

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 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 August 17, 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  
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 5

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of July 20, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for July, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the August vendor bills in the amount of \$73,245.50.
4. Approval of the July payroll in the amount of \$238,211.36.
5. To accept the resignation of Ashley Carlson, effective July 1, 2015.
6. To employ Tai Major as 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher (\$30,001 plus TRS), Stephanie Moranz as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher (\$30,001 plus TRS), Matt Kole as Varsity Soccer Coach (\$2,495, no TRS), and Jackie West as Assistant Soccer Coach (\$1,289, no TRS).
7. Certification that the hazardous transportation conditions (as certified by IDOT) still exist for the 2015-16 school year.
8. To approve the closed session minutes, as presented, remain closed due to the confidentiality that exists.

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

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

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Clodi recapped her experience at the Special Education Summit in Washington D.C. this summer.

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

1. An update on the E-Rate process which was approved and the district should be getting about \$41,000 toward the 1:1 infrastructure project.
2. The administrative goals and initiatives for the upcoming school year were shared with the staff.
3. Professional development needs and activities for this school year were conveyed.
4. Work will begin immediately on incorporating student growth into the evaluation model, as per PERA.
5. Current enrollment after registration shows an increase of nine students over last year.

**PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE ANNUAL 2015-2016 BUDGET:**

Dr. Palan reviewed the overall budget, as well as a review of the individual projected fund balances. The Education Fund shows an approximate \$4,350 surplus while the Transportation Fund reflects an approximate \$29,990 deficit. Revenue payments are still uncertain. This budget represents the best educated guess that can be provided at the moment and some unknown variables can affect the numbers. Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by S. Ohm, to accept the tentative annual 2015-16 budget and place it on display in the district office for a minimum of thirty days. 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.

**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PLAQUE:**

Dr. Palan explained that the award from U.S. News and World Report naming Grant Park High School as a top 25% high school in the United States was a district-wide achievement. Mr. Barrera presented a plaque to both the principals and Board of Education. The local media outlets did an exceptional job of informing the public of this prestigious award.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** The Board walked through the facilities and everything looked good.

**Building and Grounds:** No report.

**Technology:** No report.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** The next meeting will be on Thursday.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** A balanced budget was approved at KARVES and KACC.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** October 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Fall Division meeting, board training workshops are available and several Vision 20:20 bills endorsed by the Association passed.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Summerfest will be on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Representatives:** No report due to school not starting until Wednesday.

**Board Communications:** The board was given a thank you letter from the American Heart Association for donations collected from the "Jump Rope for Heart" program.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 8:17 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, at 8:18 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ADAM EKHOFF:**

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Fick, to accept the resignation of MS/HS Special Needs Teacher, Adam Ekhoﬀ, effective immediately. 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.

**APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR’S NEW CONTRACT:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve a new contract for Andy Dillman at 255 days with 15 vacation days and a salary of \$53,000. 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 COLLIN GRAVES AS VOLUNTEER COACH:**

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve Collin Graves as a volunteer coach. Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Hansen – yes; C. Horn – yes; T. Markland – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Markland  
Secretary

Dave Dickson  
President