

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, April 17, 2023 in the ramp room in the GLR elementary building in Little Rock posting on doors the move from the music room to the ramp room. President Austin Lloyd called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Austin Lloyd, Andrew Sprock, Jason Fugitt, and Matt Mitchell. Andrea Johnson was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Luxford, Board Secretary/School Business Official Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Tyler Glanzer, Principal Karie Aeikens, and guests Valecia West and Stacie VerSteeg,

A quorum was established.

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

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:31pm by Sprock, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 4-0.

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The George-Little Rock Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting following a public hearing on Monday, April 17, 2023 in the ramp room in the GLR elementary building in Little Rock. President Austin Lloyd called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Board members present were Austin Lloyd, Andrew Sprock, Jason Fugitt, and Matt Mitchell. Andrea Johnson was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Superintendent Tom Luxford, Board Secretary/School Business Official Cathy Bonestroo, Principal Tyler Glanzer, Principal Karie Aeikens, and guests Valecia West and Stacie Ver Steeg,

A quorum was established. No citizens submitted paperwork to address the board, therefore no public comment was received.

Superintendent Luxford recognized swing choir and jazz band and their directors for a successful swing show, spring sports for their successful starts with broken records already, and thanked community members and bus drivers for their efforts in the winter months.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meetings was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the resolution appointing paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, bond registrar, and transfer agent agreement authorizing the execution of same was made by Fugitt, seconded by Sprock. Roll call vote was taken with Mitchell, Fugitt, Sprock, and Lloyd all ayes, no nays, motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve tax exemption certificate was made by Sprock, seconded by Mitchell. Roll call vote was taken with Mitchell, Fugitt, Sprock, and Lloyd all ayes, no nays, motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve authorizing the terms of issuance and providing for and securing the payment of school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds was made by Fugitt, seconded by Sprock. Roll call vote was taken with Mitchell, Fugitt, Sprock, and Lloyd all ayes, no nays, motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the financial bills was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Mitchell, seconded by Sprock, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the 2023-24 budget was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 audit extension noting the extra time and work with the federal funding levels and that 6 of their school clients had extensions compared to never requesting before was made by Fugitt, seconded by Sprock, carried 4-0.

Superintendent Luxford shared IASB communications addressing webinar on May 15 for administrators on culture innovation. Discussion was held on status of acquiring buses and purchase year of bus 12. Bus inspection report was shared noting the transportation director addresses inspection issues. Current job openings were shared. Luxford confirmed that all 2023-24 teacher contracts have been returned.

Principal Aeikens reported ISASP testing is complete except for some make-ups, parent teacher conferences averaged 88% attendance, preparing for summer school, kindergarten roundup went well with parent meeting approaching to assist with kindergarten or TK decisions, 6th graders visited MS building for tour and had question and answer time with 7th graders, and upcoming spring concert in sections for seating. Principal Glanzer shared ISASP testing same with some make-ups needed; 6th grade orientation went well with juniors also assisting with several siblings of current 6th graders; 8th grade career day; 4th quarter mid-terms; prom; FFA banquet; FCCLA, art, and MS field trips; senior parents correspondence for awards ceremony move to during the day with senior last day in order to have student body be present; baccalaureate at Hope Reformed May 7; and graduation May 14. Activities report included track, golf, swing show, jazz state championships in Ames, MS/HS spring concert May 2, and state FFA convention.

Sub-committee reports were shared. Financial services and personnel committee had no updates. Facilities committee presented HVAC bids review with pre-bid meeting well attended with 1 bid received for project. Employee shortage concerns were expressed from engineers with bid coming \$800,000 more than anticipated. More conversation is needed for moving forward and still need asbestos report. Design changes will be likely to constitute rebid if needed. In depth asbestos review will be completed. Gym floor refinishing plan was shared. New design will be submitted for re-quote by Glanzer. Lunchroom table replacements were recommended with bid from Scholastic. Summer projects schedule updates were discussed with need to be conscientious of future projects with significant higher HVAC bid. MS/HS windows were planned after HVAC but may need to relook due to HVAC bid. Operational sharing meeting update reviewed state operational sharing position possibilities with recommendation to continue sharing for building and grounds director, HR, and transportation director. HR sharing agreement was presented for approval. Shared transportation agreement is anticipated soon from Central Lyon. Program sharing for librarian and district media is being considered. SIAC tentative meeting will be held on May 3 at 5:30 pm.

Superintendent report included the 2023-2024 tabled select transportation rate amendments with new proposal of \$17.50 for bus driver activity hourly rate, \$23.25/hour Saturday rate, SPED unlimited stops \$67.63/route with discussion held to combine bus for activity trips to just 1 bus for activities to reduce and offset costs; and school director districts and method of election hiring a 3rd party for communication

and redistricting director districts. Preschool at one site was discussed for all preschool at the elementary in Little Rock for collaboration with peers, averaging out numbers better with nice transition into kindergarten, and what's best for students. Aeikens shared letter with board to send for discussion with patrons with board meeting vote in May. Transportation piece will need discussion with effective communication to affected patrons. Graduating class of 2023 was presented. Teacher and staff appreciation May 8-12 with national teacher day May 9. 2023-2024 driver's ed fees with Luxford proposing increase of \$15 with resident or open enrolled in at \$250 with discounts for free and reduced, non-resident or non-GLR students at \$315 with no discounts for free and reduced and stating GLR students will have priority for space in the class. Driver's ed instructor pay will also increase by \$15 for a total of \$200 per student.

Revised media paraprofessional job description was presented again. No resignations were received. Recommendations for hire included Kim Dykstra, summer school coordinator \$25/hour; Amber Den Hartog, summer rec coordinator \$1500; part-time summer custodians Brooklyn Spencer (29 hours/week) \$11.00/hour, Chase Duin (20 hours/week) \$11.00/hour, Samantha Everhart (20 hours/week) \$12.00/hour; and Tara Madsen substitute para \$13.00/hour and substitute teacher. Luxford shared the district will still advertise for part-time summer custodians.

Policy reviews and first readings were presented.

A motion to enter closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Open Meetings Law to evaluate the professional competencies of individuals for the annual superintendent evaluation was made at 6:11 pm by Fugitt, seconded by Sprock. Roll call vote was taken with Mitchell, Fugitt, Sprock, and Lloyd all ayes, no nays, motion passed 4-0. Glanzer, Aeikens, VerSteege, and West left the meeting.

A motion to return to open session was made at 7:51 pm by Sprock, seconded by Fugitt. Roll call vote was taken with Mitchell, Fugitt, Sprock, and Lloyd all ayes, no nays, motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0. Consent agenda included adoption of 2023-2024 budget; lunchroom table bid to Scholastic Equipment for \$74,946.08; operational sharing HR agreement with West Lyon and Boyden-Hull; amended 2023-2024 select transportation rates; graduation class of 2023; teacher and staff appreciation week of May 8 – 12 and proclamation for National Teacher Day on May 9; 2023-2024 driver's ed fees increase of \$15/student; 2023-2024 driver's ed instructor pay increase of \$15/student; media paraprofessional job description; recommendations for hire as presented; policy reviews for policies 507.07, 507.09, 507.09R1, 508.01, 508.02; and first readings waiving second readings of policies 507.03, 507.04, 507.05, 507.06, 507.08, 507.08R1.

A motion to approve tabling HVAC bid approval pending abatement report for possible design changes was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0.

A motion to approve tabling the resolution for school director districts and method of election was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 4-0.