

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

The George-Little Rock Board of Education met for a public hearing and regular board meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the community room in the GLR central office building in George. 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, Matt Mitchell, and Andrea Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Amanda Miller, School Business Official and Board Secretary Treasurer Cathy Bonestroo, Principal and Activities Director Tyler Glanzer, Principal Karie Aeikens, and guests Valecia West, Dennis Winkowitsch, Mike Hoing, and Richard Heidloff.

A public hearing was held on the 2025-2026 proposed tax rate. Public comment was received on the proposed tax rate impact, concerns of continued open enrollment, and the impact of the state funding for private schools. Lloyd shared recent changes from Des Moines and the minimal control for the districts over open enrolling to neighboring districts or online schools. Open enrollment has a significant impact on the district's finances. The district is on budget guarantee due to lower enrollment numbers which is all taxes. Board shared district goals with some steps for improvement with priority addressing open enrollment as part of the strategic plan and need for community support. It was also noted that the state has not set the state supplemental aid rate and the tax rate is published at a possible higher rate pending the state aid amount.

A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made at 5:38 pm by Sprock, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.

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A quorum was established. No public comment requests were filed, so no comments were received.

Superintendent Miller recognized fine arts and speech success and their speech coaches with unplanned overnight trip due to weather to allow participation. Emergency key boxes are in place in all buildings thanking Jodi and Shane for their work. Heidloff and Hoing left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

A motion to approve the amended agenda removing the Booster Club from discussions and action on the agreements until more information is received was made by Johnson, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0

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

A motion to approve the bills was made by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson, and carried 5-0. Discussion was held on 2 unexpected expenses that are still being reviewed.

A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Fugitt, seconded by Mitchell, and carried 5-0. Heeren Trust and budget guarantee resolutions were presented.

Superintendent Miller shared IASB board briefs with anticipation of legislative update in the next couple weeks and will forward when received. Current job openings were also shared.

Principal Aeikens reported on upcoming parent teacher conferences (PTC) and kindergarten round-up to determine TK and kindergarten numbers with parent meeting afterwards to assist with decisions. April 7-11 ISASP testings will take place.

Principal Glanzer reported on upcoming PTC, several field trips, and TAG National History Day success with moving on to state. National Theatre for Children presented on financial literacy to middle school students. WAR Eagle Conference academic banquet with only 5% allowed so one junior and one senior attended. High school track and golf have started, middle school track starting soon, FCCLA attending conference, War Eagle honor band, and all-state individual speech were shared for activities. Sibley-Ocheyedan has been approved by Siouxland Conference to leave early with War Eagle application awaiting votes. Legislation he is watching is 8th grade playing up in sports passing the House and moving forward to the Senate.

Financial services/personnel committee report was for 2025-2026 health insurance plan options from staff insurance committee recommendations. The Classic 500 plan is being replaced as no longer available due to not enough participants in a frozen plan. A point of service plan will be added to the HDHP2500, HDHP5000, and Select 1500 plans for options. District contribution amounts and structures will remain the same.

Facilities committee report included HVAC project update awaiting information from legal counsel for possibly sharing at the April 9 meeting to close out the project. Strategic planning 1st draft of information from the work session with input requested from the board with anticipating 2nd draft at April 21 board meeting along with the facility assessment presentation. Amanda and Cathy met in Spirit Lake and reviewed the beginning preliminary facility assessment with Beck completing another district walk through next week.

Marketing committee will meet late April or early May to meet with Emily from Content Coop for branding and marketing shell for specific ideas.

Policy committee will table Policy 802.02 Requests for Improvement.

Operational sharing meeting will be planned. Cathy and Amanda have had preliminary exploration meetings with HLP for possible shared SBO position with additional assistance on-site with day-to-day work for the districts.

SIAC committee info was shared.

Superintendent report included SIMBLI update and use with link being added on website for public accessibility and future board committee meetings use too. Booster Club discussion and agreement action postponed as awaiting further information. LCRF grants, open enrollment out application for 25-26,

AEA purchasing agreement, LCRF mini-grant resolution, 25-26 ARC School Pace agreement for K-8th grade curriculum, War Eagle Conference vote with other districts recommending approval with Siouxland approving Sibley-Ocheyedan to leave Siouxland Conference after baseball, and 25-26 Morningside student teacher agreement were all presented.

Resignations were presented from Jessica Peterson, MSHS Language Arts teacher; Payton Mauldin, MSHS Language Arts teacher; and Claire Kramer, paraprofessional. Recommendations for hire were presented for Megan Fastert, art teacher transfer pending logistics and proper licensure to cover part of the art teaching position with room in her schedule to continue Industrial Tech with in-house solutions for other art positions; Payton Mauldin, substitute teacher; and Emily Kramer, MS softball coach at \$2,012.

Policy reviews were presented for Policies 801.05 Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts, 801.06 Selection of an Architect, 801.07 Financing Site and Construction. Policy first readings were presented for 802.01 Maintenance Schedule, 802.03 Emergency Repairs, 802.04 Capital Assets, 802.04-R(2) Capital Assets - Management System Definitions – Regulation, and 802.05 Buildings & Sites Adaption for Persons with Disabilities.

A motion to pull and table Policy 802.02 Requests for Improvement was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0. A motion to remove Daktronics video scoreboard agreements and Booster Club partnership from consent agenda was made by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson, and carried 5-0.

A motion to approve consent agenda was made by Johnson, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0. Consent agenda included 25-26 district health plans, 25-26 district health plan structures and district contributions remaining same as 24-25, LCRF grants, open enrollment out application, AEA purchasing agreement, LCRF mini-grant resolution, 25-26 ARC School Pace agreement, Morningside student teacher agreement, support for Sibley-Ocheyedan to be accepted into the War Eagle Conference as early as this fall, resignations, recommendations for hire, and policies as presented.

A motion to approve the Heeren Trust resolution for the transfer of \$17,335.00 to the GLR Educational Foundation for scholarships for needy students was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt. Roll call vote was taken with Lloyd, Mitchell, Johnson, Fugitt, and Sprock all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to approve the Budget Guarantee resolution to levy property tax for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa was made by Sprock, seconded by Fugitt. Roll call vote was taken with Lloyd, Mitchell, Johnson, Fugitt, and Sprock all ayes, no nays, motion carried 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 6:23 pm was made by Mitchell, seconded by Fugitt, and carried 5-0.