

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on February 12, 2018 in the Library in Little Rock. 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, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, Wade Netten, and Kristi Landis. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, and guests Valecia West. Karie Aeikens, Madisen Dreesen, Dax DeGroot, Molly Bomgaars, Mitch Lupkes, Tina Sherrill-Range, Melia Towne, and Scott Heibult. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board. After completing the public written request form for speaking at the board meeting, Karie Aeikens, Molly Bomgaars, Dax DeGroot, and Madisen Dreesen addressed the board. Karie Aeikens brought to the attention of the board the shortage of subs and a situation where she had to work due to no subs available. Miss Bomgaars, Dax DeGroot, and Madisen Dreesen requested to attend the FFA state convention travelling with Central Lyon with GLR transportation for the leadership conference. Krull thanked those who addressed the board with administration to follow-up where needed.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized large group speech with 42 students participating and most advancing to state with 3 students (Aaron Hayenga, Jillian DeBoer, and Allison Henning) attending all-state. Also recognized were 5th grade DARE graduation students, winter sports wrap up, and 9 wrestlers who qualified for districts with 2 (Gable Sieperda and Ross Wiertsema) on to state. It was noted that there will be a send-off for all-state speech and state wrestlers on Wednesday, February 14 at 9 am.

A motion to approve the amended agenda with the addition of bills was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

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

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

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

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of January 15, 2018 and the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) communication on the total regular program funding from FY2015 to FY2018. Day on the Hill was reported through a discussion with AEA with expectation of Operational Sharing to be extended. Lyon County Riverboat Foundation (LCRF) Revenue Uses were reviewed.

LCRF Board meeting was attended by Fiedler, Landis, and Eyerly to discuss the GLR LCRF funds. GLR was the only school board represented at the meeting. Caution needs to be used in spending the LCRF funds to avoid problems with spending authority for the district.

PPEL unofficial election results were reported by Cathy with the PPEL being extended for another 10 years. The thank you from Ann Barkel was reviewed. The initial proposed 18-19 master calendar was shared from the committee noting the changes to professional development on a monthly basis with all snow days added to the end of the school year, noting we would lose about 5 hours of class with early outs requested for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There will be a public hearing on the 18-19 calendar at the next board meeting. The current 17-18 school calendar hours were shared with possible dates needed for makeup to be added to the end of the school year. E-rate update was shared with voice service no

longer being eligible which will impact the budget by about a \$20,000 increase. May school board supper is tentatively planned for May 14 at 5:30.

A motion to approve the resignation of Char Bathke as food service director was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. Board expressed a thank you for her years of service. Options are being considered for the food service program.

A motion to approve Melia Towne as preschool shuttle driver was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

Gifted and talented program presentation was made by Tina Sherrill-Range, Melia Towne, and Valecia West highlighting the 6 major changes made to the program. Changes include an addition of a program philosophy statement, student goals by level and individual students, provision for a total of .5 FTE highly qualified gifted and talented teacher(s), identification process changes, addition of a section regarding underrepresented populations, evaluation process including committee creation and professional development. It was noted that the identification process was changed to 3rd and 4th grades, where previously it was 2nd and 3rd grade. Testing was also switched to the spring of the year. Scores are looked at every year. Board expressed thanks for the committee approach with times arranged to collaborate for the staff.

Student 1:1 technology was presented by Mr. Lupkes. The lease for the 1:1 laptops is up at the end of the school year. Lupkes shared a powerpoint of the 2018-2019 lease options with the breakdown of laptops at the school. Classroom level use was shared for each level of students. Infrastructure was also shared with e-rate access points currently out for bids. Current needs were shared for all district levels. Things to consider were addressed with what programs most students are running, what they want students to know, and what we want our computers to do. Chromebooks was proposed with the pros and cons noting a substantial savings with most area schools moving to chromebooks. Login using google drive account with apps instead of programs. Logon using the internet – no offline programs but have similar programs that can be substituted. Price difference is substantial \$275-\$330 compared to \$800-\$850 per piece of equipment. Manageability factor is greater with chromebooks for better security that they can't get around the district firewall. License all through google. Lost or stolen equipment has the ability to be shut down. Viruses are pushed out automatically saving the update of over \$50,000. Amount of devices needing to be replaced is significant. Homework at home with google drive ability to still do homework and office 365 is also able to use offline, so not an issue. Concern was the ability to use at home. All district structure is currently web-based so able to use at home. Upgrades to the building has allowed to prepare for this transition to be able to do all online structure. Concern was to have the ability to still do all their homework at home. Another concern was substitution of typical software. It was noted that lower grades need to be addressed with basic keyboarding. The possibility to stagger with chromebooks at younger ages with 1:1 laptops at high school level – mixed environment was also considered. Open discussion and all opportunities need to be considered.

Local purchase threshold was discussed for some guidance with local purchasing. Direction was requested for a percentage threshold to consider for when to shop locally, and when it is not competitive and to shop elsewhere, noting we want to support locally; but also need to have competitive pricing. Private use of public property was tabled for discussion. Copier lease consideration was discussed to add a stapling feature to lounge copiers so staff can print and staple in lounges instead of the higher cost office copiers.

17-18 school calendar adjustments were discussed with additional days to be added to the end of the school year. Estes Construction site visit update notes have been received with a building committee

meeting requested. Presentation will take place at the March board meeting. Communication plan was shared with the proposal of the key communicator committee for eyes and ears for the school. It is believed to be similar to what is now known as the SIAC committee.

A motion to approve Todd Klein and Kristi Landis to the board policy committee was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve obtaining the 1:1 student computer program bids was tabled with a motion from Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held regarding more research being done by board members. A mixed environment was addressed with the focus of a plan needing to be in place for what to get for the 1:1. A decision will be made at the March meeting.

A motion to indefinitely table the equipment breakdown insurance was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0

A motion to approve the new talented and gifted program handbook was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the open enrollment out requests pending receipt of proper applications was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the FFA request to provide GLR transportation to the FFA State Leadership Convention in Ames with shared expenses with Central Lyon was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to table the consideration of approving a local purchase threshold protocol was made by Klein, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

Current and proposed new interest rates with possible changes made to the accounts at Frontier Bank were reviewed. A motion to approve closing the current PPEL/SAVE/PERL money market account and transferring the funds to a new public money market account with the same account number at Frontier Bank for better interest rates was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve the withdrawal of the current Activity Fund and SAVE Fund CD's and reopen in the new 17 month special at Frontier Bank, noting the gains were more than the penalties was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the summer rec program was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the stapling feature copier lease amendment, adding the stapling feature to the lounge copiers for \$60.66 per month to save staff time and avoid copying and printing made at the more expensive office copiers was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the LCRF expanded uses as noted was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. An update was shared on the possible student proposal which is being questioned by the state as an allowable use of funds with the attorney reviewing the possibilities.

The next board meeting was set for Monday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in George. Personnel committee meeting reminder for Thursday, February 15 4:00 pm meeting. Audit review meeting was set for Thursday at 5:30 pm pending the auditor's schedule.

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.