

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, March 8, 2018

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, March 8, 2018., at Mason-Corinth Elementary. 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, March 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, Ass't Sec'y to the Board

The Mission statement was read by Gene Nelson:

"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.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mrs. Crystal Webster, 3rd grade teacher at Dry Ridge Elementary, was recognized for the successful completion of the program of studies, earning the Professional Teaching Standards National Board Certification. Mrs. Webster becomes one of only 10 teachers currently on staff who have sought and achieved this distinct honor. The NBCT website shares, "National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward great teachers – and make them better.



NBCTs have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills, and practices." Mrs. Webster's certification was achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes up to three years to complete. Congratulations to Crystal for seeking and succeeding in this effort!

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Ehmet Hayes, architect, provided an update on the construction of the new Transportation and Maintenance Building. Overall, having experienced relatively few unexpected issues, he is pleased with both the physical progress and financial aspect of the project. Change order #1, and pay application #10 were approved by the Board.

MCE SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM REPORT: Mason-Corinth's admin team was present and available for questions from the Board following the submission of their Board report in advance of the meeting. In addition to the written report, they shared regarding several successful previous (and upcoming) events for students, parents, and families; shared the communication tools utilized by MCE; and expressed appreciation for the classroom set of Chromebooks they had received.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

A **Leave of Absence** was approved for a certified staff member.

The **assistance offer from the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC)** was approved. (This is an allotment of funds which may only be used for future Priority 1 construction projects.)

A **MOA with NECCO** for mental health services was approved.

Approval was granted for the **Grant County Farmers Market to use of the old bus garage lot.**

The implementation of **"STOP!" (Safety Tipline, Online Prevention)** -- provided free of charge by the Kentucky Center for School Safety -- was approved. This service will utilize a "STOP" button (link) which will be placed on our website and facilitates the reporting of bullying, school safety issues, etc. The reporting mechanism sends an email directly to 3 assigned individuals who will address reports, and does not require a "middle-man" service provider. Once ready for implementation, the district will communicate its presence/purpose via the district Facebook page, signage, one-calls, school newsletters, etc.

The **certified evaluation plan** was approved by the Board. The biggest changes include: In summative years for tenured teachers, there will be one formal evaluation in the fall and one formal evaluation in the spring (rather than two informal observations and one formal.) Non-tenured teachers will be evaluated in a similar fashion every year, through tenure, with the goal being to foster teacher growth. KDE must also now approve this plan.

Approval was granted to create an **assistant golf coach position**. The funds will come from the boys/girls golf account. The new assistant coach will work with both girls and boys at the middle school level in hopes of expanding the high school program.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:



Mr. Morgan distributed **superintendent evaluation standard #6**.

Mr. Morgan reported on the successful business **brunch hosted by Grant County Middle School** on March 1 to solicit sponsors for the purchase of Chromebooks which would allow the expansion of their Blended Learning program. The students/teachers serving as hosts did an excellent job and the guests in attendance expressed interest in following-up with donations at varying levels.

Mr. Morgan will attend scheduled **superintendent training on school law and finance** in the next week.

Grant County's **KSBA Conference banner** (at left, created by Mr. Patrick Butcher's GCHS art class) was shared with those in attendance, with many compliments. The banner is required to

reflect the conference theme, which this year was "Kentucky School Boards: Adapting and Achieving."

Mr. Morgan announced the **Grant County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet** to be held March 23 (to which our Board is invited).

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Board members reported on various sessions they had attended at the KSBA conference. Mrs. Smith requested a follow-up regarding our Gifted and Talented program. Mrs. Rogers requested additional training on parliamentary procedure. Additional discussions also ensued regarding most effective forms of district communication: One Call, Facebook, etc., and high-performing schools.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for March 8, 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: End of 6th month enrollment: 3635; Attendance: 93.95%

6th Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
6 th Month	94.43%	94.15%	94.70%	95.30%	94.23%	92.59%	93.95%
YTD	95.91%	95.12%	95.63%	95.62%	95.05%	93.24%	94.78%

It was noted that next year, student attendance will be a part of our accountability.

Financial Report: Acknowledged.

Energy Report: The energy report revealed a costly January, but the month was 35% colder in 2018 than 2017. Despite this, the district is still ahead of last year in energy costs.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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