

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in work session January 17, 2018 in the Library in Little Rock. Board President Doug Krull opened the session at 5:40 pm. 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 Principal Molly Schilling. The current Lyon County Riverboat Foundation (LCRF) revenue uses were reviewed. It was noted that the general fund total bottom line expenditures includes the LCRF funds and the general fund together which affects the unspent balance and spending authority/legal spending limit for the district. Discussion was held regarding caution in making decisions that would negatively affect the spending authority. The structure of the LCRF and the distribution of funds was discussed regarding possible future concerns for competitive and non-competitive grants. Board representation was encouraged for the LCRF meeting on January 23.

A proposed general fund breakdown was shared outlining a listing of possible expenditures to consider moving within the general fund to the LCRF. District needs and possible LCRF uses were also discussed. New incentive ideas for the LCRF funds including daycare support, staff and student incentives, curriculum, and student centered activities were discussed for possible uses of the funds. It was again noted that new ideas could impact the bottom line with unspent balance and spending authority. Unspent balance projections were discussed noting the need to project out multiple years before making plans and decisions on spending down the LCRF funds to view the effect it would have for the district. Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) and Area Education Agency (AEA) are assisting with plan reviews to avoid negatively affecting the spending authority.

Discussion was held regarding the strengths of the GLR students and the diverse opportunities offered at GLR with new initiatives being considered. A marketing plan will be developed with an announcement for new opportunities expected in the near future. It was discussed to present several action items being considered during the public comment at the LCRF meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the \$60,000+ premium presented for the equipment breakdown insurance. Follow-up will be held with other schools and the insurance company. The premium was more than expected so no recommendation will come for the insurance until further reviewed. It was noted that to truly benefit more of the district equipment repairs would need to occur internally within the district instead of contracting out. Operational sharing may give us that possibility with Superintendent Eyerly meeting with cities, other schools, and community colleges about sharing some positions to save expenses and receive funding through adding student aid as part of the operational sharing calculations.

Superintendent goal updates were shared with the recommendation to have a closed session for an evaluation and further discussion. Quarterly reviews of the superintendent goals will be expected. Board superintendent review will be done in June. Mid-year review with the board and vice-president will be scheduled as well as a meeting with the personnel committee.

The work session adjourned at 6:50 pm.

