

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, January 10, 2019

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, January 10, 2019, at the Grant County Board of Education 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 Matt Morgan, Superintendent, at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019, with the following present:

Present--Gene Nelson, Chair (District 4)

Present--Debbie Rogers, Vice Chair (District 5)

Present--Charlotte Schmidt, Member (District 1)

Present—Lori Flerlage, 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 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 Logan Morris.

Selection of Board Chair:

Following nominations from within the Board membership, Lisa Smith was selected as Board Chair, with Charlotte Schmidt selected as Vice Chair. These are each two-year terms. Mrs. Smith chaired the remainder of the meeting.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

GCHS Boys Golf: Mr. Michael Camacho, Coach, provided an overview of the golf team’s very successful season, with highlights that include: an 11th place state team finish (for the 2nd year in a row), runner-up team finish in region, several tournament wins, and outstanding individual stats. Team members recognized were: Ryan Mitts, Tyler, Mitts, Lucas Allnutt, Kyle Lewis, and Bryce Spencer.



GCHS Boys Soccer: Coach Garrett Griffith and Assistant Dustin Smith were present to share notes on the GCHS Boys Soccer team's highly successful 2018 season which included a record for most consecutive wins, a back-to-back District Tournament championship, and moving further into post-season play than any preceding team. Team members recognized include: Austin Creech, Cody Crittenden, Hunter Dalton, Evan Daughtery, Jack Epperson, London Fry, Cody Gabbert, Colby Glass, Aaron Green, Lane Hearn, Travis Hodges, Brendon Hornsby, George Kleinwatcher, Matthew Kleinwatcher, Beckham Lockard, Cole Maddox, Angel Martinez, Ethan McComas, Johanan Mendoza, Dylan Schlueter, Cody Trenkamp, Bryar Webster, and Conner Williams.



GCHS Cross-Country: GCHS Senior, Ben Spratt, was recognized for his 7th place regional finish, and what turned out to be his 9th (and final) appearance at the KHSAA state Cross-Country meet! Ben has established somewhat of a legacy in the world of Cross Country; we appreciate him for always representing GC Schools with class!

All-State: Miss Abbi Ekins, GCHS Junior, was recognized for her selection to the KMEA All-State High School Orchestra.

Model Classroom: Two teachers were recognized for having achieved Model Classroom status in one or more areas. Melissa Morris (MCE) was recognized for excellence in the area of "Engagement"; Mackenzie Anderson (DRE) for excellence in the areas of "Engagement" and "Classroom Culture". Each were awarded a plaque to be placed outside their classroom, and a \$100 stipend. The Model Classroom program is sponsored by the Grant County Schools Education Foundation.



Editor's Note: It is very fulfilling to attend a Board meeting and see achievements such as these acknowledged and recognized. Our thanks to every leader who puts time, energy, and heart into the development of our kids – and to every kid who, likewise, responds with their time, energy, and heart. 😊 Keep up the great work!

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Brenda Demic, of Kentucky Workforce & Development Cabinet, presented regarding Kentucky's Apprenticeship initiative, which is encouraging employers throughout the state to consider engaging in apprenticeships as a win-win scenario for training their future workers.

George Sparks, auditor, of Barnes Dennig, presented the results of the 2017-2018 financial audit of Grant County Schools. Their audit does not look at each individual transaction, but rather features random, but comprehensive checks to reveal issues with procedures, controls, etc. Their findings revealed no uncorrected issues, and noted the excellent cooperation they received from the GCS financial team.

No construction update.

No principals report.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

Emergency Certification: The Board approved the emergency certification of an English teacher at GCHS.

Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP): Following a presentation by Deputy Superintendent Jennifer Wright, the Board approved the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan. The plan includes efforts in the expansion Blended Learning, various intervention programs, work on our "Profile of a Graduate", and more. The full plan is available [here](#).

Board Attorney Appointment: The Board re-appointed Mr. Don Ruberg as Board attorney. Mr. Ruberg has provided legal counsel for the Board since 1990.

Special Education Position: The Board approved the creation of an additional special education position, if needed, to address increases in the special education population.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

SBDM Reports to the Board will be Thursday, January 17, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., with each school's SBDM being scheduled for a 20 minute presentation / Q&A with the whole Board.

Mr. Morgan reported a smooth start to the 2nd semester, with some increases in enrollment and special education enrollment. Some personnel may need to be shifted to meet need.

Mr. Morgan participated in an update meeting with Bosch relative to their STEM grant, of which we are a part. Next week, he and Coach Robinson will have the opportunity visit Griffin Elite to receive baseball equipment provided via Reds Community Fund.

Work on Grant County's Profile of a Graduate continues January 14 with district and community representatives contributing to the effort.

Next Chamber Breakfast will be Tuesday, January 22, at Dana Manufacturing.

The Northern Kentucky Education Council's Excellence in Education banquet will be April 30.

Work will begin shortly with the GCMS SBDM relative to the selection of their principal. (Mr. Frilling has been serving as "Interim" during the past year.)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Board Members chose their committee assignments for the upcoming year as follows:

Gene Nelson: Title 9, LPC, Review Committee

Debbie Rogers: GSP, District Planning

Charlotte Schmidt: GCS Education Foundation, Calendar

Lori Flerlage: Legislative, Hall of Fame

Lisa Smith: Vo-Tech

The 2019 Board Meeting calendar was approved with the October 10 meeting being moved to Tuesday, October 8 (as October 10 will likely be either Fall Break or Fall Break Eve).

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for January 10, 2019, 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 attendance report was available as the attendance month was not yet complete.

2019-2020 Calendar: Claudette Herald shared with the Board information about the survey (and results) in which GCS stakeholders had been invited to participate -- and calendar options the responses helped develop. Where the survey results were fairly even (ie: Fall break), the Board will be asked to make the final determination. The 2019-2020 calendar will be approved at the February meeting.

Safe Schools: GCHS and GCMS each had a safe school audit in December. We received verbal feedback at the close of the audit, and anticipate a formal report within the next couple weeks. Mrs. Herald has had meetings with the new sheriff to discuss continued SRO presence at our schools.

Energy Report: Energy consumption and costs were up in the most recent report largely due to issues at GCMS. Maintenance is reviewing.

Financial Report: Mr. Linder presented a Draft budget for 2019-2020, which required consideration of some “worst case scenarios” as well as some realities of which we are aware, including increased CERS contributions, step increases, etc. As more information becomes available, we will be able to fine-tune.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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