

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the 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, Wade Netten, Todd Klein, Curt Fiedler, and Kristi Landis. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Steven Green, Principal Molly Schilling, and guests Valecia West, Darcy Hansmann, Amy Stump, Sam Chase, Taylor Klingenberg and Kary Conaway

A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board noting the proper paperwork submitted to the Board President for up to a 5 minute speaking time. Amy Stump presented about a Costa Rica Spanish trip being presented to the board for approval.

Superintendent Eyerly recognized Gregory Stueven for his 6th place finish at the State Spelling Bee, fall sports programs for their successful starts, and staff for a successful start of the year expressing appreciation to all staff.

A motion to adopt the agenda noting the addition of bills was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

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

Sam Chase with Frontier Insurance presented the GLR insurance liability breakdown recognizing the experience mod for work comp having gone down which is good. The dividend check was presented noting it was down due to a large liability claim within the state.

Taylor Klingenberg and Kary Conaway presented about the Community Daycare Project. A ninety-four child care center estimate is \$1.7 million. A capital fundraising campaign will include a grant application to LCRF for 50%, public fundraising, and USDA rural development loan over 40 years with low interest. Committee requests a memorandum of understanding from the school which is a non-legal binding agreement to show support for parking and playground use, along with a letter of support for the LCRF grant. Proposed location is between the elementary school and swimming pool in George which is land that is currently owned by the city. School will have the first right of refusal so that not just anyone can buy it in the future. Other grant possibilities will be considered. If grants come through, the hope is to have groundbreaking possibly in the spring. Kids Club relationship has been developed to assist with the possibility of willingness to help staff or share relationship. It was noted that this would be a year round daycare. Discussion about how it could assist GLR with enrollment and the importance for both communities. Concerns of effects on home daycares, what the school districts role would be and direction for the board were all discussed. The committee noted that home daycares have been involved at the meetings. It was also noted that the school district is not contributing financially, but part of the meetings. It is the hope that the daycare could decrease the open enrollments out of the district due to daycare.

A motion to approve the bills from all funds was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

Financial reports were tabled with a motion from Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0. Reports were requested to be emailed out to the board.

Superintendent Eyerly shared communication about the new AEA director, board regional workshops, Iowa Association of School Board Convention Dates of November 14-16 encouraging board attendance, Frontier Bank interest rate increase, LCRF award ceremony with attendance encouraged, paperwork from

a city resolution from an earlier land swap between the city and the school, daycare memorandum of understanding to show support but no financial contributions, and presented estimated certified enrollment.

Operational sharing plans and funding was also discussed in follow-up to board notes recognizing a delay of funding the first year unless we hold the contract. Operational sharing is a tool for schools to help offset declining enrollment and decreasing state funding and provides revenue based on additional student funding for different positions. An agreement between GLR and Sheldon Community School was reviewed for sharing Facilities/Buildings and Grounds Director. An agreement between GLR and Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Community School was reviewed for sharing Transportation Director. These would both be shared positions with district coverage 1-2 days a week with the understanding of more if needed for emergencies. A transportation coordinator for day to day transportation activities and scheduling was also reviewed. Continued discussions are being held regarding sharing a curriculum director possibly with West Lyon and a human relations director to be shared with 4 other schools with GLR holding both the curriculum and human relations contract. Mowing and snow removal as well as job descriptions were also reviewed. Focus on these shared positions would be to bring in state revenue to offset expenses and gain efficiencies in the district. Bonestroo noted that a budget adjustment would be likely in the spring for the added positions as they were not all included in the original budget.

Discussion was also held regarding comments received from parents of open enrolled in students and their satisfaction with the education their students are receiving at GLR and how impressed they are with GLR.

A motion to approve the resignation from Paul Denekas, transportation & buildings and grounds director, and Tyler Glanzer assistant baseball coach was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. The board expressed their thanks for their years of service.

A motion to approve the revised contract for Danielle Anderberg as middle school science teacher at a masters level of \$33,518 was made by Landis, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Sheri Stratman as Prom Sponsor for \$500; Brenda Leonard as volunteer office assistant; Barbara Olson as substitute custodian at \$9.50/hour; and LaRaye Denekas as substitute preschool van driver with the opportunity to apply for the position was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve Lori Fiedler as volunteer cross country coach after October 1 was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 4-0 with Fiedler abstaining.

Principal Green presented a principal report with 52% of 10-12 grade students enrolled in college credit coursework. FFA was recognized for their success. Reports on the student assembly were also shared which brought in a guest speaker to bring awareness to students and staff about the dangers of vaping and juuling. Elementary school has new signage in the classroom entrances and the success of STEM activities and the new lab were also shared. Principal Schilling remarked on the student reactions to vaping and juuling and the health side effects. Middle school football was reported with seventy-eight students involved and new garment racks ordered and placed on the stage. Volleyball is going well and the 5th grade transition is also going really well with good movement for students. Staff are retraining and working with the students in the transition. It was noted to challenge mindset and students for their success. The new district website has been launched with encouragement for everyone to take a look.

Superintendent Eyerly noted the new initiative committee being developed modeled after the book, "The Fulfilling Ride", with superintendent and activities director requesting 2 names from each board member for possible committee members. The goal is to provide a positive experience and increase participation for our students, reduce coaching turnover, and promote good sportsmanship. Legislative priorities were reviewed.

