

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, January 11, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, January 11, 2018. 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, January 11, 2018, with the following members present:

Present--Gene Nelson, Chair (District 4)

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

Present (arrived at 6:37pm)--Charlotte Schmidt, Member (District 1)

Present--Bryan Slaughter, Member (District 2)

Present--Lisa Smith, Member (District 3)

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

Mission statement read by Bryan Slaughter.

"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 Kinsey Clay, 8th grade student from Grant County Middle School.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ALL-STATE BANDS AND CHOIRS:



GCS is proud to have three students who will be representing Grant County High School as members of the All-State Bands and Choirs during the Kentucky Music Educators Association Annual Conference in February. Selection for All-

State is by audition, and brings together the finest musicians in the state for practice sessions, then performances under the direction of renowned teachers and conductors. Representing Grant County High School in the All-State Junior High Chorus (as a Freshman) will be Sam Kinsey (left). Seniors Colton Beach (center) and Joshua Blackburn (far right) were each selected for the All-State Jazz Band.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Morgan reported that flooring at the new Transportation and Maintenance Office was well underway. Garage doors are installed; parking lot is complete; bathroom fixtures will be installed next week. Move-in is expected in March.

AUDIT REPORT: George Sparks, auditor with Bertke & Sparks, presented findings following a review of financial records for 2016-2017. He reported a clean audit, with excellent cooperation on the part of all departments, and reported no issues with financial controls, etc. Assets have increased, as well as liabilities – with the district’s net position having improved slightly. Challenges facing the district include the increased CERS obligation (throughout Kentucky) and a five-year trend in which expenses have exceeded revenue. This trend is now fairly common across the state, but something of which Boards of Education must take account.

MAP REPORT: Jennifer Wright, Jamie Kellam, and Becky Boden presented on the Winter MAP Assessment Data. While much additional information was presented, the big-picture district snapshot is as follows:

Subject>	Reading			Math		
	Above Grade Level	On Grade Level	Below Grade Level	Above Grade Level	On Grade Level	Below Grade Level
Elementary	12%	35%	53%	8%	36%	56%
Middle	18%	42%	40%	14%	35%	51%
High	20%	40%	40%	15%	38%	47%

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE were approved for 1 certified employee and 1 classified employee.

The **COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN** was presented by Jennifer Wright, and approved as presented. Mrs. Wright indicated this was one of the most comprehensive plans to date and featured peer learning labs, PLCs, thinking strategies, professional development, blended learning, and individual learning plans. Mrs. Wright stated they wished to be more transparent with data throughout the district in an effort to more universally identify and address areas of strength and weakness.

The **DRAFT BUDGET for 2018-2019** was submitted by Matt Morgan, though he acknowledged having less solid information with which to work than in any year previous. In light of known increases in expenses (ie: retirement and health insurance costs) and known cuts in revenue (ie: SEEK, etc.), Bryan Slaughter opened conversation relative to other sources of revenue. The Draft Budget was approved.

A **SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY** was approved for a student with disabilities.

The BOARD SCHEDULE of Work Sessions and Regular Board Meetings for Jan, 2018- Jan, 2019 was submitted and approved. The Board had previously requested that meetings be rotated throughout the district in an effort to engage more stakeholders. A complete schedule, including work sessions, principal reports, and recognitions is available [here](#). A quick summary is as follows:

Feb 8, 6:15 at SES	May 10, 6:15 at GCB0E	Aug 9, 6:15 at GCB0E	Nov 8, 6:15 at CMZ
Mar 8, 6:15 at MCE	Jun 14, 6:15 at GCB0E	Sep 13, 6:15 at GCHS	Dec 13, 6:15 at GCMS
Apr 12, 6:15 at GCB0E	Jul 12, 6:15 at GCB0E	Oct 11, 6:15 at DRE	Jan 10, 6:15 at GCB0E

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY: The Board's contract with Don Ruberg, of Ruberg Law, PLLC, was renewed.

An **INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT POSITION** was approved for DRE (in the area of special needs).

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported having toured **Wolfe Steel**, a manufacturing facility in Crittenden which employees two of our students as apprentices. Wolfe Steel reported being very happy with the program and the students, and would have hired all 12 candidates had they had 12 openings.

Mr. Morgan has upcoming meetings with **St. Elizabeth**, and with the **Grant County Chamber of Commerce** regarding fostering more business partnerships.

Mr. Morgan provided the Board information regarding **evaluation standard #4**.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Bryan Slaughter thanked his fellow board members for their participation in the fruit packing and distribution in December. He has received several comments of appreciation. He also reported that efforts thus far to solicit business partners to help provide the Chrome Books at GCMS had netted more than \$7,000. More partners are being sought.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

AGENDA for January 11, 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 5th month district enrollment: 3664; Attendance: 94.03%; Year-to-date Attendance: 94.94

5th Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
5 th Month	95.49	93.97	95.21	93.60	93.94	93.22	94.03
YTD	96.20	95.32	95.82	95.68	95.21	93.37	94.94

5-Year District Enrollment report (End of 5th month)

2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
3664 (Low)	3734	3915	3964 (High)	3950	3818

Mrs. Herald submitted Calendar Options A and B for Board review and consideration. She reported that neither calendar utilized the provision provided by the Legislature for later start dates (but longer days) – largely because so many of our students already have lengthy bus rides. She was complimentary of the calendar committee for developing what she believed to be two calendar options that were each considerate of student needs. The Board will finalize the 2018-2019 calendar at their February meeting.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Energy Report: Accepted as presented.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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