

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in the Superintendent Office in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Kristi Landis, Curt Fiedler, and Todd Klein. Also in attendance were Superintendent John Eyerly, Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Steve Green, Principal Molly Schilling and guests Dennis Winkowitsch, Nyla Hellinga, and Valecia West.

A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board. Dennis Winkowitsch addressed the board with concerns on behalf of him and some other citizens. Winkowitsch stressed he loved the school and community and we have great kids and excellent extra-curriculars. He also stressed taxpayers need the board and administration to do what's best for taxpayers. Staff turnover and loss of kids open enrolling out is a concern and actions needed were stressed along with concerns of school dwindling. Winkowitsch also stressed the concern of the garage sale, how it was handled, and the concern of who is in charge noting poor community feelings about how the sale was handled. He noted there was chaos at the sale, noting he reads the board minutes and the sale was planned months in advance, concerns of needing some items returned back to the school, who did the pricing for the sale noting concerns of market value, and who toured and put pricing on (noting he felt it should have been coaches, activities director, and administration). Dennis also noted he is returning items he purchased. The big concern was noted of a one-year old grill sold for \$25 which was owned by the Mustang Sports Boosters and hearing district taxpaying funds were used to purchase a new one. Eyerly confirmed that a new one was purchased by the school to replace the Sports Boosters grill which was mistakenly sold. Winkowitsch noted the grill should be tracked down as the other items purchased were and returned and questioned why the name of the person who purchased the grill wasn't listed, but other purchases were. He noted there are many other community members concerned and frustrated that were not willing to come to the meeting. Also stressed was that it was stated there were to be no pre-sales, but the first person in line was wanting 2-3 items and told the items were already sold. Something needs to be done was stressed. Winkowitsch also noted the concern of staff turnover and loss of a good Vo-ag instructor stressing teachers need to teach and expressed concern of replacing instructors with quality. Krull stated no feedback was allowed at this time, but Eyerly will get back to him and his comments were appreciated.

A motion to approve the agenda noting the need to table the bathroom plans approval until plans are received was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to enter closed session at 7:10 a.m. in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.51 (I) was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler. A roll call vote was taken with Fiedler, Netten, Krull, Klein, and Landis all ayes, no nays.

A motion to come out of closed session at 7:28 a.m. was made by Fiedler, seconded by Klein. A roll call vote was taken with Fiedler, Netten, Krull, Klein, and Landis all ayes, no nays.

Discussion was held on superintendent position plan considerations. Krull asked for thoughts on plan from other board members. Fiedler asked if shared position was a consideration. Krull stated all opportunities need to be considered and shared position would be best financially. Follow-through and discussions with neighboring districts is needed. Netten agreed that sharing should be first option and

recognizes it is late in the year but also recognizes it is an opportunity we can't pass up. It was noted that there are several new superintendents in surrounding districts. If no sharing interest, then need to move forward in a different direction. It was also noted that a positive is to look at where the admin is. Caution was given about the feedback being received. Landis noted the need to explore all options with sharing as priority number one. Discussion was held that the next option is a part-time superintendent if the right individual and right fit for the district. All stressed right fit is needed. Krull stressed the need to be careful of too much time escaping. Move forward in next 1 ½ weeks or start another process of hiring a search firm. Review was that first option is operational sharing, second option is part-time superintendent, and third option is a search firm. Eyerly stated he could reach out and see if sharing possibility is there and would reach out to other districts. Krull also asked Eyerly to gather search firm contact information. Board agreed to have Eyerly reach out for sharing possibilities. Eyerly noted operational sharing makes sense with state aid of 8 students for superintendent position with max of 21 students from operational sharing. Krull asked if it makes a difference who holds the contract. Eyerly stated no. Bonestroo stated it does as the district holding the contract is able to bill out the other district for additional revenue. Eyerly confirmed and then gave the example of the HR shared position where revenues are received by GLR.

A special board meeting was set for Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to approve Stovetop Productions Event Contract for prom DJ was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the 19-20 classified staff increases of \$.20 per hour with some bus driving pro-rated was made by Landis, seconded by Klein, and carried 4-0 with Netten abstaining. Eyerly noted that several staff had received good raises last year and wanted to look at additional increases, but need to take conservative approach to budget. There are still ongoing discussions with one particular individual for additional considerations. Bonestroo and Eyerly shared this increase is reflective of the flat rate increase for teachers and the average calculated from that percentage range increase.

A motion to table the bathroom project as no architect plans were available was made by Netten, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

A special board meeting will be held Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 2019 in Little Rock at 7 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 7:44 a.m. was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.