

BOARD MEETING RECAP April 11, 2019

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, April 11, 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 Lisa Smith, Board Chairperson, at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019, with the following present:

Present—Lisa Smith, Chair (District 3)
Present--Charlotte Schmidt, Vice-Chair (District 1)
Present—Lori Flerlage, Member (District 2)
Present –Gene Nelson, Member (District 4)
Present--Debbie Rogers, Member (District 5)

Also present: Matt Morgan, Supt.; Don Ruberg, Board Attorney; Linda Justice, Secretary 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 Brooklyn Hammons, 9th grade student at GCHS.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



The following student athletes were recognized for their qualification for and/or finish in state-level athletic competition.

Wrestling:

Isaac Thornton:

1st place Region 5, 113 lb division / KHSAA state runner-up

Brayden Henson:

5th place Region 5, 222 lb division / KHSAA state alternate

Indoor Track: 2019 KTCCCA CLASS AAA INDOOR MEET:

- GCHS Boys Indoor Track team: 5th place team finish in KTCCCA, Class AAA
- GCHS Girls Indoor Track Team: 6th place team finish in KTCCCA, Class AAA

Brooklyn Hammons: STATE CHAMPION - Girls Shot Put

Jackson Smallwood: STATE RUNNER-UP - Boys Shot Put

Kaitlyn Wilson: STATE RUNNER-UP – Girls 4 x 800 Relay / 6th Place – Girls 4 x 400 Relay / 8th Place – Girls 55 Hurdles / 8th Place – Girls Triple Jump

Lyndcee Ingguls: STATE RUNNER-UP - Girls 4 x 800m Relay / 6th Place – Girls 4 x 400m Relay

Lyric Ingguls: STATE RUNNER-UP – Girls 4 x 800m Relay / 6th Place – Girls 4 x 400m Relay

Audrey Shelton: STATE RUNNER-UP - Girls 4 x 800m Relay
Ciara Whaley - 6th Place - Girls 4 X 400m Relay
Jack Epperson: 3rd Place - Boys High Jump / 4th Place - Boys Long Jump / 4th Place - Boys Triple Jump
Cody Wells: 4th Place - Boys 55m Dash
Michael Rowe: 4th Place - Boys 4 x 800m Relay / 6th Place - Boys 4 x 400m Relay
Joel Surrectt: 4th Place - Boys 4 x 800m Relay / 5th Place - Boys 3000m Run / 6th Place – Boys 4 x 400m Relay
Chandler Haney: 4th Place - Boys 4 x 800m Relay / 6th Place – Boys 4 x 400m Relay
Isaac Cockrell: 4th Place - Boys 4 x 800m Relay
Sam Washer: 6th Place - Boys 4 x 400 Relay
Abigail Phillips: 6th Place - Girls Triple Jump / 5th Place - Girls 55 Hurdles / 6th Place - Girls Long Jump
Isabella Calhoun: 6th Place - Girls 55 Hurdles
Audrey Adams: 6th Place - Girls Shot Put
Benjamin Powers: 7th Place - Boys 3000m Run

Seth Cockrell: Grant County Middle School Record - Mile Run
Aldo Olivias: Grant County Middle School Record - Shot Put



Model Classroom: Jennifer Wright presented Model Classroom awards to: (l to r below)
Taryn Struk, SES Ashley Rose, SES Abbey Volpenhein, SES

Each earned Model Classroom status in the areas of “Engagement” and “Classroom Culture”.



The Model Classroom program is a function of the Grant County Schools Education Foundation. The program establishes criteria in each of six areas of instruction, provides a system for assessment and critique, then provides for recognition of teachers who demonstrate excellence in any or all of the six areas. For more information, please confer with your principal and/or visit:

<http://www.grant.kyschools.us/ModelClassroom.aspx>

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Miss Sarah Johnson, President, Grant County Education Association, invited the Board members to attend a Meet and Greet on April 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at LaRosa's. The goals of this event include:

- 1) To provide a more tangible connection between our Board, our administration, and our teaching staff;
- 2) To demonstrate support - both directions - and to help establish a unified team approach including all levels; and
- 3) To establish foundations that allow staff to grow, feel valued, and that will enhance the climate in each respective workplace.

