

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, November 9, 2017

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, November 9, 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, November 9, 2017, with the following members present:

PRESENT--Gene Nelson, Chair (District 4)

PRESENT--Debbie Rogers, Vice Chair (District 5)

PRESENT--Charlotte Schmidt, Member (District 1)

PRESENT--Bryan Slaughter, Member (District 2)

PRESENT--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

Mission statement read by Debbie Rogers, Vice Chair:

"The mission of Grant County Schools is to appreciate each student's unique potential and to advocate for excellence in every child."

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Madison Utter, 4th grade student from Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

FOURTH GRADE GIFTED/TALENTED: Carmen Lockard, Gifted and Talented Teacher for Grant County Schools recognized the following fourth grade students who have recently been identified as qualifying for gifted/talented services:

FROM CMZ: Jaydyn Corbin, Calleigh Hammons, Natalie Hedges, Bryson Henry, Abbigail Kelly, Trent Melton, Evan Ralston, Madison Utter, Leah Wills

FROM DRE: Zoe Chaney, Jesse Dunn, Luke Durnell, Jaelynn Hall, Wyatt Harris, Hayden Hughett, Eliana Jefferson, Lily Kaffenberger, Nathan Regensburger, Colton Rumpke, Zander Taylor, Jurni Price

FROM MCE: Sean Bailer, MacKenzie Dove, Dakota Frazier, Hunter Lilly, Ian McComas, Katlin Muse, Mary Wood

FROM SES: Gabriella Iles, Austin Koebbe, Ellyanna Lawson, Braden Parrott, Toby Propes, Calleigh Setter, Jason Smith, Kadence Spray, Iris VieBrooks, Breeanna Wininger



COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Scott Shipp, Director of Operations, provided a construction update for the new Transportation / Maintenance facility. Exterior is complete except for the installation of doors; concrete is poured in garage; drywall is installed; approximately 75% of ceiling grid is installed and 25% of lights. Blacktop may present a problem as the ground is quite wet, but still hopeful for completion in January.

CRITTENDEN-MT. ZION ELEMENTARY ADMIN TEAM REPORT:

CMZ's presentation by Nancy Livingood, Kim Simpson, and Johnelle Simpson (while others on the admin team attended the Veterans Day program at CMZ) focused primarily on literacy.

Some initiatives about which the team shared, included:

- Morning announcements are videotaped using 5th graders -- then shared school-wide.
- First / fifth grade partnership in which 5th graders visit 1st graders every Friday for about 20 minutes. The first grader reads his/her book to the fifth grader, then the fifth grader reads to the first grader. Plans are also underway for first graders to become encouragers for the fifth graders during testing.
- The new reading curriculum adopted by all four elementary schools, the Lucy Calkins series, has been well received. It teaches kids to love to read. Kindergarten has celebrated the successful completion of units with a parade through the school.
- First grade students having completed reading certain books was awarded with a trip to the Grant County Public Library for the opportunity to read the literacy bell. For several, it was there first time to visit GCPL. Kindergarten students will have the opportunity next semester.
- Kindergarteners enjoyed a "Soaring with Super Reader" kick-off, with a visit from "Super Reader". The program ends with students receiving their own Super Reader cape.
- First graders have the opportunity to read a book to the entire school via video attached to the bulletin.
- The team provided data indicating increased stamina time (capacity to stay on task with reading a text.) They are also seeing more and more student discourse regarding what they

are reading. Appreciation was expressed to the Grant County Public Library for their partnership.

- The team reported that they particularly like the conferring piece of the Lucy Calkins Curriculum.
- MAP scores were shared. See areas of much encouragement; but also areas for growth.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

CONSTRUCTION PAY APPLICATION #7 (FOR NEW T&M): Approved for payment.

REQUEST FOR SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY for a student was approved.

A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH NORTH KEY was approved for expanded mental health services was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Morgan shared evaluation standards.

Announcements:

- Let's Talk Turkey (November 16): Board members invited to serve.
- Blue/Gold Madness at GCHS: Friday, November 17.
- Mr. Morgan took guest on tour of Tech Center with a very positive response.
- Mr. Morgan provided a mini update on currently proposed pension legislation.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for November 9, 2017, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education: Approved with slight revision to order.

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

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: Attendance: 94.90. A state attendance audit was recently performed. The preliminary report indicates a few minor findings; nothing major. Mrs. Herald will be filing truancy charges in November for several GCMS and GCHS students.

Financial Report: Mr. Morgan reported picking up the largest tax revenue check ever received this month...4.7 million. This represents the bulk of the annual property taxes collected in Grant County.

Energy Report: Pleased that energy expenses were down.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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