

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, September 13, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, September 13, 2018, at Grant County High School. 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, Chairperson at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 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, Secretary to the Board

The Mission statement was read by Debbie Rogers:

“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 Brooklyn Hammons, GCHS Freshman.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The Grant County High School Agriculture Program was recognized by Kentucky Green and Healthy Schools for their participation in a water collection system project at the GCHS greenhouse. The project utilizes water collected at the greenhouse for use by the department’s livestock and plant irrigation projects. KY Green & Healthy Schools contributed \$990 toward the project.



GCHS Track & Field Team members were recognized for regional and state performances, as well as school record-breaking performances earlier this summer. Recognized were:

Brooklyn Hammons

Region 5 – Class AAA - 1st Place Girls Discus; 1st Place Girls Shot Put
State KHSAA – Class AAA – 3rd Place Girls Discus; 19th Place Girls Shot Put
GCHS Records: Girls Indoor Shot Put (31-7.5); Girls Outdoor Discus (115-10); Girls Turbo Javelin (76-0)

Jackson Smallwood

Region 5 – Class AAA - 1st Place Boys Shot Put
State KHSAA – Class AAA – 6th Place Boys Shot Put
GCHS Records: Boys Indoor Shot Put (41-3.5); Boys Outdoor Shot Put (45-1.5); Boys Turbo Javelin (126-8)

Alecia Homer

Region 5 – Class AAA - 3rd Place Girls 100m Dash
State KHSAA – Class AAA – 22nd Place Girls 100m Dash

Abigail Phillips

Region 5 – Class AAA - 6th Place Girls High Jump
State KHSAA Track Meet Qualification & Participation

Benjamin Spratt

Region 5 – Class AAA - 3rd Place Boys 1600m Run
State KHSAA – Class AAA – 16th Place Boys 1600m Run

Jenna Webster

GCHS Record: Girls Indoor 1600m Run (6:39.11)

Cody Wells

GCHS Record: Boys Indoor 55m Dash (7.08); Boys Outdoor 100m Dash (11.31)

Katrina Byrne

Region 5 – Class AAA - 2nd Place Girls 300m Hurdles; 6th Place Girls 100m Hurdles
State KHSAA – Class AAA – 12th Place Girls 300m Hurdles; 14th Place Girls 100m Hurdles
Grant County High School Records:
Girls Indoor 55m Hurdles (9.63); Girls Indoor 60m Hurdles (10.82); Girls Indoor Long Jump (13-5.75);
Girls Indoor High Jump (4-4); Girls Indoor Pentathlon (2,059); Girls Outdoor 300m Hurdles (49.34)



ACT Benchmarks: The following GCHS Seniors were recognized for reaching (or exceeding) the state benchmarks in all 4 areas (English, Math, Reading, and Science) on their Junior ACT in March: *Jonas Alger, Joseph Ashcraft, Matthew Boden, Seth Bowling, Samuel Cox, Austin Creech, Nicholas Day, Elijah Deaton, Dylan Denny, Gloria Mercer, Katie Michels, Elisa Nelson, Nikia Oakes, Lauren Roberts, Jacob Sharp, Benjamin Spratt, Cameron Strittholt, Katia Torres-Sanchez, Madison Torres-Sanchez, Cody Trenkamp, Madison Vogt, and Conner Williams.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Construction Update: Joe Hayes or Ehmet Hayes Architects reported on continued completion activities at the new Transportation and Maintenance Office.

The GCHS Admin Team Report:

Mr. Clay Mattingly, new principal at Grant County High School introduced himself and his team to the Board. He reported that much of their emphasis thus far has been building culture. Their new hashtag, #Buildthetribe, can be expanded in many ways to focus on providing: safety, positivity, a strong foundation, success (defined in a variety of ways), pride, connectivity, and doing something that matters.

T - Take care of and support one another.

R – Reach for the same goals

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B – Be accountable to one another

E – Empower one another.

