

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met for a public hearing prior to the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 in the ramp room in the GLR elementary building in Little Rock. President Austin Lloyd called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Austin Lloyd, Andrew Sprock, Jason Fugitt, Andrea Johnson, and Matt Mitchell. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Luxford, Board Secretary/School Business Official Cathy Bonestroo, and guest Valecia West.

A quorum was established.

A public hearing was held on the 2023-2024 school calendar. No public comment was received.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:37 pm by Sprock, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 5-0.

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Superintendent Luxford recognized Lyon County Health Services for purchasing new AED machines; Brenda Sandbulte one of 2023 NFHS/IHSSA outstanding educators of the year; Large Group Speech success at Districts, State, and All-State Nominations; 4 state-qualifier wrestlers with two from GLR; Jeff Jager named HS girls wrestling coach of the year; girls and boys basketball success; and post-season basketball games attendance with district fan buses and chaperones. Discussion was held on fan bus and potential business sponsorships for the future. CLGLR youth wrestlers qualifying for AAU state wrestling and district jazz band contest receiving 3rd place were also recognized.

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

Damon DeWit was unable to attend to present on the HVAC project.

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

A motion to approve the financial bills was made by Sprock, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0. One open enrollment payment will be held pending clarification with Luxford checking on student status dates.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Sprock, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0. Future board workshop was noted to discuss additional future LCRF funds plan.

Superintendent communications included legislative update bringing attention to HF171 with 3% SSA increase. Luxford did not attend Day on the Hill as planned. Lloyd requested more information in the future regarding HSB118 related to boards and officers of school boards. GLR current openings were reviewed. Discussion was held on 23-24 openings with Luxford sharing they have interviewed for the 23-24 2nd grade position. This year's 2nd grade was discussed with Luxford sharing there is a lot of additional help in the room at this time. Shannon Klooster was recognized for handling the class well.

Luxford read principal reports noting both principals were on vacation. Principal Aeikens report included 33 students with DARE graduation, thanking DARE speaker BJ Van Briesen and Sheriff Vander Stoep, upcoming preschool family night on February 28; upcoming elementary literacy night on March 2; star lab coming; and prepping for kindergarten round-up. Principal Glanzer's report included National FFA week, star lab for 7th graders, NHS induction ceremony, MS dance, and upcoming parent-teacher conferences. Activities report included 9 qualifying for all-state large group speech, upcoming district individual speech, MS girls basketball and wrestling concluding, successful first season of HS girls wrestling, boys wrestling state meet with 2 GLR boys qualifying, and girls and boys basketball post-season success.

Sub-committee reports were shared. Financial services and personnel committee reported initial negotiations proposals will meet February 27. Facilities committee presented summer projects and projected total estimates of \$325,941.47. Elementary bids presented for summer projects included tuckpointing the north side, redoing the hallway floors, and 2nd and 3rd floor lockers. Classroom furniture will also be needed for the elementary. Middle school/high school bids presented for summer projects were refinishing the gym floor. Gym floor will be redone with board requesting to dress up floor with different stain colors with more options to present for possible change orders to the bid. Table gym floor bid for further options was noted. Classroom furniture will also be purchased for the high school. Central office building bids are being received for replacing the lunchroom tables and replacing the walk-in coolers. Discussion was held on how often and what the lunchroom was used for and need for tables or if other options were available. One in wall table replacement bid was presented to include new pockets, installation, and safety features. Stand-alone fold down tables were requested for bids for comparison. Storage issue was addressed to be able to use the space if needed. Facility committee discussed type of tables with recommending in-wall tables. Discussion was held if board members saw needs and how to address with Luxford sharing to bring it to his attention. Budget process was noted that all staff are sent a reminder to submit any budget consideration requests in November which are then reviewed by the superintendent and facility committee for the following year. Bus bids are still needed noting the sealed bid process has been used in the past for bus bids. The use of another district bus was discussed with no back-ups available within the district noting we need to have our own as a backup instead of using another district's bus.

Program sharing committee meeting with Boyden-Hull went well discussing looking outside the box for additional possibilities being considered. Verburg and HR positions were discussed. IT professional sharing potential in legislation was discussed. Central Lyon sharing committee meeting discussed athletic sharing agreement for 2 years with cross country remaining as GLR as the host school. Football classifications and assemblies were discussed. Coaches able to determine walk throughs vs send-offs with question if it should be coach's decisions noting then variable and not consistent. Consistent decision from an activity director stand-point was believed to be better than coach decision. Jeff Jager

will be solely girls wrestling in the future. Athletic sharing agreement will be presented at the March meeting.

