

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 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 February 23, 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
Jerry Fick
Dale Hansen
Tim Markland
Shari Ohm

Members absent: Mardale Ekhoﬀ
Dave Wheeler

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

Audience of 6

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting and special board meeting of January 26, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$99,779.10.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$265,812.43.
5. To accept the resignations of: Chris Benson (HS Assistant Baseball Coach), Joe Renollet (Bus driver) and Angela Tieri (ES PT Custodian).
6. To employ Suzy Bird for HS Chess (\$391 plus TRS), and Leslie Schoon as Consumer Science Maternity Leave teacher (\$63 per day).
7. To approve the 2015-16 school calendar as presented.
8. To approve Resolution #22315, pertaining to the confidentiality of closed session minutes as presented.

9. To approve the Special Education Workload Plan, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta informed the Board of the Wizards basketball game on Saturday, sponsored by the PTO. Mrs. Horn was on-hand to sell tickets. Mr. Sanidas announced a recent change to the PARCC testing schedule.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. An updated board meeting schedule showing the June meeting date changed from June 22nd to the 15th.
2. A legislative update regarding school funding reported no quantifiable news from the Governor's budget address. It appears the most money will go to the neediest districts.
3. A recap of the Leadership Summit attended by Dr. Palan, Mr. Sanidas, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Hansen which proved to be very enlightening.
4. A letter will be sent to parents regarding PAARC testing.
5. The current enrollment update shows an increase of three students from the previous month.

APPROVAL TO LEASE BUSES FROM MIDWEST TRANSIT:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Hansen, to concur in the superintendent's recommendation to lease buses for the 2015 – 2016 school year from Midwest Transit for an annual lease cost of approximately \$2,300 less than this year's cost. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Fick - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN LIGHTING GRANT REBATE PROGRAM:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by S. Ohm, to concur in the building committee's recommendation to participate in the DCEO and ICE lighting grant rebate program, contingent on funding. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; S. Ohm - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO CONTINUE 1:1 INITIATIVE:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by S. Ohm to direct the superintendent to continue to explore budgeting options in order to continue the 1:1 Initiative. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; S. Ohm – yes; J. Fick – yes; T. Markland – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: The Leadership Summit was very informative although the attendees were a little disappointed the new governor did not speak. IASB will be continuing with Vision 20:20,

introducing potential bills to the legislature regarding reciprocal teacher qualifications, unfunded mandates and equitable and adequate funding.

Building and Grounds: Phase II of the landscaping project will take place west of the high school when the weather breaks. The fitness room will be completed with two televisions, a fitness scoreboard and a logo on the wall.

Technology: The 1:1 Initiative is on-going and will be contingent on the E-Rate funding. About \$17,000-\$20,000 is already in the budget for this year's upgrades. The infrastructure, access points, cabling, etc. may cost up to \$70,000 but the district will find out in April if up to 70% of that amount is E-Ratable. If not, the other option is to hold off until next year.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: The Co-op voted to rent out several rooms to the Kankakee School District and has authorized the Director to find out if they would like to lease more rooms in the future.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The enrollment numbers are up again for next year. There is a KARVES meeting in March.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The speaker for the March 3rd Division Meeting at Lincoln-Way West High School will be Mike Jacobi talking about school funding.

Chamber of Commerce: There was a large turnout for the annual dinner meeting at Minne Monesse Golf Club.

Student Representatives: Homecoming Spirit Week culminated in the very well attended dance held at the Hamann Center; Solo/Ensemble Music Contest will be held next Saturday; WYSE won 1st place in Regional competition; the juniors have been preparing for the ACT which will be administered on March 3rd and 4th; and Scholastic Bowl finished well at the Match Points competition.

Board Communications: Included was a picture of the proposed fitness board and a letter of support to sponsor a legislative bill regarding sexually motivated crimes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by D. Hansen, at 7:37 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: T. Markland - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Fick - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:48 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by S. Ohm, at 7:50 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; S. Ohm – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Hansen – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO HIRE HS ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to hire Jack Haymond as HS Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at \$1,602 (no TRS). Roll Call: D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; J. Fick - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO EMPLOY LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, to employ John Rehmer as a long-term substitute teacher at \$126 per day for the 2nd grade maternity leave. Roll Call: T. Markland - yes; J. Fick - yes; D. Hansen - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO HIRE BAND INSTRUCTOR FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Hansen, to hire Kelly Lorenz as band instructor for the 2015-16 school year (salary TBA-2nd year step). Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; D. Hansen -yes; J. Fick - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mardale Ekhoﬀ
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President