

BOARD MEETING RECAP OCTOBER 19, 2017

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, October 19, 2017. They are not and should not be interpreted as the official minutes of the meeting.

The Grant County Board of Education was called to order for its regular monthly meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017, with the following members present:

- Gene Nelson, Chair (District 4)
- Debbie Rogers, Vice Chair (District 5)
- Charlotte Schmidt, Member (District 1)
- Bryan Slaughter, Member (District 2)
- Lisa Smith, Member (District 3)

Also present: Matt Morgan, Supt./Secretary to the Board; Don Ruberg, Board Attorney; Linda Justice, Ass't Sec'y to the Board

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Keaton Connelly, 5th grade student from Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ELEMENTARY K-PREP: 31 elementary students were recognized for scoring "Distinguished" in all areas assessed on the state K-PREP assessment given in May.



Third graders are assessed in the areas of Reading and Math.

Earning "Distinguished" in both areas were:

- CMZ: Sommer Chandler, Calleigh Hammons, Evan Ralston, Leah Wills
- DRE: Zoe Chaney, Jaelynn Hall
- MCE: Sean Bailer, Mary Wood
- SES: Lindzie Barrett, Brookelyn Mains, Josiah McCain, Braden Parrott, Toby Propes



Fourth graders are assessed in the areas of: Reading, Math, and Language Mechanics

Earning “Distinguished” in all three areas were:

--CMZ: Avery Case, Keaton Connelly, Amanda Cook, Lilliana Gripshover, Elijah Reynolds

--DRE: Hannah Herrmann, Madeline Kennedy, Miley Mathews, Wyatt Stacey, EmmaLeigh Unroe,
Massey Woodyard, Kristin Wright

--MCE: Jayde Carter

--SES: Damien Whiting



Fifth graders are assessed in the areas of: Reading, Math, Social Studies, and On-Demand Writing.

Earning “Distinguished in all four areas were:

--CMZ: Luke Hillman, Sarah Russell

--DRE: Summer Smith, Savannah Webb



DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY CONTRIBUTORS

The following business / organizations were recognized as being Bronze Level sponsors of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Bronze level sponsors have provided a gift in the amount of \$250-\$499 to help fund the distribution of books to children in the Grant County School District, birth to 5 years of age.

- Marshall’s Dry Ridge Toyota
- Owen Electric
- Lenihan Dental Center
- Grant County Veterinary Clinic
- Diana Nicely – Doubletake Salon
- Robert Ehmet Hayes and Associates (Architects)
- Grant County – KEA

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Joe Hayes, of Robert Ehmet Hayes and Associates, provided a construction update relative to the new Transportation/Maintenance facility.

DRY RIDGE ELEMENTARY ADMIN TEAM REPORT:

(By: Bobbie Jo Pelfrey, Angela Little, Marianne Smith, and Amanda Minser)

K-PREP: DRE has seen some advances on the K-PREP assessments and are continuing their work with RTI, goal setting, small groups, and differentiated instruction. They are working to close gaps.

--There is an enhanced focus on literacy as evidenced by ramping up the Accelerated Reading program, providing an increased number of books from which students may choose, and a workshop model for getting students involved in understanding and improving their scores. Lesson plan protocols are in place that make literacy a priority, whether math, science or other content. Word problems are now more prevalent in math.

--Data: Every 2 weeks some sort formative assessment is given with Mrs. Pelfrey or Mrs. Little reviewing the results. The assessments allow analysis, grouping, and strategizing on what should be next steps: remediation, re-teaching, or re-assessing. They are also working to build teacher capacity for sharing instructional strategies that work.

--Attention is being given to developing a growth mindset in students. Representatives from DRE presented at KASC with many positive responses.

--Attention to the whole child occurs with several programs including Watch Dogs, Children's, Inc. After-School Child Care, back pack program for weekend nutrition, Born Learning, Boot Camp for physical fitness, Drop In and Read, and more.

