

## GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 2018 in the Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, and Kristi Landis. Wade Netten was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Sam Chase, and Melissa Kauffman. A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no discussion brought forward.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized donations from Mark and Mary Behrens, Michael and Mitzi Wynia, Heath Warntjes, Farmers Mutual Insurance, Premier Communications, and Premier Bank. Principal Range recognized all who assisted in both communities, particularly the businesses, for the Genius Week success. Principal Schilling recognized Gregory Stueven and Micah Jumbeck for participating in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band in Sioux City.

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

Sam Chase from Frontier Insurance and Melissa Kauffman from Jester Insurance presented on the equipment breakdown insurance outlining the prime advantages and explaining the benefits and quote, noting the insurance has no deductible, but that it does not cover boilers. Advantages were noted that the district could submit claims for employees doing repairs and how premiums could be paid from the management fund. Claims paid for employees doing repairs would be miscellaneous income to the general fund. A more specific quote will be secured if there is interest with initial quote of \$63,464.

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

The board reviewed the Northwest AEA Board Briefs of December 18, 2017 and January 30<sup>th</sup> Day on the Hill registration information with attendance encouraged. Superintendent Eyerly is tentatively planning on attending the Day on the Hill.

Legislative update was shared with concerns about vouchers/school choice and the impact it can have on public schools and the low supplemental aid expected. School Report card was reviewed and shared by Principals Range and Schilling. More discussion will follow at upcoming board and staff meetings as questions are awaiting responses from the Department of Education and AEA. It was noted that scores are based on growth, and not scores. With the strong academics within the district as proven by our ACT scores, it is difficult to grow much. Awareness needs to occur about how the test is scored. The Little Rock elementary is reported separately with only 2 classes, so an extremely small sample size is measured. George elementary couldn't rank due to the small size with only the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reported. Administration is waiting for some responses with questions posed to the Department of Ed and AEA and will go through the report with staff and discuss with the board at a future date.

Negative lunch balances were reported requesting direction on how to proceed. It is agreed that students should not be singled out or go hungry, but it is also important for the board to see attempts and

cooperation from the negative accounts. Board directed more correspondences with the negative accounts proceeding with legal and small claims court if necessary.

Discussion was held on the student 1:1 computer leases ending 17-18. Written proposal presented to the board is to explore the chrome books option with rationale proposed listing the pros and cons. Discussion was held regarding more information needed on any limits that would affect the students. Concern is Microsoft windows and real world application for the students. Lower level education training was discussed for computer skills and keyboarding. Discussion was also held on equipment repair insurance which was presented at the meeting and its effect on 1:1. Board would like Mr. Lupkes to attend a future meeting for more knowledge and discussion about the technical advantages/disadvantages of the proposal. Superintendent Eyerly reported the new e-newsletter went out last week with monthly e-newsletters planned. Mr. Eyerly also reminded of the awaited responses to student report card data expected from the Department of Education. Operational sharing has been discussed with area schools, cities, and community college about sharing some staff positions where student equivalents can be added for additional funding for the district. Gregg with Security Savings Bank met with Mr. Eyerly and Cathy with increases given to the district account interest rates. Website update status was questioned. Superintendent Eyerly shared his communication plan for the district.

A motion to approve Jacob Venhuizen as substitute teacher was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0. A motion to approve Jordan Kruse as volunteer boys basketball coach was made by Klein, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0. Discussion was held about caution and expectation to have volunteer coaches presented to the board before allowing to serve in the role.

The board reviewed the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Revenue Uses. Work session will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 to review the uses in more detail.

A motion to approve the increase of teacher after school assistance program (ASAP) pay from \$18.00/hour to \$25 per session retroactive to the beginning of 17-18 school year was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0. Discussion was held that previously they were paid from 3:45-5:00 with inconsistencies for the start time in previous years noting the auditor has concerns of when pay could begin as contracts went until 3:45. The new motion is not listing specific times, but paying per session.

A motion to table the 1:1 request to obtain bids until Mr. Lupkes can present his proposal to the board was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve a board policy committee was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0. Members will be decided at a future date.

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, February 12 at 7:30 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:20 pm by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 4-0.