Superintendent Luxford reported on 23-24 school calendar with 51 hours embedded for bad weather similar to current year. LCRF grant requests were presented from Michelle McDowell, Sharon Klaahsen, Shannon Klooster, Tina Sherrill-Range, and Bethany DeBoer. Reviewing process for books purchased was discussed. Three open enrollment out applications were presented for 2023-2024. GLR course description guide for 2023-2024 was presented. Revenue bond timeline was discussed for approximate \$3,200,000 for HVAC project borrowing from future local option sales tax having no impact on property tax. Summer rec program approval, posting for summer rec coordinator, FFA state convention request, LCRF mini-grant resolution for uniforms, MOU with Morningside University Apprenticeship program, and FFA fundraiser request for Atlas of Lyon County Bread of Life were all presented.

Resignation was presented for Dawn Gisolf assistant softball coach. Recommendations for hire were presented for Dawn Gisolf, head softball coach; Lexi Olivera, MS track coach; Lexi Olivera, assistant softball coach; and Kim Terhark, job change from para to library aide effective March 13.

Policy reviews were presented for Policies 504.05R1, 505.03, 505.05, 505.07, 506.01, 506.01E1, 506.01E2, 506.01E3, 506.01E4, 506.01E5, 506.01E6, 506.01E7, and 506.01E8.

Policy first readings were presented for Policies 504.05, 505.02, 505.04, 505.06, and 506.01R.

Additional requirements were discussed for graduation including required activity participation and community service. Plans need to be in place for incoming freshmen noting key to have teacher involvement and/or student discussion. Awareness of perception and potential enrollment impact were also noted. Principal and guidance counselor need to also be involved. Early graduation requirements discussion was held that they are no longer students, so that can make them ineligible for student recognition and scholarships. It was believed that 505.06 needs further review if eligible for awards.

A motion to pull the gym floor bid pending additional information for what is to be done was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve consent agenda was made by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson, and carried 5-0. Consent agenda included approval of 2023-2024 school calendar; M & D Construction bid for \$26,440.00 for elementary north side tuckpointing; Scholastic Equipment bid for elementary 2nd and 3rd floor lockers for \$21,615.25; Select Coatings bid for elementary hallway floors coating for \$14,809.21; LCRF grant requests for Michelle McDowell, Sharon Klaahsen, Shannon Klooster, Tina Sherrill-Range, and Bethany DeBoer; three open enrollment out applications for 23-24; 2023-2024 course catalog; 2023 summer rec program and posting for coordinator; FFA state convention attendance request; LCRF mini-grant resolution for uniforms; MOU with Morningside University for apprenticeship program; FFA fundraiser request; Dawn Gisolf resignation from assistant softball coach; recommendations for hire of Dawn Gisolf, head softball coach for \$3,536, Lexi Olivera, MS track coach for \$1,538, Lexi Olivera, assistant softball coach for \$2,583, Kim Terhark job change from para to library aide effective March 13; policy reviews for 504.05R1, 505.03, 505.05, 505.07, 506.01, 506.01E1, 506.01E2, 506.01E3, 506.01E4, 506.01E5, 506.01E6, 506.01E7, 506.01E8; policy first readings waiving second readings for 504.05, 505.02, 505.04, 505.06, and 506.01R.

A motion to approve the school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bond timeline was made by Johnson, seconded by Fugitt. Roll call vote was taken with Johnson, Sprock, Lloyd, Fugitt, and Mitchell, all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the engagement letter with Piper Sandler & Co for bond issuance and placement in assisting with the revenue bond was made by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote was taken with Johnson, Sprock, Lloyd, Fugitt, and Mitchell, all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the engagement letter with Ahlers & Cooney for bond counsel was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell. Roll call vote was taken with Johnson, Sprock, Lloyd, Fugitt, and Mitchell, all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the resolution for March 20 public hearing for school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bond on the proposed issuance of approximately \$3,200,000 for MS/HS HVAC project to replace the existing boiler system with a new heat pump and ICE storage system was made by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote was taken with Johnson, Sprock, Lloyd, Fugitt, and Mitchell, all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve gym floor bid for FLR Sanders bid for gym floor refinishing for \$37,218.80 pending future change order presented for what is all to be completed was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 5-0.