K-PREP / MAP ASSESSMENT REPORT:

(By: Jennifer Wright, Becky Boden, and Jamie Kellam)

--K-PREP: Schools and districts were given no rating this year with regard to being a "Proficient" or "Distinguished" school or district. Next year, schools and districts will be rated with a "stars" system.

--We are currently transitioning from one accountability system to another so it is difficult to compare scores from one year to the next, however, we can analyze data relative to % of proficient and distinguished students in various content areas. As such, we are able to identify several areas in which improvement is needed.

--We do notice a gap in scores with girls outscoring boys in several areas (in both K-PREP and MAP).

--MAP assessments, given 3 times each year, have been beneficial in helping us identify students who are not growing as they should. They also help determine what differentiated instruction may be needed. Parents are able to see data over a period of years to monitor their child's growth.

--Literacy is being stressed on a multitude of levels. The elementaries have a new reading program. Teachers of all content areas, at all levels, are learning to integrate more literacy into their curriculum. Literacy is being stressed at the early childhood level via Dolly Parton Imagination Library and several early childhood events that have been planned.

--District level administrators are working with each building in monthly SOS (Status of our School) reviews, providing feedback and team efforts in moving students forward.

--Finally, professional development is continuous, particularly as teacher retention/turnover is often an issue.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

(Unique business items will be listed in this recap first, with recurring/routine reports and business listed at the end.)

Pay application #6 was approved for the Transportation and Maintenance building.

The **GCHS Choir Trip to Chicago** via common carrier was approved.

The **FCCLA trip to Washington DC** via plane was approved.

School-wide Fundraisers for GCMS PTT and MCE PTO were approved.

Non-resident (reciprocal) contracts with several area school districts were approved for 2018-2019 school year. (This is done annually.)

A 4% pay increase for Food Service Managers was approved. (Food Service salaries are paid with Food Service funds which are separate from general fund monies).

Approval was granted for five days to be added back to the contracts of the four elementary curriculum specialists (increasing from 192 to 197 days) for the 2017-2018 school year. The extra days will be paid using Title I money, and will return the five days cut from their contract in 2008.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with The Ridge Behavior Health System was approved. Grant County Schools will provide space and identify students; The Ridge will hire staff and handle parent approvals, assessments, billing (Medicaid and private insurance), and treatment. The arrangement will allow earlier interventions, and will allow students to remain on site while receiving counseling services. The arrangement presently starts with Grant County High School and will be expanded to include Grant County Middle and the elementaries if determined successful. The Ridge will also be able to perform threat assessments, with more severe needs being addressed via residential care off campus.

An **additional Preschool Teacher position** was approved. (This is due to enrollment; the cap in Preschool classrooms is 20 students.) The new teacher/classroom will be established at Sherman Elementary where there is already a classroom set up; adjustments to transportation may be necessary.

Additional Preschool Assistant positions were approved for SES, MCE, and DRE. The MCE position will be filled first, then SES and DRE once their numbers (which are currently close) actually reach the maximum allowed.

A **contract with a behavior specialist** was approved.

An **additional Instructional Assistant position was approved for the DRE Autism classroom**. Again, this is necessary due to the number of students receiving these services.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Staff and students involved with **Hay Read** were commended for an excellent job!

November 14 will be a showing of **"Bad Kids"** in the Grant County High School auditorium (5:00 p.m.). This is of interest to all educators, parents, and community members.

November 16 will be the 7th Annual **Let's Talk Turkey Showcase** event at Grant County High School, 5-7 pm.

Mr. Morgan provided the Board information regarding the **standards upon which he will be evaluated.**

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Bryan Slaughter requested the Board consider some sort recognition they could bestow when staff members are seen going above and beyond.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for October 19, 2017, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education: Approved as presented.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Approved as presented.

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: End of 2nd month enrollment: 3672; Attendance: 95.62%

Financial Report: Rescinded for further review.

Energy Report: None this month as we were ahead last month.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

The Board adjourned into Executive Session, then reconvened and adjourned regular meeting.