

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 21, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on July 21, 2014, 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
Mardale Ekhoff
Dale Hansen
Tim Markland
Shari Ohm
Dave Wheeler

Member absent: 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 0

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of June 16, 2014.
2. Financial Reports for June, 2014.
3. Direction to pay the July vendor bills in the amount of \$183,817.35.
4. Approval of the June payroll in the amount of \$297,357.02.
5. To accept the resignation(s) of Michelle Heimberger, MS/Guidance Secretary.
6. To employ Allyson Filicicchia and Katherine Hudson as Co-Student Council Sponsors (\$305 plus TRS each), Allyson Filicicchia as Spelling Sponsor (\$430 plus TRS), Hillary Hubert as MS Assistant Softball Coach (\$859, no TRS), Leigh Reiniche as Freshman and Sophomore Class Sponsor (2013-14) at \$391 plus TRS (each position), Dan Junker as High School Varsity Softball Coach (\$2,774, no TRS) and Hollie O'Nions and Colten Boswell as HS Co-Cheerleading Sponsors (\$782 each, no TRS).
7. To approve board policies: 4:100, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 5:280, 6:150, 7:250.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The principals' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added

that she met with the fifth grade teachers regarding the 1:1 Initiative. The district ordered Chromebooks for the students to use in class and the teachers will be using them daily. Ms. Planeta will send a letter home to those parents outlining this new initiative designed to more fully engage students.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. In August or early September Bernardi Securities will follow through on the refinancing of the bonds, which could be a savings of almost \$200,000 to the taxpayers. Dr. Palan will prepare a press release at that time.
2. A tentative Board walk-through of the facilities will take place on Thursday, August 14th with an alternate date of the preceding Wednesday.
3. Dr. Palan is pleased overall with the end-of-year unaudited fund balances for FY 2014. Only two funds showed a deficit, which was not unexpected.
4. Upcoming dates: Registration Wednesday, August 6th from 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Teachers' Institutes on Monday, August 18th and Tuesday, August 19th and the first day for students on Wednesday, August 20th.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 KANKAKEE AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE BUDGET:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to adopt the KASEC budget for 2014-2015. Roll Call: D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; M. Ekhoﬀ - yes; S. Ohm - yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15 MS and HS ATHLETIC HANDBOOKS:

Motion was made by D. Wheeler, seconded by T. Markland, to approve, as recommended by the Athletic Directors and/or Committee, the 2014-15 MS and HS Athletic Handbooks. Roll Call: D. Wheeler - yes; T. Markland - yes; M. Ekhoﬀ - yes; D. Hansen - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Dickson noted the new basketball coach sent a letter home to parents of the HS basketball players stating the expectations for the program.

Building and Grounds: Projects completed: MS/HS interior cameras; HS parking lot and sidewalk; and ES circle drive. Projects in progress: Fitness room with an anticipated dedication the first or second week in August; ES sign; waste removal in ES. In addition, the HS bathroom tile project will be re-quoted, the HS entry corridor will not be completed by the start of school due to funding, the MS tile issue is still being investigated, and the Pre-K sidewalk is in need of repairs.

Technology: No report.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Herscher School District is pulling out of the Co-op at the end of their contracted period.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The fall dinner meeting will be held on October 1st and the program will be about Vision 20:20.

Chamber of Commerce: No report.

Student Representatives: No report.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, at 7:44 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. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; M. Ekhoﬀ - yes; S. Ohm – yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 8:07 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by M. Ekhoﬀ, seconded by T. Markland, at 8:08 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: M. Ekhoﬀ – yes; T. Markland – yes; D. Hansen – yes; S. Ohm – yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by M. Ekhoﬀ, seconded by S. Ohm, at 8:09 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mardale Ekhoﬀ
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President