

## BOARD RECAP

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the

- Grant County Board of Education Work Session held Thursday, December 6, 2018, and the
- Grant County Board of Education Regular Meeting held Thursday, December 13, 2018.

They are not and should not be interpreted as the official minutes of the meeting.

## BOARD MEETING RECAP: Thursday, December 13, 2018

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, December 13, 2018, at the Grant County Board of Education office. The following were 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 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 Sheila Peterson, GCMS Curriculum Specialist.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library sponsorships** were recognized with a certificate and small treat bag. Earning silver-level sponsorship was the Williamstown Kiwanis, with a donation of \$500. Bronze-level sponsors included the Grant County Retired Teachers Association, and the Grant County Education Association, with their gifts of \$300 and \$250 respectively.



**Board Member Appreciation** was observed with thanks being expressed to our Board for their service to our students and their dedication to a task that is often thankless. Board members were each presented with camp chairs bearing the GCS logo.

**Mr. Bryan Slaughter** was recognized for his service these past two years as a Board member representing District 2. He was presented with a plaque honoring his dedication to Grant County Schools. In comments following the presentation, Mr. Slaughter encouraged his colleagues not to lose their focus: "It is all about kids."



**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:**

**GCMS Principal's Report:** Interim Principal Jason Frilling, together with Assistant Principals Craig Smith and Jacob Brown, and Curriculum Specialist Sheila Peterson, were present to field questions from the Board relevant to their report sent earlier. Mr. Frilling indicated their goal of having Chromebooks available for every student was still \$100,000 away, but they are persevering. To address the TSI label they received this fall, they are working more collaboratively to address the needs of the gap population. They acknowledged expanding the Blended Learning program had had some bumps, but was similar to the other grade levels as they came on. Plans for parent nights and other opportunities to familiarize stakeholders with Blended Learning were discussed.

**Physical Activity and Nutrition Report:** Kathy Craven presented the annual Physical Activity and Nutrition Report. She praised her staff for their willingness to try new things and keep the excitement level high and meals inviting. Meal counts are up everywhere. Because they run efficiently, they are able to purchase higher quality food and more kids, then, choose to eat at school. There are

breakfast carts at GCHS and GCHS, and GCHS also has a “second chance” breakfast during enrichment each day – thus increasing breakfast counts. They have rearranged just a bit at GCMS to help with the flow of students. This year’s summer feeding program expanded to include various special community events where large numbers had gathered and they were able to provide nutritious food options. The Board expressed their appreciation for all of the effort expended, and especially given the difficult loss of their friend and co-worker, Kim Montgomery earlier this year.

Ms. Craven is hopeful there will be more active participation on the Wellness Committee by staff in the upcoming year.

## **BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:**

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

**Payment of Pay App #12** for the new Transportation and Maintenance facility was approved. This leaves approximately \$25,000 still owed, which will be held until all final punch list and warranty items are complete.

The Board approved the **contract with Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates** to serve as architects for the upcoming paving project(s).

**Family Heritage Life** was approved as a provider of supplemental insurance policies.

The Board approved the **use of Capital Outlay funds** to pay for general operating expenses in 2018-2019, including the district paving project and debt services on our bus fleet. Through KISTA.

The **GCHS Choir Trip** for Memphis, TN (via common carrier) was approved.

The **CMZ fundraiser** was approved.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Mr. Morgan reported attending Superintendent’s conference at which there was much discussion regarding Graduate Profile work. It appears we are on track. Our next meeting will be January 14, at 5:00 p.m.

The Kentucky Center for School Safety will perform a safe-schools audit at GCMS and GCHS on Monday, December 17. They will provide a preliminary report at the close of the day, then a formal report in January.

Mr. Morgan distributed a one-sheet document from KDE defining the new graduation requirements. There will be a review period before they are final.

Mr. Morgan reported that Kentucky’s Supreme Court had voted 7-0 that the pension bill passed this spring was unconstitutional. They did not take issue with the content, but rather the way it was passed. He is uncertain how things will unfold from here.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Bryan Slaughter announced the **fruit packing party** would be Monday, December 17, 4:00 pm, Rooms 508-509 in CTC – with special thanks to the community for their donations of fruit, funds, and supplies. The end result will be that every elementary student takes home a bag of fruit upon Christmas break. Help was solicited.

Gene Nelson requested that the **Board retreat** be added to the Board's annual calendar which will be approved in January so it does not have to be treated as a special-called meeting. The retreat will take place at the Board office with February 16 being the proposed date. KSBA training will take place the end of February.

**Swearing In:** Mrs. Charlotte Schmidt, Mrs. Lisa Smith, and Mr. Gene Nelson were sworn in as returning Board members, while Mrs. Lori Flerlage was sworn in as a new Board member. Mrs. Debbie Rogers is currently in the middle of her term.



## MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

**Agenda** for December 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.

**Superintendent's Travel:** Approved as presented.

**DPP Report:** We have now incurred 3 snow days. Calendar committee is convening, with surveys being developed to gain feedback from stakeholders. The calendar committee will meet in January, with a recommendation for the 2018-2019 calendar being presented for approval in February. It was requested that Grant Co. and Williamstown work cooperatively to coordinate the larger breaks in the school calendar.

Mrs. Herald also reported on the upcoming Safe School audit and a preliminary meeting she had had with the future sheriff relative to school safety and our SRO program.

End of 4th month enrollment: 3543; Attendance: 94.95%

4th Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
4th Month	95.74	94.25	94.92	95.59	94.29	92.87	94.28
YTD	96.23	95.70	95.88	96.19	95.03	93.18	94.95

**Financial Report:** Acknowledged.

**Energy Report:** Acknowledged.

**Personnel Actions:** Acknowledged.

**FRC Action Plan:** Acknowledged. Note: Where previously 1 YSC served both GCMS and GCHS, we will now have 2 separate Centers. Tyler Mullins will direct the GCHS YSC, while Danielle Haley will move from CMZ's FRC to the GCMS YSC. Danielle's replacement has not yet been named.

## **FINAL ACTIONS:**

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

## **WORK SESSION RECAP: Thursday, December 6, 2018**

The Grant County Board of Education met in Work Session on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Grant County Board of Education, with the following Board members present:  
Gene Nelson, Debbie Rogers, Bryan Slaughter, Lisa True.

After discussion, **action was taken as follows:**

Motion to place all administrative assistants to the C446 pay scale with the stated raise.  
Superintendent Secretary will keep \$2000 increase (stipend) even in the event the she is no longer Board Secretary. Passed with a motion by Ms. Lisa Smith and a second by Bryan Slaughter.