

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, November 8, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, November 8, 2018, at Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary 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, November 8, 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 Lisa Smith:

“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 Addyson Owings, Taliah Smoot, and Clarissa Collins, 4th grade students at CMZ.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Gifted / Talented: Mrs. Carmen Lockard, Gifted and Talented Teacher, recognized the following students upon their recent identification for the Gifted/Talented program:

CMZ: Zachery Allphin, Natalee Bullock, Addison Case, Clarissa Collins, Savannah Fryman, Avery Lello, Addyson Owings, Tiffany Roberts, Taliah Smoot, Hadley West, Kilynn White, Moriah Wills

DRE: Chase Beach, Carter Brady, Kasey Jones, Jaden Morgan, Luke Naranjo, Gus Phillips, Malachi Rice Abigail Simpson, Derrick Smith, Jillian Treadway, Emmerson Walters

MCE: Evelyn Eubank, Isaiah Goerner, Aubrie Hall, Jayden Swope, Taylor Yates

SES: Jazmine Barrett, Mariah Begley, Adrianna Blackburn, Braxton Faust, Riley Hartloff, Cash Holladay Carlee Manning, Bryden Moore, Hunter Wilson, Devon Zdunic





COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Construction Update: Mr. Joe Hayes, architect, was present to address any questions about the planned paving at GCHS and GCMS. The BG-1 (the initial project application filed with KDE) for this project was approved.

Principal's Report: CMZ's principal, Nancy Livingood, and her administrative team, Kim Simpson, Ben Roof, and Danielle Haley were present to address any questions from their report submitted earlier. Questions were fielded regarding the technical writing component in math, as well as "Study Island" and "Education Galaxy", which are computer programs that reinforces skills identified by MAP and other assessments as areas of need. Mr. Slaughter inquired regarding number of Chromebooks available to students at CMZ, and potential scheduling issues with the computer carts that may hamper utilization.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

The **GCMS Eighth Grade Trip to Chicago** was approved following questions from Mrs. Rogers regarding number of students permitted, and the timing of payments, etc. The discounted price and limited availability of "Hamilton" tickets necessitated a quicker turnaround for permissions and deposits from the students.

Employee Leaves were approved for 4 staff members at Sherman Elementary School.

Emergency Certification was granted for a GCHS Media Arts teacher.

The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) (Technology) Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$30,047 was accepted. Accepting the offer means our district agrees to match their offer.

Out-of-District Contracts were approved.

Custodial Contract: A contract was approved with Jani King to provide evening custodial services at CMZ. CMZ currently has two of four evening custodial positions vacant. Vacancies there and

throughout the district, together with call-outs, overtime and/or sub costs, and the amount of time Julie Webb (Head of Housekeeping) spends calling and moving personnel around all combine to make this a plausible solution for housekeeping services at CMZ. The current day custodian will remain at CMZ, while the two current night custodians will move to another location within the district. Julie will serve as liaison with Jani King.

The Board approved a job classification change from “Cafeteria Monitor” to “Custodian” for all current cafeteria monitors. Over the years, the duties of the cafeteria monitors have evolved to primarily performing lunchroom custodial services -- doing heavy work, but for (slightly) less pay than other custodians. Their pay scale will be adjusted to match the custodial *hourly* rate, except with the same number of hours and days as they worked as a Cafeteria Monitor.

Old Business: The Board agreed to follow-up with their review of specific job classifications and salaries at an upcoming work session.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan shared regarding the **GCS CTC Renewable Energy Trailer’s** debut trip, which was in conjunction with a CMZ field trip to Duke’s solar farm in Walton. Everything was very impressive, and may have even sparked another partnership with Gateway.

Let’s Talk Turkey! Student Showcase will be Thursday, Nov 15, at GCHS. The Board has been asked again to serve the meal.

Veteran’s Day Programs will be held at every building (Thursday – Monday); always well done and respectful.

The **GCS CTC will host the OVEC Regional Board Meeting** on Wednesday, Nov 14, with Chef Flink and the culinary class preparing lunch, and the JROTC escorting guests.

Mr. Morgan shared two days he will be out of the district.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Bryan Slaughter opened discussion regarding **potential Christmas season activities**. If he can again obtain fruit, the Board will gather on the 17th and pack fruit for distribution on the 18th.

Mr. Slaughter also expressed concern regarding some **facility issues** that hamper desired school safety efforts.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for Thursday, November 8, 2018, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education was approved after adding “Public Comment” and “Recess”, each of which had been accidentally omitted.

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

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented.

Superintendent's Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: End of 3rd month enrollment: 3552; Attendance: 95.17%

3rd Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
3rd Month	96.68	96.30	96.41	96.27	94.94	92.75	94.99
YTD	96.39	96.18	96.20	96.39	95.27	93.28	95.17

Preschool enrollment is currently a little lower than last year, but we have 17 students waiting to enroll.

Financial Report: Report accepted. We will be receiving our first (and likely, biggest) check of the season from property tax receipts within the next few days.

Energy Report: Energy consumption is up about 7% throughout the district. Mr. Slaughter noted that KSBA had the thermal energy detection equipment available to districts that may be beneficial in detecting heat loss at the Board office.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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