

BOARD MEETING RECAP
Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2020
Board Work Session: Thursday, April 16, 2020
Board Work Session: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

These notes are provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meetings held Thursday (4/2/2020), Thursday (4/16/2020), and Wednesday (4/22/2020) at the Grant County Board of Education Office (and via the Zoom Remote Meetings app due to COVID-19 mandated social distancing and group meeting restrictions). 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, April 2, 2020.

Present via Zoom—Lisa Smith, Chairperson (District 3)

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

Present via Zoom—Lori Flerlage, Member (District 2)

Present in Person—Gene Nelson, Member (District 4)

Present via Zoom--Debbie Rogers, Member (District 5)

Also present (in person): Matt Morgan, Supt.; Board Attorney Jake Thompson; Linda Justice, Secretary to the Board

The Mission statement was read by Debbie Rogers:

“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 group engaged in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognitions: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:

Construction Report: None

Principals Report: None

Presentations: 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.)

The Board approved a MOA with Mt. St. Joseph for placement of student teachers for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board approved the Capital Funds Request, requesting to use restricted funds (construction and excess bond payments) for general operating expense. (This is an annual occurrence.)

The Board approved a revision to the 2019-2020 Certified Evaluation Plan which was made necessary by the COVID-19 school closure – namely that there will be one observation rather than two.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mr. Morgan reported that the Governor had announced earlier today (April 2) his recommendation that schools remain closed to in-person instruction through May 1.

Starting Monday, April 6, meal distribution in Grant County will be “pick-up only” at Sherman Elementary and Grant County High School, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Matt has a virtual meeting scheduled for April 3, at 10:00 a.m. with White Cloud Technologies (Bowlin Group). They are interested in donating Chrome books to the district.

Matt reported our staff had acclimated to remote instruction quite well. Teachers are logging their communications and contacts with students, and are being purposeful in adhering to special education requirements. There are some students we are not hearing back from, so will address that.

We are still waiting on guidance from Governor’s Office / KDE regarding graduation.

The legislature has amended the requirement to attend school “170 days and 1062 hours” to simply “1062 hours”. This would mean, after adjusting for our delays and the number of hours we “bank”, our last day for students would be around May 12. (Formal calendar amendment to follow.) Employees will still need to report after that, however, to fulfill their contracts.

April 6-10 is Spring Break. Teachers will not be making student contacts during spring break. (Food delivery on April 6, however, will proceed.)

Work Session will be April 16.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Debbie Rogers requested confirmation that all school employees have access to school communications relative to the very fluid COVID-19 situation.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for April 2, 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: None submitted; will be combined with next month’s.

DPP Report: DPP will forward at end of month.

Financial Report: Brian is checking to see what assistance may be available for the district via FEMA.

Energy Report:

Personnel Actions: Will be forwarded.

FINAL ACTIONS:

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

Grant County Board of Education Work Session Thursday, April 16, 2020

The April 16, 2020, special-called meeting was held via Zoom, and broadcasted via Facebook Live -- with some attendees present in person at the Grant County Board of Education office and others present remotely.

Meade County Presentation. A follow-up report of visits made to Meade County by various Grant County administrators and teachers was provided to the Board. The visits (and report) focused on Meade County's new instructional model, with specific attention to special education.

The Board reviewed and approved the Certified Evaluation Plan 2020-2021, which includes new standards for principals.

The Board granted emergency days for the staff directly affected by COVID-19 (per SB177).

The SBDM allocations for the 2020-2021 school year was approved.

Approval was granted for schools to carry over their excess SBDM funds to the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board engaged in discussion regarding Preschool for 2020-2021, and approved a plan which reduces the program from full time to ½ time. Details for how that looks will be outlined in future meetings.

Graduation requirements for the Class of 2020 were amended (due to the COVID-19 school closures) as follows:

- Seniors may graduate with the state minimum of 22 credits. (This is a change from our Board requirement of 25)
 - Seniors will be expected to complete the required core classes as stated in Board Policy 08.113 in addition to 7 additional credits.
 - 4 – ELA Credits
 - 3 – Social Studies Credits
 - 3 – Mathematics Credits
 - 3 - Science Credits
 - ½ PE Credit
 - ½ Health Credit

- 1 Visual and Performing Arts Credit

The Board amended the 2019-2020 academic calendar, making our last day for students May 12.

**Grant County Board of Education Work Session
Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

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The Board amended the 2019-2020 academic calendar, making our last day for students Thursday, May 7. (This change from May 12 was due to a provision that all districts be allowed to count NTI days as 7-hour days rather than the 6.33 hours we (GCS) traditionally count them.)