

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the High School Library in George. 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, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, Wade Netten, and Kristi Landis. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Kevin Range, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Molly Bomgaars, Madison Dreesen, Dax DeGroot, Brenda Sandbulte, Mitch Lupkes, Hunter Kruger, and Scott Heibult. A quorum was established noting all the board was present. Citizens were invited to address the board. No public comment was received.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized the school board for school board recognition month and presented each board member with a certificate. Also recognized were vocal and band music programs for their large group district contest showings, girls and boys track, middle school track and Brynn Krull who was a record breaker, girls and boys golf, Security Savings Bank for their donations to the vocal and instrumental music programs, the 5 seniors for academic assembly NCRC platinum certificates, Iowa Assessments scores with improvements shown and a perfect Reading perfect test by Caleb Burdsall, ACT scores with a 25 score average, middle school assessments average 30 point growth, Mrs. Mayer and Paul Denekas for organizing the Harvest Festival trip where students were recognized. President Krull thanked the Foods II class for the board meal and expressed thanks to the administration, staff, students, and the entire district for a great year.

A motion to approve the agenda with the additions of some bills, a resignation, an additional computer consideration, and an updated graduation list was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

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

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

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

The board reviewed the Retirement Open House invitation, Northwest AEA Board Briefs of April 16, 2018, Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) communications and legislative updates noting the state penny for school infrastructure did not pass and operational sharing was extended for 5 years and now includes social workers, and the thank you from the Roger Christians family. An update was shared on the community daycare with a demographics presentation confirming a need for daycare with upcoming meetings in George and Boyden with a roll-out to the community focusing on how to move forward. Businesses and the city are showing support. State inspectors will look at possible sites.

A motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Range as principal was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0. The board expressed their appreciation for his service. The team effort was recognized for the success of student improvements.

A motion to accept the recommendations for hire of Curt Fiedler as head cross country coach at \$2500, Amy Schmidt as business education teacher at \$44,280 and head volleyball coach at \$3690, Kyler

Huisman as middle school football coach at \$1538, and Amanda Storm as assistant volleyball coach at \$2583 pending license was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 4-0 with Fiedler abstaining.

Legislative update was shared with focus on operational sharing, being thankful for the 1% as original focus was 0% and bills awaiting governor signature with some additional flexibility possible. Elections are coming up so encouraged everyone to be informed and know the candidates.

Private use of public property consideration for gym use was reviewed. It was stressed that the district wants the public to use the facilities, but there is a need to consider a safe manner and concerns of liability. Volunteers from George are willing to supervise with draft language for an open gym proposal presented for consideration to present to legal counsel. A need to be fair to all in the community was stressed. Reports have been received of vendors using their keys to access and use the gym which is not acceptable. Encouraged something similar to be set up in Little Rock as well. Board expressed support to further review.

Student 1:1 technology bids were reviewed from Computer Clinic/Webclimber Services, Sterling Computers, and Connections. Chromebook bids for 240 chromebooks were as follows: Computer Clinic/Webclimber Services \$84,417.60, Connections \$70,506.00, and Sterling Computers \$65,690.40. Laptop bids for 180 laptops were as follows: Computer Clinic/Webclimber Services \$146,709.00, Sterling Computers \$123,962.40, and Connections \$106,387.20. Discussion was held to make sure bids were of the same products. It was noted that the bids were for the same specs as the current computers. Idea was also presented to consider purchasing the current laptops from the lease with the option to purchase out at \$184.53 per unit for a total of \$42,446 and keep for a few years. Also noted was the option to extend the warranty another 2 years. Chromebooks are still considered as a possibility and could look at one grade per year versus all grades at once to help the budget. Finance committee will meet and present a recommendation to the board.

Bus bids were reviewed and will be brought through the committee process. The possibility of purchasing 2 large 84 passenger buses to reduce student and activity shuttles in order to decrease the general fund expenditures, noting concern may need to be addressed of bus monitors or assistants. New 2019 84 passenger bus bids were received from School Bus Sales for \$94,692 and Hoglund for \$115,687. Used 84 passenger bus bids were received from School Bus Sales with a 2014 with 70,878 miles for \$69,750, a 2015 with 24,901 for \$75,000, and a 2015 with 53,471 miles for \$71,000. Buildings and grounds have reviewed with possible idea of used buses. Possible rotation of buses under consideration. Building and grounds committee will meet and present summer projects to the board.

Superintendent report recognized success of students and the positive feedback received. Spring bus inspection results were shared with two minor repairs needed. Iowa graduation rates were at 91% with GLR rate of 97% which was an increase over previous year.

Miss Bomgaars reported on the FFA leadership conference. Madison Dreesen, Dax De Groot, and Hunter Kruger shared about their experiences. Miss Bomgaars reported that eight students attended the conference. Miss Bomgaars was recognized for her FFA fundraising and organization and the improvements on the farm noting the reports received about the GLR students being very well behaved.

A motion to approve the summer of 2019 Fine Arts Broadway Bound Trip to New York, NY and Washington, DC with anticipated 46 in attendance with the request of a bus to bring the group to the airport was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and approved 5-0. Liberal arts commitment and requirements are listed including parent and student contracts.

A motion to approve the bid for access points for 2018-19 to Computer Clinic for \$17,986 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the renewal of the juvenile courts contract was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the teacher internal LCRF grant for math manipulatives was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the final list of the 2018 graduation class was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to enter closed session for superintendent evaluation in accordance to Iowa Code Chapter 21.51 (I) was made at 7:53 pm by Netten, seconded by Fiedler. Roll call vote was taken with Netten, Krull, Landis, Fiedler, and Klein all ayes. No nays. Motion passed.

A motion to come out of closed session was made at 8:35 pm by Fiedler, seconded by Landis. Roll call vote was taken with Netten, Krull, Landis, Fiedler, and Klein all ayes. No nays. Motion passed.

The next regular board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 12 at 8:00 pm in George.

A motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.