

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on May 17, 2017 in the Library in Little Rock. 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, and Ryan Klingenberg. Todd Klein and Curt Fiedler were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Steve Barber, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Brian Luenberger, Nathan Klingenberg, and Brandon Meyer. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Barber recognized Superintendent interview focus groups, fine arts programs, sports, and those receiving awards at awards night. Mr. Barber also recognized the board for School board recognition month thanking them for their service and presenting certificates of appreciation. Iowa Association of School Board's Promise of Iowa promotional materials were also distributed to board members. Retirees Sue Roseberry, Gary Jager, and David Klaahsen were also recognized with a good turn out at their retirement parties.

Principal Kevin Range recognized National Library Week and our librarians Dawn, Amanda, and Trish; those involved with the mock accident with great feedback from the students, thanking Little Rock, George, and county emergency teams; the success of prom, concerts, professional development; and all who assisted with Teacher Appreciation Week. Recognition was also given to state track participants, golf teams, and those who participated in the blood drive where National Honor Society provided support.

Principal Schilling recognized Mrs. Poor Bear and Mr. Mauldin for spring concerts; Foster Grandparent Jan Schilling who is retiring; conference track meet and all the volunteers who assisted, especially Jason Engelman for his support; all those who have assisted with interviewing processes; Olivia Johnson who received the 8th grade history award; track and field upcoming events; and Builders Club who volunteered at Good Samaritan Society.

Doug thanked staff, teachers, and administration for a successful school year. Mr. Barber expressed his appreciation to the success of emergency procedures during the tornado warnings of the day, recognizing the cooperation and appreciation to staff and students.

An adopted agenda was requested to add an action item of AEA purchasing agreement and an additional recommendation to hire. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes with an amended meeting date due to the meeting change was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

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

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

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of April 17, 2017. IASB convention dates of November 15-17 were shared with board attendance encouraged. A thank you from Gary Jager for the retirement party was also presented.

Nathan Klingenberg, and Brandon Meyer reported on the state FFA convention thanking the board for allowing their attendance. Krull expressed appreciation for reporting to the board about the trip and their representation of GLR.

Brian Luenberger reported on ideas for the PE department to add technology through heart rate monitors/heart zones. Information about the wrist velcro monitors with washable wristbands were shared and viewed while visiting LeMars PE class. A TV would be placed in the gym to view activity zone and track activity which helps hold students accountable. It is proposed to start with high school classes in addition to K-12 curriculum. The curriculum proposed would be 35 monitors and a tv in the gym with plexiglass protection which anonymously shows heart rate, physical activity, and distance/steps. Data is stored and used to show progress in PE, estimating \$8800 in costs with a one-time user fee and license and free app using LCRF funds.

Principal Schilling reported on Middle School TAG competition in book bash and shared an update on preschool technology purchase of Hatch: The Early Learning Experts who have developed tablets and licenses for documenting students' growth. The request was made to purchase 6 tablets with placements based on numbers, estimating 4 in George and 2 in Little Rock with a yearly fee per student to load portfolios.

Principal Range reported on teacher retention, costs of hiring, and the success and support system offered at GLR. Over 90% of students received IPasses based on Iowa Assessments goals. Iowa Assessments were reported on the success of reading and mathematics.

A motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Luenberger as assistant boys basketball coach was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0. The board expressed their thanks and appreciation for his many years of service and support.

Superintendent Barber made the following recommendations for hire: Reid Geerdes as Juvenile Liaison Officer at \$40,000; Shae Pollema as preschool teacher at \$30,750; Sherri Stratman as Family Consumer Science at \$34,978; Melia Winter as Little Rock center model teacher at \$3000, Jenessa Hermann as GLR/CL Assistant Softball coach at \$2583, Darcy Hansmann as food service clerical at \$12.00 per hour, Amy Stump as drama director at \$1691, Jordan Kruse as summer school transportation at current shuttle rate, Darcy Eben as summer school transportation at current shuttle rate and special education para at current hourly rate, Ashley Eben as AM bus route at route rate, and Taylor Klingenberg as volunteer baseball coach. A motion to approve all recommendations was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0.

Discussion was held regarding the new teacher manual due to the Chapter 20 changes with an action item in June. District graduation and dropout rates were reported, along with the Iowa Department of Education rates. Obsolete and old equipment were discussed about actions to move equipment out of storage space and offer for sale to citizens. Board requested a list of items to be presented. Bus inspection report was shared. Mr. Barber shared Forecast5 information estimate of \$18,000 for 3 years and 5Sight as another option to compare and project. HVAC project walkthrough was held this week with a start date of June 5. Phone system upgrade will begin when equipment arrives. Roof projects are waiting from the State Building Code office to determine if original plans of removing the steps in Little Rock is possible. Mustang will be painted after school. Audit and copier lease bids are currently being sought. E-rate has been submitted for long distance, cell phone, fax, and internet services. Policy for meal charges is required including actions for non-payments.

Board recessed for a moment to call Klein to ensure correct vote numbers for new business with the need of board members to abstain.

A motion to approve the ratification of the 2017-18 master contract with all illegal language being removed and all permissive language remaining minus the Grievance procedures. Salary schedule was aged with a 1.48% wage increase with the base wage staying at \$30,750. A motion was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0 with Krull abstaining.

A motion to approve classified staff with a 1.48% increase on their salary or hourly rate which is the same as certified agreement was made by Klein, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0 with Netten abstaining.

Klein was thanked for his participation and the call ended.

A motion to approve the bid from Eben Construction of \$31,278 to replace the high school sidewalks and walkways including removal of existing concrete and increasing the width of the sidewalk with a 4" depth and rebar reinforcement with a gravel base. It was recommended to increase depth to 5" for an additional \$3000. A motion to approve the \$34,278 was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0. Question arose about fill dirt back to sidewalk and who would be responsible. Barber will look into this further.

Bids were presented for 11 desktops from Trinity3 desktops with a 6 year warranty on refurbished computers at \$789 each and part of the AEA purchasing and a bid from Computer Clinic with new desktops and 3 year warranty for \$1206 each. Discussion was held regarding the 3 year warranty difference and the increased cost of \$4600, as well as the concerns for service and supporting local business. A motion to approve the replacement of 11 desktops through Computer Clinic was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg but expressing concerns of the higher costs and level of service, carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the disposal of HVAC equipment being replaced with the 4 year old heating unit and the air condition units being disposed and sold through advertisement on website, local media, Facebook, Craigslist, etc. as directed by Superintendent Barber was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the 2017-18 Health Services of Lyon County contract was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the carpet bid to replace the principal's office carpet and level the floor, and replace the first and second floor hallway carpets and stair treads at \$31,618 was made by Netten, seconded by Klingenberg, and carried 3-0.

A motion to approve the 2017-18 AEA purchasing agreement for food purchases, paper, light bulbs, etc. was made by Klingenberg, seconded by Netten, and carried 3-0.

The next regular board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm in George.

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