

**BOARD MEETING RECAP**  
**Thursday, August 15, 2019**

**(Also (at bottom) - Work Session, August 1, 2019)**

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meetings held Thursday, August 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019, at the Grant County Board of Education District 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 a special-called meeting by Lisa Smith at 6:15 p.m. on **Thursday, August 15, 2019**. (The meeting was considered a “Special Called” meeting because the date had been changed from that originally advertised.)

The following were present:

Present—Lisa Smith, Chairperson (District 3)

Present--Charlotte Schmidt, Vice-Chair (District 1)

Present—Lori Flerlage, Member (District 2)

Present—Gene Nelson, Member (District 4)

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

Also present: Matt Morgan, Supt., and Don Ruberg, Board Attorney.

The Mission statement was read by Lisa Smith: **“The mission of Grant County Schools is to appreciate each student’s unique potential and to advocate for excellence in every child.”**

The Board and audience participated in pledging allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None**

**PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS: None**

**BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS:**

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

**Construction Update:** Paving projects at GCHS and GCMS are largely done, with Mr. Shipp following up on a few minor issues (including returning the speed bump in front of the high school). Pay application #2 in the amount of \$533,844.50 was approved. Approximately \$37,000 is being held until final completion and to settle on a couple change orders.

**School-wide fundraisers** for DRE, DRE PTT, and MCE PTO were approved.

The Board approved the following for **Insurance Coverage:** Liberty Mutual for Fleet, Property, Umbrella coverage and KEMI for Worker’s Compensation coverage. Total cost is \$420,675.65 which is

an increase of \$18,600. Cyber coverage is added through Liberty Mutual for \$5,764 which is part of the overall increase.

The Board approved changing a GCMS Instructional Assistant position to a Computer Lab Technician to better meet the technology needs of GCMS and its students.

Memorandums of Understanding were approved for mental health services with the following agencies: NorthKey, NECCO, Holly Hill, Mebs and Associates, Kentucky Intensive Family Services.

The Board approved continued membership with Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA), and the payment of subsequent dues.

Five days were added to the 2019-2020 calendar for elementary Curriculum Specialists using funds available via Title I.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved with the Grant County Sheriff's office formalizing the longstanding arrangement that has facilitated the presence of two SROs, located, one each, at GCMS and GCHS.

An extended disability leave was granted for a certified employee.

Mr. Larry Butler was selected as the administrator to sit on the Appeals panel, with Mr. Todd Moody being chosen as alternate.

The Certified Evaluation Plan and Curriculum Specialist Rubric were approved.

The formal Policy Review Report presented at an earlier work session by Champions for a Drug Free Grant County was approved as presented. Champions and the Drug-Free Communities Project Coordinator, Camille Croweak, will follow-up with presenting potential policy and procedure updates that will strengthen the prevention measures employed by GC Schools.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Mr. Morgan shared with the Board that the boys basketball trip this December will be to Phoenix, Arizona, rather than Puerto Rico.

Mr. Morgan reported that the first days of school had gone well, and complimented the staff for their hard work. He also shared regarding the impact our Opening Day speaker, Mr. Frank DeAngelis, had had on our staff.

Mr. Morgan announced the Tax Hearing scheduled for next Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 6:15 p.m. The Board is proposing that we seek the allowed 4% increase in revenue, raising the school tax from the current 57.4 to 57.7. This means, if implemented, the tax on the median home in Grant County will increase \$4.05.

A copy of the Data Breach presentation (which has been shared with each building) was provided to the Board.

Mr. Morgan reported that KDE had expanded the options for **Active Shooter training**. Grant County, however, for now, will continue to utilize the original training video, thus providing continuity district-wide.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Following inquiry from Mrs. Flerlage, Mr. Shipp reported on the **transportation department's** efforts to run as efficiently as possible, while ensuring safety. Mr. Shipp indicated he currently runs 49 routes, transporting 3100 students. We have an increased special needs population and an increased homeless population that each require additional services from the transportation department. Transportation is reimbursed from the state at 60% of cost. His goal is to have every bus unloaded by 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Schmidt inquired regarding a counselor's role in issuing **student discipline**. It was agreed that our goal is that this not be our practice.

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

**Agenda** for August 15, 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:** Enrollment is down 50 students from the end of the 2018-2019 school year. We do know some families are still out on vacation, etc., so coming days/weeks will present a clearer picture. Mrs. Herald has been making her rounds to the buildings sharing our new protocols relative to attendance and school safety.

**Financial Report:** Auditors will be on site starting next week.

**Energy Report:** Sherman's bill was unusually high this month due to an error in reading the meter the prior month (which resulted in a lower bill).

**Personnel Actions:** Acknowledged.

## FINAL ACTIONS:

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

## WORK SESSION – AUGUST 1, 2019:

**Drug Free Communities – Policy Review:** As a part of the Drug-Free Communities grant, a recent study was performed involving a policy review, together with multiple interviews with staff and students

relative to our prevention and response mechanisms. The findings and subsequent recommendations were presented to the Board.

**Emergency Certifications:** The Board approved the emergency certification of several positions requiring such for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Reading Instruction:** A presentation was made, providing the Board an overview of reading instruction in Grant County Schools.