GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in work session on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in the High School Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the session to order at 5:30 pm reminding that the protocol is different and no public comment or questions are allowed. 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, and guests Shawn Snyder and Patty Schroeder from Iowa Association of School Boards, Nyla Hellinga, and Valecia West.

Shawn and Patty facilitated the workshop. Enrollment projections show a continued decrease in enrollment. Enrollment drives the budget noting the impact and need to also decrease the budget with the decrease in revenue to stay in balance. New money expectations were shared for the future years, noting negative new money in the future with a significant decrease in 2019-2020. It was also noted that a large portion of the unspent authorized budget is in categorical funds which are designated for specific purposes. Caution was noted that reducing the balance of categorical funds will negatively impact the unspent authorized budget.

It was stressed that GLR is in a good position now with time to make the required adjustments, but reductions need to happen. Small reductions now will eliminate the need for larger reductions later. To remain stable, annual expenditures will need to match annual revenues.

The work session adjourned at 6:35 pm.