

## **BOARD MEETING RECAP**

### **Thursday, June 11, 2020**

These notes are provided as an unofficial recap of the Grant County Board of Education Meeting held Thursday, June 11, 2020, via Zoom (due to COVID-19 restrictions for large-group gatherings). 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 6:24 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 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.; Bd Attorney Jake Thompson; and Linda Justice, Sec to the Bd.

The Mission statement was read by Gene Nelson:

**“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 recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS: None**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

A guest was present and made inquiry regarding changes in back-to-school. Mr. Morgan indicated that we are still gathering information from state leaders and also seeking input via a parent survey that will be forthcoming. We plan to have decisions made by July's Board meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS:**

Construction Update: The Board approved the BG-4 for the GCHS/GCMS paving job, closing out the project.

Principal's 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 a Maternity Leave for MUNIS employee number 6621.

The Board approved an emergency certification for the position of media specialist at MCE.

The Board approved a MOU with the Grant County Sheriff's Office for two SROs maintaining our traditional arrangement with the Sheriff's Office.

The Board approved the School Fees for 2020-2021. (This information will be added to Back-to-School page on website).

The Board approved an emergency certification for the position of special education teacher at MCE.

The Garbage Bid was re-presented (and re-approved) due to an error in the spreadsheet originally presented to the Board.

The Board approved the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of KSBA recommended policy and procedure updates.

The Board approved a lease agreement for computers for Grant County Middle School that will provide for the expansion of blended learning. We have completed the initial 3-year lease. This will primarily be a GCMS expense, with some federal funds being available. Unfortunately, the cost increased about \$40 per unit over the previous agreement.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Mr. Morgan provided information to the Board regarding the district's bonding potential -- which is presently at 13.5 million dollars, plus capital outlay. Thanks to our 3<sup>rd</sup> nickel tax being equalized in the last legislative session, our bonding potential will continue to increase again when the state equalization is increased for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nickel about its current 25%.

Mr. Morgan shared responses from the Return To School Survey #1. As a result of the parent responses on Survey #1, we are considering a virtual on-line academy for families who prefer to not send their children back to school with the current COVID-19 concerns. We will provide information about this option in a second survey, asking parents if they will want to enroll in such a program. Our Plan A will be to offer the virtual academy, with hopes that enrollment will be high enough to adequately reduce the number of students who would then be returning for in-person instruction. If the number desiring in-person instruction is still too high, we will have to look at Plan B which would be to establish a rotation schedule for those enrolled for in-person instruction.

Mr. Morgan shared that GCHS is having discussions regarding the provision of some STEM equipment and training for teachers via a local manufacturing entity.

Mr. Morgan provided Board members information regarding the upcoming KSBA summer conference, which is virtual this year.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Supt Evaluation. Mrs. Smith read and requested approval on the statement summarizing Mr. Morgan's evaluation. It is as follows:

The Board of Education of the Grant County School District has completed the annual evaluation of Superintendent Morgan for the 2019-2020 school year. The past year has been both positive (before March) and challenging (when Covid-19 came into the picture) for education in our school district. All five Board members have served on the Board for at least one full year and have been able to observe and be a part of the successes achieved this year.

The evaluation of Superintendent Morgan focused on three standards of performance as well as goals for the District agreed on by the Board and Superintendent.

Superintendent Morgan received a rating of Accomplished in the areas of Instructional, Cultural and Collaborative leadership.

The Board also determined that Superintendent Morgan has done a great job keeping the District on track in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. There were 230 graduates from GCHS this year with 5 of our student athletes committing to further their education and athletic careers at colleges throughout Kentucky. Superintendent Morgan made sure that throughout this pandemic that the District stayed committed to offering food service to our students. We also applaud Superintendent Morgan and our staff of “awesome educators” for their efforts to give our students the best education possible using our non-traditional instruction and the end- of- year events to highlight our great kids.

The Board will be working with Superintendent Morgan over the next several weeks to develop goals and start back plans for our district for the 2020-21 year. We look forward to working together to make our school district successful.

-The Grant County Board of Education

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

Agenda for Thursday, June 11, 2020, meeting of the Grant County Board of Education: Approved.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Approved as presented.

Claims (Accounts Payable): Approved as presented. (Mrs. Schmidt expressed her dismay regarding funding restrictions that allows us to tint windows in a cafeteria while the same money could not be spent to fund the shortfalls in our preschool program.)

Superintendent’s Travel: Approved as presented.

DPP Report: We will use 2018-2019 attendance figures so our funding for 2020-2021 will be the same as it was for 2019-2020 (except with adjustments for any growth in 2020-2021. They have not yet announced how attendance will be figured for 2020-2021.

Financial Report: Shared with Board.

Energy Report: NA

Personnel Actions: Acknowledged.

## **FINAL ACTIONS:**

Adjournment.