

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 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 May 18, 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
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
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 27

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 April 20, 2015 and the special board meeting of May 5, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for April, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the May vendor bills in the amount of \$102,314.92.
4. Approval of the April payroll in the amount of \$269,778.15.
5. To accept the resignations of: Jennifer Olthoff (4th grade teacher), Jon Rodriguez (6th grade boys basketball coach), and John Froehner (8th grade boys basketball coach).
6. To employ Tanner Barrera as PT Custodial (seasonal Help) at \$8.50 per hour.
7. To approve/add the course of Economics as a class offering/course listing for the 2015-16 school year.
8. To approve the 2015-16 fee structure, as presented.
9. To approve Dr. Dale Hastings as Hearing Officer (as needed) for Grant Park School District #6.
10. To approve Molly Lovell as a Purchased Service for Speech (2015-16) at a cost of \$325.00 per day.
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; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: The board took the opportunity to recognize several people during the meeting: Retiring teachers - Steve Imig, Kris Haaland, and Colleen Johnson; 8th grader, Derek Dumas, for earning a silver medal at the State Chess Meet; and finally, Nicole Parmely, Student Board Representative, for her two years of service to the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: The administrators’ reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added a special thanks to the students and Mrs. Carlson for preparing the Chromebook presentation. Mr. Sanidas reported that Brandon Courtney won 6th place in his event at the MS State Track Meet.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. Last week, state pension reform was ruled unconstitutional which may mean a cost shift could come to districts. There is also talk in Springfield about freezing property taxes. At this point, districts are just hoping for level funding for the next fiscal year.
2. ISBA Approved Limitation Waiver
3. The State Superintendent Advisory Committee will meet about 4-5 times a year.
4. High School graduation ceremony will be Friday, May 22nd at 7:00 and the Middle School promotion will take place on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00.
5. The end of year celebration will once again take place at Minne Monesse Golf Club on Monday, June 8th.
6. Grant Park High School was named to the Top 25% of all public high schools in the country by US News and World Report.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS FOR THE 1:1 INITIATIVE:

After a presentation by some of the fifth grade students who are currently utilizing Chromebooks in the classroom, a motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by S. Ohm, to purchase 96 Chromebooks at a cost of \$34,887.12 for the 1:1 Initiative in the 5th, 6th and 7th grade classrooms, as per the recommendation of the Technology Committee. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; S. Ohm – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; T. Markland – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Dickson thanked Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Sproat and the 5th grade students for the presentation and explanation of the use of the Chromebooks.

Building and Grounds: Summer projects were discussed including the lighting grant project, landscaping, parking lots, painting and ES bathrooms and hallways.

Technology: No further report.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: The next meeting will be Thursday to discuss the changes to the Joint Agreement. The district's attorney will review the changes before the meeting.

Kankakee Area Career Center: At the quarterly meeting it was announced that over \$41,000 in scholarships were distributed. Also, the construction department purchased four new lots.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The fall meeting will be in Lockport and the directors are looking for volunteer schools to host the spring meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: The Amazing Race event will be held on June 13th. The Chamber has formed the "Grant Park Foundation" which is a new 501-C3 organization for tax deductible donations.

Student Representatives: The students reported on all of the upcoming important dates and the HS landscaping that was completed by the National Honor Society students. Ms. Parmely also thanked the school board members for their service to the district. She stated that their work goes unnoticed by the students but is very much appreciated.

Board Communications: A letter was included from MainSource Bank detailing a \$1,650 donation to be used for technology purposes. The district will apply those funds to a mini computer lab for the 4th grade. Also included was an Alliance Legislative Report and a congratulatory letter from the IHSA for being the second place winner in the Music Solo and Ensemble and Organizational Contests.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:54 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; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz – 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 8:30 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 8:31 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Hansen – yes; C. Horn - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2015-2018:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to approve the 2015-2018 Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Roll Call: D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER SECRETARY:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve Kathy Ekhoﬀ as Summer Secretary at \$13.52 per hour. Roll Call: D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by S. Ohm, at 8:34 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President