

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on January 20, 2016, 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 4

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for December, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the January vendor bills in the amount of \$117,742.84.
4. Approval of the December payroll in the amount of \$286,948.89.
5. Approval of the 2016-17 annual bus lease with Midwest Transit (\$12,371 per 71 passenger bus (7), \$8,617 for 1-14 passenger).
6. Approval of Resolution #12016 maintaining the confidentiality of closed session minutes as presented.
7. Approval of the District #6 Seniority List, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Each administrator shared information regarding Curricular Alignment in their respective buildings. They spoke of project-based learning, mapping and more critical thinking in the classrooms.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The academic signing days have been scheduled for the week of April 25th – 29th. Students will be able to invite parents and a favorite, or influential, teacher to their signing.
2. The Middle School Promotion Ceremony has been set for Tuesday, May 24, 2016.
3. A letter will be sent home to junior parents regarding the ACT. The cost of the test will be deducted off of their senior year fees.
4. The district enrollment shows no change for December.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: The village is hosting a Chili Supper on February 20th where the KGB Band will be performing.

Building and Grounds: Next meeting will be February 15th.

Technology: Next meeting will be February 3rd. Mr. Dillman secured more free computers for the ES lab. There is an additional \$9000 in Title money that will be used for more Chromebooks and iPads for the ES.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Kankakee School District pulled out of the building lease which means a loss of rent for the Cooperative. Momenca filed a petition to withdraw. There is currently much discussion regarding putting the building up for sale.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The next dinner meeting is scheduled for March 2nd in Plainfield and the topic will be "Community Engagement".

Chamber of Commerce: February 11th will be the next meeting at Minne Monesse. Summerfest will be combining with Oktoberfest and will take place on October 7th, 8th and 9th. The Chamber was very complimentary of students for the Christmas window paintings at the village businesses.

Student Representatives: Not present.

Board Communications: A letter was received from a community member regarding the quality and great efforts of the music program, particularly Mrs. Toppen, after the Christmas concert in December.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: A community member questioned the board about district salaries and their effect on local property taxes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by T. Markland, at 8:00 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: J. Fick - yes; T. Markland - yes; D. Hansen - yes; C. Horn – yes; J.

Loitz- 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 J. Loitz, seconded by J. Fick, at 8:18 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – 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 T. Markland, seconded by S. Ohm, at 8:19 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President