and enclose 2nd and 3rd level doors and reside some after roof is installed was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the George Roof Bid of \$27,220 from McDonald Roofing for the shop area roof was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, carried 3-0.

Discussion was held about the guarantee of the roof projects noting a 15 year guarantee and the good relationship built with McDonald Roofing.

A motion to approve the mower purchase for George and trade in the current mower with the bid of \$5305 with all attachments working with the new mower and adding a thatcher was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the proclamation for National Teacher Day on May 2 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the open enrollment request was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the juvenile liaison officer contract with the courts for \$11,500 per year noting the dollar change as no longer sharing with Central Lyon so each district issued a contract now was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the 5th grade field trip to Des Moines to visit the Capitol and Living History Farms was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the LCRF Teaching grant to test how flexible seating improves collaboration for elementary students, particularly for reading and math, was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Klein, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the spring Lakeside Lab retreat request for authentic learning was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve obtaining concrete bids for sidewalks at the George site was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0. Discussion was held about possibly needing a building permit from the city for this with Mr. Barber following up on the requirement.

Reminders were given for the board meetings on April 19 and April 26 for the superintendent search.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, May 15 at 7 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.