

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on April 20, 2015, in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Dickson at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Dave Dickson
Dale Hansen
Tim Markland
Shari Ohm
Dave Wheeler

Members absent: Mardale Ekhoff
Jerry Fick

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mr. Tom Sanidas, MS/HS Principal
Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 35 (all but 3 left after volleyball presentation)

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: This portion of the meeting was moved to the beginning due to the Jazz Concert also being held at 7:00 p.m. The 7th Grade Volleyball team was presented certificates and congratulated by the Board for their Elite 8 appearance at the State Tournament in March.

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

In Secretary Ekhoff's absence, a motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by D. Hansen, to appoint Mr. Wheeler as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; D. Hansen – yes; S. Ohm – yes; D. Wheeler – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of March 16, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for March, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the April vendor bills in the amount of \$139,802.50.
4. Approval of the March payroll in the amount of \$280,194.21.
5. To employ Kayle Hull as MS Social Science teacher for the 2015-16 school year, (salary TBA).
6. To approve Board policy 5:125, as presented.
7. To approve full-day Pre-School program for the 2015-16 school year.
8. To approve the 2014-15 amended calendar, as presented.

Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland – yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: The administrators’ reports are attached. Mr. Sanidas highlighted the unofficial ACT scores for this year’s juniors which showed that 76% of the students were college-ready. He was very pleased with the results. Also noteworthy were the HS Band State Runner-Up award finalized at the recent Organizational Contest and senior Connor Claussen’s state award at WYSE in computer graphics.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. The financial profile shows the district once again achieved the Financial Recognition category, the highest designation of financial strength.
2. The procedure for the universal email address for Board members was implemented on March 31st in order to comply with Public Act 98-930 regarding Electronic Communication with the Board. There is a direct link on the district website with board members’ email addresses.
3. Board members must file their Statement of Economic Interest with the County Clerk by May 1st.
4. The fiscal update from the State of Illinois announced further cuts to public education for the current fiscal year. It is estimated that GP CUSD #6 will lose \$8,000 - \$10,000 when the 2.25% cut is implemented.
5. The end of year celebration will once again take place at Minne Monesse Golf Club on Monday, June 8th.
6. The final results of the 5-Year Compliance Review have been received and the Regional Superintendent found that all items addressed were in compliance. Dr. Murphy was very pleased with the District’s thoroughness.
7. The current enrollment update shows a decrease of three students from the previous month.

REORGANIZATION MEETING DATE:

After a brief discussion it was decided to schedule a special board meeting on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library for the purpose of reorganizing and seating the new Board members after the election. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #42015 TO REORGANIZE THE GOVERNING BOARD AT THE KASEC:

After much discussion, a motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to approve Resolution #42015 to reorganize the Governing Board structure at the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative. Mr. Dickson will seek clarification regarding the authority of the Board of Control. Roll Call: D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Career Day held at the Middle School was successful. There were 10 speakers

and the students were engaged throughout the presentations.

Building and Grounds: No report.

Technology: The committee is still waiting on the e-rate decision, which may get pushed back. More information will be available for the May meeting.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Mr. Dickson spoke at length about the issue at the Co-op with Herscher threatening to pull out due to some of the other member districts not wanting to change the finance formula. At this time, it appears there will be another vote on the matter.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: After the recent elections, the president of the Association is no longer a member of her local board. The executive committee will vote if she should be able to stay on to finish her term for the next six months. Mr. Hansen polled the board members and they all deferred to his best judgement on the matter.

Chamber of Commerce: Upcoming dates: 6/13-The Amazing Race; 6/20-Dixie Days; 8/29-Summerfest; 10/2,3,4-Oktoberfest. At the last meeting Mr. Hansen presented Vision 20:20 to the Chamber members.

Student Representatives: No report.

Board Communications: Several items were included: an Alliance Legislative Report regarding mid-year budget cuts to the current fiscal year; a letter to MainSource Bank thanking them for their monetary donation for Chromebooks; IASB Resolution information; and an article detailing the rewrite of NCLB.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: There were no questions or comments from the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Wheeler, seconded by D. Hansen, at 7:59 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Roll Call: D. Wheeler - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 8:35 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by T. Markland, at 8:36 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; T. Markland – yes; D. Hansen – yes; D. Wheeler – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO HIRE MS MATH TEACHER FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by D. Hansen, to hire Michelle Dandurand as MS Math Teacher for the 2015-16 school year (salary TBA). Roll Call: T. Markland - yes; D. Hansen -yes; S. Ohm - yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REEMPLOYMENT OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by D. Wheeler, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the reemployment of non-certified staff for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Roll Call: D. Wheeler - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by D. Wheeler, seconded by S. Ohm, at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President