Instructional Focus will include: Focus on core beliefs and values, building capacity of new staff members, walkthrough feedback via google forms and analysis at leadership meetings

Organizational Focus will include: Weekly leadership meetings with focus on empowering staff; safety and organizational reviews with focus on becoming more effective and efficient; living calendar and team drives; high expectations for students and staff.

2025 Vision:

- Providing every opportunity possible for students
- Negative and unwarranted stigmas removed
- School pride at an all-time high
- Community involvement like never before
- Best place people could ever ask to work
- Statewide recognition for good things that are taking place
- Students who are prepared and motivated to be successful citizens and who contribute to society

Mr. Mattingly reported that Laura Smith had been selected as the new Eagle Creek Academy Program Director. Mr. Butler gave an update on students taking advantage of a variety of Career and Tech internship opportunities.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

Fundraisers were approved for SES and MCE's PTOs.

District Funding Assurances were approved -- documenting that Grant County Schools is in compliance with the various requirements of named state and federal funding sources.

Additional ARC Chairpersons were approved, adding **Jacob Brown** and **Lindsey Smith** at GCMS; **Larry Butler** and **Josh Powers** at GCHS; and **Emma Harris** from the District Office.

The 2019 Working Budget was approved.

The creation of a position for **District Wide Intervention Specialist** to work with identified 4th and 5th graders (using Read 180 Program) was approved. Funds will come from carry-over ESS funds, Title I funds, and school SBDM monies.

Use of the GCHS Course Codes at GCMS was approved.

Property at 505 South Main, Williamstown, KY (the former T&M building) was declared as surplus property. This allows the Board to begin the process of making it available for sale (appraisal, etc). It will continue to serve as a satellite staging area for buses serving the south end of the county until such time as the property is disposed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported:

- Grant County and Williamstown Schools will host and present at the upcoming **GC Chamber of Commerce Breakfast** September 17. Mr. Morgan and Misty Middleton, Wmstown Supt., will do their "state of the schools" report to the Chamber together.
- **Profile of a Graduate** work will begin at a meeting held Monday, October 8, 2018, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Board member input is desired. Debbie Rogers and Bryan Slaughter volunteered to work in this capacity.
- **Regional KSBA meeting:** September 24.
- **Hay Read:** September 27

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Debbie Rogers, whose daughter was in the lobby during the recent Fifth Third Center shooting in Cincinnati, questioned regarding our **cell phone policy at GCMS** which requires that phones be left in lockers, in light of a parent's need to communicate with their children during a real crisis. Mr. Morgan promised to bring her concern to the GCMS SBDM.

Upon the recommendation of Gene Nelson, the Board approved a **\$2000 stipend for Linda Justice for her service as Board Secretary** July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.

Lisa Smith has had parent inquiries regarding our **head lice policy**...specifically the lack of communication regarding when it is appropriate to be watching and/or taking extra precautions. Mr. Morgan explained that this is a tricky issue, with practices having moved from strict no-nit policies years ago to less exclusion now. He will solicit information from KSBA regarding ways other districts may be handling this issue.

Bryan Slaughter shared regarding an opportunity the district has to receive **paving materials** free of charge. He also expressed concern regarding a list he had created of known, needed **facility improvements**, and related costs.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for Thursday, September 13, 2018, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education: Approved.

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

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented – following some inquiry and clarification regarding money for band and non-revenue producing sports; potentially duplicated fuel charges; food charges listed under T&M expenses; and excavation work done at SES.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: Preschool enrollment is climbing. Enrollment at GCMS is growing; CMZ is steady; remaining schools are experiencing declining enrollments.

#1st Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

1 st Month	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
Enrollment	507	417	289	390	897	1055	3555
Attendance	96.89	96.89	96.42	97.08	95.94	94.15	95.84
Year-to-date	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same

Financial Report: Presented by Mr. Morgan.

Energy Report: Presented by Mr. Morgan. Currently up in usage and expense over last year.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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