

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, July 12, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, July 12, 2018, at the Grant County Board of Education District Office. 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 by Gene Nelson, Board Chairperson, at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018, with the following 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

The Board immediately adjourned into Executive Session for the purpose of finalizing the Superintendent evaluation process. The Board then reconvened its regularly scheduled meeting.

The Mission statement was 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 Jennifer Wright, Deputy Superintendent.

The Agenda was approved as presented.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Construction Update: The new Transportation and Maintenance Building is ready for occupancy with the exception of internet and telephones, which should be available Tuesday, July 17.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

Website Contract: The Board approved a 4-year contract with eSchoolView for continued website hosting, the provision of the content management system, and website maintenance.

The 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct was approved. It will be printed and distributed to students, and is available on the [Student Discipline](#) page of our website.

Emergency Certification of Guest Teachers: As per standard procedure, the Board approved the emergency certification of all 2018-2019 guest teachers.

Indirect Cost Rate: As per standard procedure, the indirect cost rate for 2018-2019 was approved. This establishes the rates charged to food service and similar separately funded programs (such as grants) for building / utility use.

Approval of School Fee for Culinary Pathway for 2018-2019: The culinary fee for 2018-2019 at GCHS was approved. The complete GCS fee schedule for 2018-2019 is available on our website's [Back-to-School page](#) (under GCHS events).

OVEC Membership: The Board approved continued membership with the Ohio Valley Educational Coop for 2018-2019, and authorized payment of membership dues.

KSBA Summer Institute: Approval was granted for Board member participation in the KSBA Summer Institute in Lexington, July 13-14, 2018.

KSBA Membership: The Board approved continued membership with the Kentucky School Boards Association for 2018-2019, and authorized payment of membership dues.

Counselor Position: The Board approved the creation of a position for a district-wide counselor. This individual will assist at GCMS and as needed throughout the district.

Pizza Bid: The Board approved the 2018-2019 pizza bid. Winning this year's pizza bid is: Papa John's.

Policy Update: The Board approved the 2nd reading of policy updates as recommended by KSBA. See email attachment for a summary of these policy changes.

Board Secretary: Upon the recommendation of Gene Nelson, Board Chairperson, the Board named Linda Justice as Board Secretary for a term of one year. Salary/stipend to be determined.

Superintendent Evaluation: The Board moved to approve the evaluation report established in Executive Session for publication in the Grant County News.

The Grant County School Volunteer Handbook was provided to and acknowledged by the Board. The (revised) handbook is available on the [FRC/YSC page](#) of our website.

The Transportation Handbook was provided to and acknowledged by the Board. The combined Student Discipline and Transportation handbook is available on the [Student Discipline](#) page of our website.

The updated procedure 09.224 AP.21 **Consent for Health Services** was provided to and acknowledged by the Board. See email attachment for updated form.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Administrative Retreat: Mr. Morgan, together with Jennifer Wright, shared regarding the administrative retreat held July 9-11, 2018. Theme: "Act. Go. Do." Leadership was the focus on the retreat, with every administrator reading the book, "The Power of Positive Leadership" by Jon Gordon. Goals for the district were established relative to new initiatives of the current Commissioner, and to our academic data, which has fallen somewhat stagnant. Two "North Stars" for the district were established. 1) In the area of organization, communication was chosen. As such, all administrators were encouraged to establish and utilize Twitter accounts and be more intentional in communication to all stakeholders. 2) In the area of academics, instructional protocols will be implemented to ensure student learning.

Teacher evaluation will now be an online process utilizing a service provided by Talent Ed.

Mr. Morgan confirmed that there will be an Opening Day program involving all staff. The Braves (Back to School) Bash is scheduled for Friday, August 10, 5:30 – 7:30.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Gene Nelson thanked the Board for their extra time and effort in completing the Supt. evaluation.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

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

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved following inquiry and subsequent correction to amount reported as paid to an employee for travel.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: None

Financial Report: Brian reported completing the first payroll of the new year, and thanked Shannon Burk for her assistance.

Energy Report: Brian Linder reported that energy costs for May were up (over last year), but the year-to-date costs were still below the preceding year.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

The Board adjourned into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.