

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 15, 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 June 15, 2015, in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Dickson at 7:06 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Dave Dickson  
Jerry Fick  
Dale Hansen  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland

Member absent: Shari Ohm

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

Audience of 3

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of May 18, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for May, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the June vendor bills in the amount of \$160,501.53.
4. Approval of the May payroll in the amount of \$274,355.13.
5. To accept the resignations of: Kate Anderson (Special Needs Teacher) and Jan Locke (Varsity Girls Golf Coach).
6. To employ Katie Kreis and Anne Walsh as Co-Senior Class Sponsors (\$293.50 each, plus TRS), Lee Ellen Palan as Mentor for the 2014-15 school year (\$391, plus TRS), Katie Hudson as Summer School Instructor (\$28.00 per hour, plus TRS), Don Barrie as ESY Bus Driver (\$60.00 per route), and Hollie O'Nions as Varsity Girls Golf Coach (\$2,032, no TRS).
7. To approve the extracurricular list for the 2015-16 school year, as presented.
8. To authorize an accounts payable (June 26, 2015) for the purpose of including fiscal 2015 expenditures in current budget.
9. To approve Resolution #61515 approving the 2015-16 prevailing wage rates of Kankakee County.

10. To approve board policies: 2:20, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 5:40, 5:180, 5:270, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, 6:40.

11. To approve excess surplus (antiquated equipment) as presented.

Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Palan's report included:

1. A new ISBE mandate requiring the offering of breakfast. Grant Park Schools will be monitored by Dr. Palan and the regional superintendent as the numbers keep fluctuating and enrollment criteria are borderline for this mandate.
2. The focus of the administrative retreat at the end of July will be the district's goals and initiatives.
3. The Community Engagement Project is in the editing stages and will be sent to the board by the end of the week.
4. A legislative update which outlined a stalemate between the governor and the general assembly. They have not agreed on a budget and districts have no idea what the GSA proration will be for budgeting purposes.
5. An enrollment update showing a decline of four students from April to May.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report.

**Building and Grounds:** The committee is working with IDOT on the music sign placement at the village entrances and they are still waiting on the second lighting grant.

**Technology:** The new Chromebooks with a dragon logo have arrived.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** Another meeting will be held on Thursday for a second vote. The members have voted once on a new three year agreement regarding the use of the cash reserves for funding instead of raising the fees, in which the smaller member districts would stand to lose a greater amount than the larger districts.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No meeting until August.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** The board members were encouraged to complete the Master Board Member Survey with all of the activities they have completed.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The recent Amazing Race was well-attended.

**Student Representatives:** Not in attendance.

**Board Communications:** Included in the communications were an article from ISBE detailing state budget scenarios, a listing of GPHS scholarship recipients and a thank you letter sent to Sunrise Greenhouse for their generous donation to the high school landscaping project.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:20 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; C. Horn - yes; J. Fick - yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Due to extreme weather conditions before the closed session was declared over, Mr. Fick and Mrs. Horn left the meeting. Therefore, they were not available for the vote.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 8:02 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, at 8:03 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Dickson – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED RIF LIST FOR 2015-16:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the updated RIF list as presented. Roll Call: D. Dickson – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, to hire Amber DeYoung as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2015-16 school year at \$30,001 plus TRS. Roll Call: D. Dickson - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES FOR 2015-16:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve a 3.25% increase for support staff for 2015-16. Roll Call: D. Dickson – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL #777:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the 2015-2018 Contract with Teamsters Local #777, as presented. Roll Call: D. Dickson - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS FOR 2015-16:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve a 3.25% increase for John Palan, Tom Sanidas, Tracy Planeta and Carrie Clodi, for the 2015-16 school year. Roll Call: D. Dickson – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by D. Hansen, at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry Loitz  
Secretary

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Dave Dickson  
President