

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 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 December 16, 2015, in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Markland at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Members absent: Dave Dickson  
Shari Ohm

Also present Dr. John Palan, Superintendent  
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal  
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 2 (after volleyball team/parents left)

**APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM:**

In President Dickson's absence, a motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Fick, to appoint Vice-President Markland as President Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; and J. Loitz – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 November 16, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for November, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the December vendor bills in the amount of \$97,003.28.
4. Approval of the November payroll in the amount of \$273,874.41.
5. Employ Steve Rogus and Julie Quinn as MS Scholastic Bowl Co-Sponsors (\$242 each, plus TRS) and Gretchen Greenholt as 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach (\$1,127, no TRS).
6. To approve board policies (as presented): 2:150, 2:200, 2:220 E-2, 4:170, 5:90, 5:100, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:160, 6:315, 6:320, 7:50, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:340, 8:30.
7. To accept, with regret, the retirement notification of Mrs. Phyllis Fick effective at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** Team plaques were presented to the Grant Park Lady Dragon Volleyball team for their record 30-0 regular season.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added information regarding Pre-School screenings which will take place on February, 8, 2016.

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

1. The shared accountability model is a new state-developed plan to guarantee that all students are on track for success after graduating from high school. It will be the new state/district report card based on the outcome of Vision 20:20.
2. Legislative update still shows Illinois with over \$7 billion in backlogs. General State Aid is currently on-track but transportation payments are behind and may get prorated. There is also momentum on the proposed property tax freeze.
3. Starting Right Board workshop is scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
4. The PERA committee has made much progress on the new evaluation plan that includes student growth. A model is scheduled to be in place by the end of February.
5. The district enrollment shows a decrease of one student.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #121618 FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 TAX LEVY:**

Dr. Palan reviewed the three step process in determining the 2015 tax levy: projected EAV, the levy extension request and the reality levy due to tax caps and PTELL. He stated this is the lowest request in years. A motion was made at 7:32 p.m. by J. Fick, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve the estimated tax levy for 2015 in the amount of \$3,618,200, without bonds. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Hansen - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACADEMIC SIGNING DAY:**

Dr. Palan outlined plans for an Academic Signing Day in the spring to celebrate students' post-secondary plans and inform parents and the community that academic achievement is the most important ingredient in the GP Way.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** The committee is still waiting on the state budget approval to submit the lighting grant. The next meeting will be in January or February.

**Technology:** The Mediacom and ICN bills will be increased slightly for the rest of the year reflecting the additional 30 MB of bandwidth necessary to finish out the school year. The bandwidth upgrade will be bid out for next year.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** No report.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** Mr. Hansen reported on two sessions he was able to attend at

the school board conference last month. The spring Division meeting will be held on March 1, 2016.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The holiday meeting will be on February 11, 2016.

**Student Representatives:** High school finals are taking place this week; many students signed a get well card for Mr. Sanidas; NHS is having their Secret Santa week; and the holiday band concert is Thursday evening.

**Board Communications:** Included for the board is the recent newsletter from Ms. Cademartori's Contemporary Issues class.

**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 7:43 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; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:55 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:56 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry Fick  
Secretary

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Dave Dickson  
President