

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2017 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, and Kristi Landis. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Melvin Winter, Kristi Donaker, Paul Denekas, Emily Donaker, and Taylor Klingenberg. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board. After submitting the public written request form for speaking at the board meeting, Taylor Klingenberg spoke on behalf of the George Development Corporation to discuss the possible partnership of a daycare. The City of George, George Development Corporation and local businesses with about eighteen people met and discussed the problem of lack of childcare in the district. There were a lot of questions with strong support to pursue First Children's Finance Group to do a market analysis for about \$6000 being paid by the Development Corporation and City of George. Another meeting will be held Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm at the Frontier Bank Community Room. Klingenberg invited the board and school representatives to the meeting. Krull thanked Klingenberg and the groups for working with the district to address this issue.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized Melvin Winter for his retirement after 32 years of dedicated service to the district as a bus driver, Emily Donaker for being selected as a Page for the Iowa House of Representatives, and Valecia West for her initiative in securing a Target Field Trip Grant for \$700 for an art student field trip to Minneapolis Institute of Art and Sculpture Garden. Tim Mauldin, Shannon Poor Bear, Jacob Ven Huizen, and students were recognized for their performances at the Christmas concerts. Middle school boys were recognized for their completion of the basketball season.

An adopted agenda was requested to add some bills, an addition to the preschool handbook page, and an additional resignation. A motion to approve the adopted agenda was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A public hearing was held on the voter approved physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) and the disposal of surplus property. Discussion was held that this is not a new tax and not increasing a tax rate, but continuing the levy for another 10 years to assist with facilities and equipment. A list of items to be disposed was presented and made available to the public.

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

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A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of November 20, 2017 and Lyon County Riverboat Foundation (LCRF) letter regarding possible changes to the distribution of non-competitive funds. Concerns were expressed across the county with the district wanting to promote advocacy for the district and talk to LCRF board members and be present at the LCRF meeting on January 23. Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) on the agenda items were reviewed for resource material, and IASB Day on the Hill Conference for Tuesday, January 30 from 9-4:30 was shared encouraging board attendance.

Superintendent Eyerly reported on the finance committee and building and grounds committee meetings. A list of items from the district walk through is being completed with many of them maintenance and upkeep which should be able to be completed in house by staff. Eyerly reported on the equity audit with a positive exit interview conference and a report expected mid-January. Some citings are expected which is common. Staff were thanked for pulling together to gather all the information needed. Certified enrollment numbers were discussed with an emphasis on understating the effect on the school and community when open enrollment choices are made, particularly when it is for convenience. A finance committee meeting was encouraged to be held in January to offset the decrease of \$218,600 to the 2018-19 budget due to enrollment numbers. Four other districts and the city have been reached out to regarding operational sharing where in effect student counts can be increased based on sharing certain positions with other districts, cities, or community colleges. Details need to be ironed out with expectations also outlined. Lyon County Riverboat Foundation (LCRF) uses were reviewed with proposed additions requested for consideration, including more educational curriculum courses through technology, a district e-newsletter, website overhauled and updated on a regular (minimum monthly) basis, and school promotions on game coverages. Board will have a January work session to determine LCRF uses. IASB convention report was shared with Krull, Landis, and Eyerly attending. Delegate assembly discussed dual credit to be certified in Iowa to make it easier to bring teachers across borders. Iowa Praxis test requirements are higher requirements than neighboring states. Discussion was held about telling the public how awesome our district is, all that is happening, and to define ourselves.

A motion to approve the 2017-2018 and 2018-19 physical education waiver/exemptions was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the LCRF grant application for alternative seating options to help students focus and a LCRF grant application for math manipulatives for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0 with board advise to keep under the \$750 as stated.

A motion to approve the amended substitute handbook for 2017-2018 was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the open enrollment out request was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the SBRC application for modified supplemental amounts of \$13,182 for open enrollment out not in Fall 2016 and \$1,466 for ELL beyond 5 years was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. Bonestroo shared this gives spending authority but not cash.

A motion to approve the at-risk application for \$142,010 as submitted with the ability to levy noting the increase to the budget but decrease of funds from the previous year of \$151,183 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy 407.06 Licensed Employee Early Retirement was made by Netten, seconded by Landis. Discussion was held regarding adding in the future to consider years of service to determine priority. Motion was carried 4-0 with Fiedler abstaining.

A motion to approve the early graduation request in anticipation of a family move in January 2019 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Premier Communications equipment contract for the new phones was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the NASA Trip fundraisers to alleviate some of the \$475 student costs as requested was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Entrepreneur class fundraiser selling Christmas trees with proceeds to Atlas was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A list of proposed assets to be disposed of was presented and reviewed. A motion to approve disposal of broken and worthless items was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. It was noted that some items that seem worthless to some, have value to others. A list of items with estimated values will be presented again to the board with anticipation of a garage sale and a sealed bid process with good advertising. It was noted that multi-purpose room furnace and other items should be added to the list for items with value.

A motion to approve the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Resolution of Election was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler. A roll call vote was taken with Netten, Krull, Landis, Fiedler, and Klein all ayes and no nays, carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the amended Preschool handbook adding a biting policy and access policy was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to table the LCRF funds uses until the January work session with approval of proceeding with the e-newsletter and website overhaul was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the change to Superintendent Eyerly's contract from an annuity contribution to a 403b instead noting he can then move to an IRA if he chooses but the district cannot contribute directly to an IRA was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the FFA chapter fundraisers of fish sales and selling t-shirts was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Estes Construction bid of \$13,000 for a facility assessment adding the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing assessment with architects and engineers to do a thorough objective analysis of all district buildings was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Early Retirement resignations at the end of 2017-18 from Kim Chadwick, Marlene Fluth, and Lori Fiedler was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0 with Fiedler abstaining. The board thanked them for their wealth of knowledge and all their years of service.

A motion to approve the resignations at the end of 2017-18 from Cleone Kruse and Brenda Van Der Brink was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

Superintendent Eyerly shared the Equipment Breakdown Insurance Policy and will have a presentation at the January board meeting.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, January 15 at 8:00 pm in George. A board work session was set for Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.