BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, February 8, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, February 8, 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, February 8, 2018, by Gene Nelson, Chairperson, 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.; Don Ruberg, Board Attorney; Linda Justice, Ass't Sec'y to the Board

Mission statement read by Charlotte Schmidt.

"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 Macy Beagle, 4th grade student from Mason-Corinth Elementary.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Gene Nelson was recognized for completing Level 1 of board member training from KSBA.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Mr. Kenneth Clark, Bus Driver, requested a review of our discipline policy and/or better communication between drivers / principals regarding bus infractions – particularly with regard to elementary students. He explained that a student could be guilty of the same infraction (ie: not remaining in his/her seat) and written up by the driver each time, but not receive any substantial consequence until the 4th or 5th offense. He is worried that safety is being compromised, and that drivers will be held accountable, despite the drivers' efforts to the contrary. He would like to see the policy call for a warning for the first offense, then action with the second offense. Mr. Nelson requested that his concerns be put in writing and submitted to Mr. Shipp and/or Mr. Wright. Mrs. Claudette Herald, DPP, stated that re-teaching expectations may also be appropriate, particularly for the younger students. Everyone agreed improved communication between schools and drivers would be helpful.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Mr. Morgan reported having done a walk-through at the new Transportation and Maintenance facility last Friday. Floors are being buffed, and final punch list items are being addressed. They will be able to move in during March.

PAY APPLICATION #9 for the Transportation and Maintenance building was approved.

SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM REPORT: Sherman's report was submitted, with opportunities given for Q&A.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL WELLNESS REPORT was submitted by Kathy Craven, Food Service Director, and Mary Beagle, District Health Coordinator. (See report here.)

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

A MOA with MEBS and Associates for the provision of mental health services was approved.

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The first and second KETS offers of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) was accepted/approved. The amount received is for education technology and is derived via a formula based on average daily attendance for the school district. The district will match the amount awarded.

The FRYSC Assurance Certification (required in order to receive continued FRYSC funding) for each of Grant County's Family Resource and Youth Service Centers was approved.

Participation in the Summer Feeding Program was approved for Summer, 2018. The effort will again be in collaboration with the Grant County Public Library, offering meals along with literacy programs at identified locations.

The Board approved a request to KDE for Grant County Schools to use its Capital Outlay Funds to pay for certain facility operating costs.

The 2018-2019 School Calendar was approved. A parent-friendly version is available here.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported on community contacts/efforts, including St. E and the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

The Board and Mr. Morgan agreed that the March Board meeting would include a presentation on "Portrait of a Graduate."

Mr. Morgan shared Superintendent Evaluation Standard #5 with the Board.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

The following Board Member Committee assignments were made:

G. Nelson	D. Rogers	C. Schmidt	B. Slaughter	L. Smith
Title IX	GSP	Legislative	Review	Vo-Tech Steering
LPC (Facilities)	District Planning	GCS Foundation	Hall of Fame	

Charlotte Schmidt brought attention to a scholarship program featured in Kentucky Living for foster children and parents of young children.

Board Members expressed appreciation to Mr. Carter (a KSBA mentor) for his critique and subsequent suggestions for keeping meetings efficient and effective.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for Thursday, February 8, 2018, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education: Approved.

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

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: No report. (We have not had a complete attendance month since the last Board meeting report.)

Financial Report: Submitted in Board packets.

Energy Report: Submitted in Board packets.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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