

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2019 in the High School Library in George. Board President Doug Krull called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Doug Krull, Wade Netten, Kristi Landis, Jason Fugitt, and Curt Fiedler. Krull shared that Superintendent Douma was unable to join the meeting. Also in attendance were Board Secretary Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Steven Green, Principal Karie Aeikens and guests Valecia West, Dawn Arends, Darcy Hansmann, Shawna Henrichs, Glenn Eben, BJ Gerken, Paul Denekas, Brenda Sandbulte, and Ashley Stueven.

A quorum was established. Citizens were invited to address the board with no public comment received.

Principal Aeikens recognized Denny and Crystal Clark for all their years of service organizing the pop can returns for the school. Principal Green recognized the FFA members for their state fair showings. Krull thanked the building, custodial and administration staff for their work in preparing for the start of the school year.

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

Krull shared that the daycare committee would not present at this time. Krull and Bonestroo met with Taylor Klingenberg and Judd Reifers about the daycare project noting the committee is revisiting with the architects for the project with possible partnerships being researched.

Glenn Eben presented on the GLR Booster Club sharing the 2018-2019 contributions and planned support for 2019-2020. Shawna Henrichs was introduced as the secretary, BJ Gerken as the incoming president, and Paul Denekas as the vice-president. Eben shared the Booster Club has 12 members with all decisions using a vote process of the group with no individual decisions. Booster Club support was confirmed for high school and middle school athletic programs and the shared athletic programs. It was noted that team camps are supported, but not individual camps. The process was explained with the coaches requesting items for the Booster Club to support through the activities director with a list then presented to the Booster Club for approval. Bonestroo noted that the coaches' lists will need to be presented earlier to meet district deadlines and budget proposals for the expenditures, especially when there are larger purchases planned. Revenue comparisons were discussed with \$26,100 in revenues from the previous year. Fundraisers were noted for the Boosters as the seed and silent auction, concession stand, golf outing, and private donations. Eben noted the Booster Club plans to give future support for the expansion of the weight room.

Brenda Sandbulte and Ashley Stueven presented on the Broadway Bound DC/NY Trip. 58 people flew to DC and bussed to NY taking in sites such as Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Potomac River dinner cruise, Capitol Building, Library of Congress, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Museums, Broadway Shows of "Wicked" and "To Kill a Mockingbird", Times Square, 911 Museum, and the Statue of Liberty. Sandbulte expressed the appreciation for the board support and the hope that someone will continue with the trip with this planned as her last one. Many compliments were received for the group being polite, pleasant and on time or early for everything.

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

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

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

Board briefs of July 15 and Iowa Association of School Board (IASB) convention dates were reviewed. IASB key dates for school board elections were also reviewed noting the August 20 candidate information webinar which will be recorded and available on the IASB website. August 26 was noted as the first day to pick up board candidate packets from the district central office with all filings due by 5:00 pm on September 19 to the district central office for the November 5 elections.

Green and Aeikens reported on the summer building projects. Vehicle replacement was discussed. Mr. Douma's recommended IASB legislative resolutions were reviewed.

Beginning of the year updates and registered enrollment numbers were shared by Mr. Green and Mrs. Aeikens. Preliminary numbers are showing an estimated 23 decline in students with the majority from moves. Green noted an increase in TK-3<sup>rd</sup> grades.

Online registration went well with good comments received noting some "bumps" through the new process. Staff professional development information for before school starts were shared including the optional ed camp day with 24 in attendance with training organized by the teacher leadership committee, a CPR class which will be planned for a 2 year rotation, staff and mentor meeting, district wide all staff meeting, TK-8 new ARC curriculum training, and high school staff training on mental health. The board was invited to the Security Savings Bank and Pizza Ranch sponsored staff lunch on Wednesday and the George Chamber of Commerce sponsored GLR staff welcome back breakfast on Thursday. Krull asked about the freshman orientation and computer handouts with Green noting that staff did not think it was necessary anymore.

A motion to approve the resignations from Brian Luenberger, head baseball coach; Taylor Klingenberg, assistant baseball coach; and Judy Klaassen, part-time custodian was made by Fugitt, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. President Krull thanked them for their dedication and commitment. Fiedler commented on the positives Mr. Douma has sent to the board and encouraged staff to "stay the stay" with up and down years of coaching. Fiedler noted with staying through the tough times, many will find themselves to be a better coach in the "down years".

A motion to approve the recommendations for hire of Hunter Sieperda, assistant girls basketball coach at \$2583; Mitch Lupkes boys and girls head track coach at \$3998; Ken Roseberry, part-time grounds/snow removal at \$12.50/hour; Alex Bonestroo, part-time grounds/snow removal at \$9.50/hour; Susue Cortez, part-time elementary library aide and special ed paraprofessional at \$9.50/hour for 26.25 hours/week; and Hannah Engelkes, part-time special education paraprofessional at \$9.50/hour for 29 hours/week was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0. A motion to approve Curt Fiedler as substitute part-time grounds/snow removal at \$12.50/hour was made by Netten, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0 with Fiedler abstaining. Fiedler stated the need for an assistant track coach. Bonestroo shared an assistant track coach is already posted in the job openings. Mr. Green expressed the need to fill coaching positions first with teaching staff before community coaches to assist in the relationship building and Fiedler and other board members agreed.

A motion to approve the 2018-19 permanent and temporary transfers as noted to zero out the activity deficit accounts totaling -\$47,775.94 for many of the non-revenue accounts including music, speech, resale, class accounts, book fair, general athletics, cross country, baseball, football, wrestling, boys and

girls track, boys and girls golf, softball, and the boys basketball fundraiser account was made by Fiedler, seconded by Landis, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Premier Network Solutions service contract for tech support for \$12,000 for 2019-20 was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the IASB top four legislative priorities of preschool, early literacy, school funding policy, and supplemental state aid was made by Fiedler, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Central Lyon bus route to enter into the GLR district along 210<sup>th</sup> and Indian Avenue noting no one will be picked up along the route was made by Landis, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the open enrollment out application noting all timelines were met was made by Landis, seconded by Netten, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the vehicle bid for a 2020 AWD Ford Transit 10 passenger van with noted options and vinyl seats at \$39,215.25 from Jeddoloh Ford was made by Fiedler, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0. Fiedler noted discussion was held at the board committee meeting with the van being a more comfortable fit than the sport utility.

A motion to approve the open enrollment in application was made by Netten, seconded by Fiedler, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the fundraiser requests from Brenda Sandbulte (Donors Choose for classroom library books and district wide virtual reality system), Nicole Lewis (Donors Choose for middle school xylophone and marching percussion harnesses), and Lissa Harson for TK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades (Scholastic Book Club for student books) was made by Fiedler, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.

The next board meeting was set for Monday, September 23 at 7:00 pm in Little Rock.

A motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm was made by Fiedler, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.