

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, February 13, 2020

These notes are provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, February 13, 2020, 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 at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2020, with the following 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, Member (District 5)

Also present: Matt Morgan, Supt.; Jim Crawford and Jake Thompson, Board Attorneys; Linda Justice, Secretary to the Board

The Mission statement was read by Lisa Smith:

“The mission of the Grant County School Board is to join with community, parents, and staff to provide a safe, caring environment in a fiscally responsible manner. Our ultimate goal is to teach every child to “SUCCEED” at their highest potential through strategic policy decisions.”

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Model Classroom: Three teachers from Mason-Corinth Elementary were recognized for achieving Model Classroom status. **Mrs. Lisa Reeves** was awarded Model Classroom status in the area of Classroom Culture; **Miss Andrea Mullikin** in the area of Engagement; and **Mrs. Melissa Morris** in the area of Classroom Culture. The Model Classroom program is an initiative of the Grant County Schools Education Foundation and the Grant County School District, and is intended to define attributes of teaching excellence, recognize the excellence, and use the Model Classroom as a professional learning laboratory for all teachers.

Left to Right:
Melissa Morris
Andrea Mullikin
Lisa Reeves



COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Jamie Brantley addressed the Board with concerns regarding bullying. Mr. Morgan will follow up.

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Construction Update: T & M Project: Brian Linder reported having made the final payment for the Transportation and Maintenance construction project. Motion and 2nd to approve BG-5 which closes out the project. Motion carried.

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 **Sherman Elementary PTT Fundraiser** was approved.

The **Assurance Certification necessary for continued FRC/YSC funding** was approved.

Maternity Leaves for 2 staff members were approved.

The Board approved the BG-1 for a "**Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract.**" This action will lead to a comprehensive study and recommendations related to energy conservation and savings throughout the district. The Board will have the opportunity to choose which recommendations to accept or reject -- with there being no costs for the Board unless a project is approved.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported that various members of the admin team were participating in a series of visits to Flaherty Elementary in Meade County. This school has risen from the bottom 6% to 4th in the state on state accountability in the past five years.

Mr. Morgan has recently reached out to Georgetown College and Northern Kentucky University to pursue for Grant County students some of the same financial opportunities offered by these institutions to students in surrounding counties.

Mr. Morgan met with State Senator Thayer and State Representative Maddox in Frankfort regarding the current legislative session and education issues and bills.

Upcoming events:

--Chamber Breakfast at Dana on Tuesday February 18, 8:00 a.m.

--GCHS will host the District Basketball Tournament starting Monday February 24. (Boys on Monday; -
--Girls on Tuesday; Championship games on Thursday and Friday)

--JROTC Ball on March 21 at Main Street Gardens, 5:00 p.m.

--Chamber Banquet (50th Anniversary Gala): Friday March 27, 2020 at Main Street Gardens.

--KSBA Annual Conference Feb 21-23 at the Galt House in Louisville.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Gene Nelson inquired regarding interest in the February 27 Walk-in Legislative day.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for February 13, 2020, 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: 3481; Attendance: 94.05%

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

Attendance	CMZ	DRE	MCE	SES	GCMS	GCHS	District
6th Month	94.55	94.34	93.28	91.44	92.17	89.41	91.95
YTD	95.23	95.41	94.82	94.59	93.90	92.67	94.05
Enrollment	465	415	266	390	907	1038	3957

Mrs. Herald expressed appreciation to the Housekeeping, Transportation, and Custodial/Maintenance staffs for the thorough cleanings on our off days. Attendance is rebounding.

New Transportation Guidelines for New Out-of-Attendance Zone Students: Mrs. Herald shared with the Board a revised procedure stating that starting with the 2020-2021 school year, transportation will no longer be provided for any **additional/new** students seeking to attend an elementary school in the district other than the school of their residence. The current out-of-attendance-zone students who are presently utilizing bus transportation will be permitted to continue doing so until they exit elementary school. A letter is being prepared for all current out-of-attendance-zone families explaining the new procedure.

Financial Report: Accepted as presented.

Energy Report: Brian reported energy savings based upon our milder winter. Also, Scott Shipp reported that controls at Sherman Elementary are being modified with the hope to reap energy savings there.

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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

Action from Work Session held February 6, 2020:

The Board approved a consulting contract with Pam Sayler, retired administrator from Northern Kentucky, to assist the DPP's office with state reporting.