

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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 October 20, 2014, in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Dickson at 6:00 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
Mr. Tom Sanidas, MS/HS Principal
Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary
Nicole Parmely, Student Representative
Tanner Barrera, Student Representative

Audience of 3

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of September 22, 2014.
2. Financial Reports for September, 2014.
3. Direction to pay the October vendor bills in the amount of \$120,046.02.
4. Approval of the September payroll in the amount of \$271,633.52.
5. To approve the extended maternity leave request by Jennifer Olthoff (including days without pay) by two weeks and maternity leave request by Aimee Denny effective February 23, 2015 until the end of the school year.
6. Approve Dr. Dale Hastings and Mr. Richard Levek as Due Process Hearing Officers for Grant Park School District #6.

Roll Call: D. Wheeler – yes; D. Hansen – 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 administrators' reports are attached. Mr. Sanidas reminded everyone about the "Mean Green Goes Pink" event on Friday beginning at 5:45 and Parent-Teacher Conferences this Thursday and Friday.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. An update on the County Facilities Tax and the potential projects that could be completed if the tax were approved. Informational fliers have

- been posted on the website and distributed by the PTO, union and leadership committee.
2. IASB Conference is coming up in November and three GPHS Choral students were invited to perform the National Anthem at the Opening Session.
 3. The GP CUSD #6 levy extension is due on the last Tuesday of December and will be presented further at the November meeting.
 4. There will be a significant detriment to GP CUSD #6 if SB 16 passes. The effect on the district would be a loss of approximately \$42,000, equal to one teacher or program for the district.
 5. The current enrollment update shows no change from the previous month.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2013 AUDIT:

Mr. Rick Blanchette, of Russell Leigh and Associates, presented the report on the audit of Fiscal Year 2014, explaining the fund balances and financial condition of the district at the year's end. Due to some legal changes, the district has had to make a few modifications in the activity accounts as well as bond some additional personnel. The audit will be placed on file in the District Office.

RECOMMENDATION OF TAX ABATEMENT:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by M. Ekhoﬀ, to approve the abatement of the proceeds from the County Facilities Tax Referendum, if passed, and apply to the 2014 building bond at approximately 50% until the existing bond is retired. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; M. Ekhoﬀ - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; D. Wheeler - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: The impact fee discussion has been a long process with the Village Ordinance Committee. Mr. Dickson and Dr. Palan have one more meeting and then the Village Board will take a vote at their meeting in two weeks.

Building and Grounds: The new security doors were installed in the high school and the buzzer will be activated at the end of the week. The next meeting will be in November.

Technology: At the recent meeting, all of the technology accomplishments were evaluated. The 5th grade teachers shared their thoughts on the 1:1 Initiative so far. They feel the students are displaying more critical thinking, they are staying on task longer and it is easier for the teachers to monitor the students' progress. In order to expand to other grade levels more infrastructure will be needed. The committee discussed some ways to get more money including charging lab tech fees. They were not thrilled with this option and will continue exploring funding issues.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: A big portion of the meeting was spent discussing trying to sell the garage next to the Co-op. The Co-op is done covering the administrative fees for non-member districts who send students to the facility. They will now have to pay their share.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report until after the November meeting.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: Vision 20/20 will be rolling out at the opening session of the November conference. IASB is waiting until after the election in order to get full attention and have less competition in the media. Also, Mr. Hansen encouraged the Board members to take the on-line bullying class.

Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting will be on November 12th.

Student Representatives: No report, students both left early for band/choral concert.

Board Communications: An informational flyer regarding the County Facilities Tax; and articles from the IASB pertaining to bullying prevention and a new legislative mandate for “two-way communication” between the public and elected officials.

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

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by D. Wheeler, seconded by D. Hansen, at 6:45 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mardale Ekhoﬀ
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President