It was noted that at this event (as it is not a called Board meeting) Board members will not be able to conduct business or discuss specific issues as a Board.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

No construction update. (Editor's Note: Paving work will take place at GCHS and GCMS over the summer, with equipment being moved onto the property at GCHS over Memorial Day weekend. Please stay tuned for work schedules that may affect summer activities.)

Principal Report given by MCE: Principal Leanne Adkins, Curriculum Specialist Belinda Furman, Counselor Lauren Charles, and FRC Director Karla Hurley. The team complemented their January SBDM report to the Board and their written report provided to the Board in advance of the meeting with discussion regarding attention to the whole child, including: various incentives for behavior, attendance, and engagement; community-supported food bags; reading intervention programs; and more.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:

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

Grant County High School Course Codes were approved as presented.

An agreement with **Grant County Farmers Market** to use the Food Service building parking lot on US 25 as a location for selling their goods was reviewed. It was determined that this would be approved only upon documentation that the Farmers Market is currently a legal entity.

Three **student insurance** proposals were presented by Brian Linder, Finance Director. The Board agreed to accept the proposal from K&K Insurance, underwritten by AXIS Insurance Company, including catastrophic coverage with Zurich American Insurance Company.

The Board approved the Grant County Schools application to participate in KDE's **Non-traditional Instruction** program during 2019-2020. In a recent one-question GCS staff survey seeking feedback on whether to maintain or cease our participation in the NTI program, 73.9% of the 241 respondents said to continue. Parents at the elementary level will have the option of on-line or packet. Middle and high school students will proceed with their on-line programs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Superintendent Morgan shared regarding the following news and upcoming meetings/events:

April 12: Discussion with Northern Kentucky Health District regarding continue funding for our **school nurses**.

April 30: **Excellence in Education Banquet** (sponsored by Northern Kentucky Education Council and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce). GCS has a complimentary table for 10.

May 2: **NKU Associate Provost** to tour GCS Career and Technology Center

May 7: **GCS Graduate (Student) Profile public forum**. GCHS Library, 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

May 20: **NKU President, Dr. Ashish Vaidya** will tour GCS Career and Technology Center. (Editor's Note: Following the tour, President Vaidya will be at NKU-GC (2 - 4 pm) to hear from our community regarding NKU-GC's future in our community. There will also be discussion regarding potential partnerships with Gateway relevant to particular career paths. (Meet & Greet: 2:00 – 2:30 / Town Hall meeting will begin at 2:30 pm.)

Lamar Fowler, GC 4-H agent, is working toward establishing a summer program which will involve approximately 10 students who will receive **training in emergency response**, explore careers in related fields, and more. (More information to follow.)

We are currently performing some unexpected **maintenance on the GCHS gym windows**.

We are in the market to replace a **truck in the maintenance department**.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Board Member comments included:

- inquiry regarding the possibility of NKU providing required teacher training at the GC campus.
- inquiry regarding how successfully we were able to mitigate the transportation challenges presented by the fire in Crittenden earlier in the week.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for April 11, 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: Not presented.

DPP Report: End of 7th month enrollment: 3548; Attendance: 93.34%

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

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
7th Month	94.46%	94.87	93.02	93.81	93.88	91.47	93.34
YTD	95.61	95.40	95.12	95.71	94.37	92.65	94.40

Mrs. Herald reported that she is currently working on attendance intervention systems for implementation during the 2019-2020 school year.

Financial Report: Acknowledged. Bids are currently being sought/considered for banking services and copier services.

Energy Report: The district has experienced a 19% increase from Duke in kilowatt cost. It will be critical that we be diligent in controlling costs, particularly in off hours. (Editor's Note: Building shut downs will occur district wide during the last week in June and the first week in July.)

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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