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy 501.09 was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to table the bus driver manual until new staff could review and provide input was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

The previous open enrollment denial was reviewed.

A motion to approve extending the 1:1 laptop lease for 10 months for \$5831.10 which will allow some freeing up of PPEL funds versus the \$42,446.00 buyout was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held about who would provide the repairs. Eyerly noted that Mitch does some, but local vendors would be used when necessary.

A motion to table the dance team as a district sanctioned activity was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Spanish class Costa Rica trip with district transportation provided to and from the airport was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Lakeside Lab request pending student numbers with numbers required decided by administration was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held regarding numbers and that it should be more than 1 with 2-3 preferred minimally.

A motion to approve the operational sharing agreement for facility operations/buildings and grounds maintenance director with Sheldon CSD for coverage 2 days per week was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the operational sharing agreement for transportation director with HMS CSD for coverage 1-2 days per week with adjustments where needed was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held that communication will be the key and possible consideration of a 2:1 rotation or as needed.

A motion to approve continued discussions for curriculum director and human relations director was made by Klein, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held regarding who does the duties now, in particular with the human relations director. Eyerly noted that some would help the business manager, but most duties are superintendent related such as board policies. A special board meeting is possible to approve the positions.

A motion to approve the transportation coordinator job description was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the facility operations buildings and grounds maintenance director, curriculum director, and human relations job descriptions was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the George Community Daycare Memorandum of Understanding was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the 2018-19 activity fundraiser request as presented from activities director with taking out seed sales as that is a Booster Club fundraiser, not a district fundraiser, was made by Landis, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the LCRF internal grant requests from Lissa Harson (\$650.91 for marker board activity table and robotics cubelets), Lindsay Kostelyk (704.44 for portable writing surface, floor cushions, stacking bins, mail center, bookcase, and bouncy band for chairs), Madison Sandbulte (694.34 for easel with bins, wobble chairs, storage center), Shannon Klooster (743.06 for classroom rug, bean bag

chairs, cushions, and mail center), Russ Verberg (750.00 for air track with accessories), Mitzi Wynia (435.16 for centrifuge tubes, benchtop centrifuge, and plastic tube rack for DNA extraction), Brittany Negus (499.00 for document camera), Shari Kruse (747.67 for robot blocks, building blocks, microscope kit, STEM bins, logic game, activity set, and K'NEX building set), Karie Aeikens (748.02 for active core engagement stool and stand up desk), Tanya Hildebrandt (742.63 for wobble chairs, weighted lap pad, comfort wraps, massage brushes, and stability balls), Molly Bomgaars (722.23 for activity tables), Charles Stai (688.74 for wobble chairs), and Sharon Klaahsen (636.72 for flex space seats, stand up desks, cook books, and K'NEX STEM) was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. It was noted that the grants are approved but if items are eligible for other funds such as PPEL, other funds would be used; but it would still count as the one LCRF grant allowed per year for the staff.

A motion to approve the first reading and forego the second reading of Policy 704.06 online fundraising campaigns – crowdfunding was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

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

A motion to approve the process to proceed with small courts claims for three families that are not responding with attempts to make payments on negative lunch accounts if no payment is received was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the top four legislative priorities of school calendar, school funding policy, SAVE, and arbitration was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0

A motion to approve the LEP excess costs for spending authority of \$36,542.18 for FY18 was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. Bonestroo explained the LEP excess costs.

A motion to approve the allowable growth and supplemental aid for negative SPED balance for spending authority of \$8,497.94 was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0. Bonestroo explained the negative SPED balance.

A motion to approve Ashley Eben as transportation coordinator at \$12 per hour with \$6964 towards insurance with a maximum of 40 hours/week for all district duties with minimum of 37.5 hours per week was made by Landis, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to table the volunteer dance coaches was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

October board meeting was set for Monday, October 15 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn at 9:25 was made by Klein, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

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The George-Little Rock Board of Education met for the annual meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the Library in George immediately after the regular board meeting. Superintendent Eyerly called the meeting to order at 9:40 pm. 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 guest Valecia West. Roll call was taken and quorum was established.

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

Netten nominated Krull for Board President for 2018-19. A motion for Doug Krull as president was made by Netten, seconded by Landis. Roll call vote was taken with Klein, Netten, Fiedler, and Landis all ayes. No nays. Krull abstained.

Nominations for vice-president included Wade Netten and Kristi Landis. Landis declined. A motion for Wade Netten as vice-president was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler. Roll call vote was taken with Klein, Krull, Fiedler, and Landis all ayes. No nays. Netten abstained.

Board Secretary Bonestroo gave Board President Krull his oath of office. Board President Krull gave Board Secretary Bonestroo her oath of office.

President Krull led the rest of the meeting.

Ms. Bonestroo presented the unaudited books for FY18. A motion to approve the FY18 unaudited financial reports was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to set the regular board meetings for the second Monday of the month at 7 pm rotating between George and Little Rock was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the authorization of interim payment of bills pursuant to Policy 705.3 was made by Netten, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve Lyon County News and Little Rock Free Lance as official newspapers was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve Security Savings Bank, Frontier Bank, and ISJIT as bank depositories was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve legal counsel of Stephen Avery from Cornwall, Avery, Bjornstad, and Scott from Spencer was made by Klein, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to keep the committee members the same as 2017-18 was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm was made by Landis, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.