

BOARD MEETING RECAP

Thursday, May 14, 2020

These notes are being provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday May 14, 2020, (via Zoom). 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, Chairperson, at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 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.; Board Attorney Jake Thompson; and 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 members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS / PRINCIPAL REPORT: 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 the renewal of the contract with One Call Now.

The Board granted permission for the Grant County Farmer’s Market to set up and sell from the lot adjacent to the GC Food Service office during the 2020 season.

As required by KRS, the Board approved the purchase of a Performance Bond for our Director of Finance, Brian Linder.

The Board approved a one-year certification for media specialist at DRE.

The Board renewed contracts for OT, PT, and Behavior Specialist services.

The Flexible Professional Development plans for 2020-2021 were approved.

A contract for independent auditing services for year ending June 30, 2020, by Barnes Dennig & Co. was approved.

The GCMS 2021 8th grade trip to Philadelphia with Martin Tours was approved.

The Board approved bids as follows:

CDL Physicals: St. Elizabeth Business Health

Employee Physicals: St. Elizabeth Business Health

Custodial Supplies: All Bids Submitted

Waste Pickup / Disposal: Rumpke

Maintenance Supplies: All Bids Submitted

Pest Control: A-Action Pest Control

Propane Fuel: Suburban Propane

Student/Athlete Accident Insurance: Roberts Insurance

Bus Driver / Bus / Van Monitor and Student / Athlete Drug Testing: McConsultant Services

Transportation Supplies: All Bids Submitted

Unleaded Motor Vehicle Fuel: Grant County Oil, Inc.

The Board approved the Budget and Salary Schedules for 2020-2021. Salary schedules will remain the same except for about 14 individuals who had maxed out the scale and would not have received a step increase otherwise. Step increases amount to 0.8 to 1%. There will be some reduction in staff due to changes in preschool (described below), and due to some reduction in enrollment.

Preschool: Due to approximately \$100,000 in unfunded expenditures, changes to our current 4-full day preschool program are necessary. Following a comprehensive review of services and requirements, together with a survey of returning families, our leadership recommends that our program be changed to 4 half-days each week, with parents providing transportation mid-day. Also under consideration was providing 2 full days each week (to avoid transportation issues), but state regulations require time be spent for naps and snacks when students are present a full day (but not for ½ days), meaning, that for the same number of hours in attendance, students could receive the most instruction and quality activity time if they chose the 1/2-day schedule for 4 days each week.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Relative to upcoming graduation activities, Mr. Morgan reported:

--Awards presentations and the distribution of gowns will take place during the week of May 18.

--Filming for a virtual graduation (hosted by Balfour) will take place May 26, 27, and 28. This will be ready for live streaming on June 6.

--July 30 has been set aside for an in-person commencement program, with Aug 1 as the rain date.

--A student-organized parade from GCHS through the City of Dry Ridge is scheduled for May 16, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The June Board Work Session will cover the Gifted/Talented program, and calendar options for the return to school.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

The Board set May 21, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss/compile Mr. Morgan's evaluation.

MONTHLY RECURRING AND/OR ROUTINE BUSINESS / REPORTS:

Agenda for the May 14, 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: Due to NTI instruction the last two months of 2019-2020, the 2018-2019 SAAR report will be used to determine funding for 2020-2021.

We are part of an OVEC grant providing high school and middle school training for safe schools. This is presently on hold.

Our district utilized 37 NTI days for 2019-2020. Teachers were required to keep detailed notes stating what they did, and it was most impressive. Jennifer Wright expressed her pride in our teachers, students, and parents, and hopes teachers are now recognized for what they do every day.

May 7 was the last day for students; May 20 will be closing day for teachers. Teachers have been participating in various PD, curriculum meetings, etc. during these days between.

GCS is still hopeful to follow the model being developed from Meade County relative to special education for next year.

A new procedure, Home Schooling Letter of Intent, (09.111 AP.21) was acknowledged.

Financial Report: Linda will email to the Board.

Energy Report: None

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

FINAL ACTIONS:

Motion and second to adjourn.