

## **BOARD MEETING RECAP**

### **Thursday, April 12, 2018**

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, April 12, 2018, 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 Gene Nelson, Chairperson, at 6:16 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 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 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 Pam Saylor, teacher at MCE.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

None

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

- 1) Pam Saylor and Mandy Calhoun expressed thanks, on behalf of GCEA, for the use of buses April 2 and April 13 to travel to Frankfort.
- 2) Mr. Knarr commented / sought information regarding three things:
  - A) an impression he had received from a young student (school or district unknown) that implied the child’s teacher spent a lot of her time in the classroom on the phone. He wanted to know if it was possible that the child’s perception was accurate. It was shared that many teachers have Class Dojo on their phones and that, yes, in those cases teachers may appear to be on their phones, but they are likely using the tool to communicate with parents.
  - B) the item in the Grant County News about the whistle-blower suit against the district. Don Ruberg denied the accuracy of the accusation and indicated that the hearing on this had not yet taken place.
  - C) use of buses to transport teachers to Frankfort.

#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:**

Construction Update: T&M Building: Final punch items are being addressed, along with some final negotiations relative to costs. Move-in is now expected to take place over the summer.

No School / Principal 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.)

**CMZ's PTT SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISER** was approved.

**FLEXIBLE PD for 2018-2019** was approved.

**FOOD SERVICE SURPLUS ITEMS** were approved for sale (via the approved surplus advertising / bid process).

**ADDITIONAL AUTISM AND EBD TEACHERS:** Upon the request / recommendation of Mr. Morgan, the Board approved the creation (and posting) of an additional autism teacher and an additional EBD teacher for next year; positions are necessary due to numbers we already know we will have.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Mr. Morgan reported the district had received \$26,436 in Title 4 money which could be spent on technology, healthy and safe students and well-rounded education. The district elected to spend \$20,000 on mental health services, and \$6,436 to provide student scholarships for Dual Credit and AP classes.

GCMS Chromebook donations were acknowledged from American Fidelity, Owen Electric, Ricoh, Curneal & Hignite Insurance, Ruberg Law, and Ehmet Hayes & Associates. Other businesses such as Liberty Mutual, St. Elizabeth, and Wal-Mart have also expressed interest in helping. He hopes to interest Century Construction and Bosch at upcoming meetings.

Mr. Morgan shared that he would attend Monday's Chamber of Commerce meeting at which our legislators, Brian Linder and Damon Thayer, would be speaking.

Since the governor vetoed the budget approved by the legislature, an override by the legislature (vote to be taken April 13) is needed to avoid deep cuts to education as proposed by the governor. Mr. Morgan confirmed that school had been canceled for Friday, April 13, allowing interested staff members to rally in Frankfort, relative to this vote. Students have enough time banked that making up the day will not be necessary. Final day for students and graduation will remain May 25. Staff will make up the day in their contract by attending an extra day, at which time they will participate in mental health training. The Board inquired about using election day for this training day. This idea will be explored. With regard to the state/district budget, it may be necessary (depending upon the outcome of the legislative vote to override the governor's veto) to meet again as a Board to re-visit school allocations, which have to be determined by May 1.

The Board will not meet in work session on May 3 (due to candidates' forum). They will meet April 24 instead, at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Morgan distributed Superintendent Evaluation Standard #7. He reported that as part of his new superintendent training, he would be preparing a presentation to be given June 7. He invited Board members to attend the presentation, then complete the final pieces of the evaluation process.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None

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

**Agenda** for Thursday, April 12, 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 7th month enrollment: 3653; Attendance: 93.66%

7th Month/YTD attendance by school and district is as follows:

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
7th Month	94.35%	94.49%	95.03%	94.47%	94.03%	91.88%	93.66%
YTD	95.69%	95.03%	95.55%	95.45%	94.90%	93.05%	94.62%

Discussion ensued relative to various mental health needs, and complications relative to availability of services, costs, attendance, etc. As attendance will count as part of accountability next year, Mrs. Herald reported that districts are scrambling to create systems that will improve attendance and accountability by students and parents.

**Financial Report:** Brian Linder reported that deposits will start dropping off, as most property taxes are now paid (except April's report presented next month will reflect revenue from farm tag taxes). The current report reflects the multiple bond payments that are due in March.

**Energy Report:** Energy costs for year-to-date FY2017-2018 reflect \$11,000 savings over this time last year.

**Personnel Actions:** Acknowledged.

## FINAL ACTIONS:

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