

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 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 March 16, 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 8

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of February 16, 2016.
2. Financial Reports for February, 2016.
3. Direction to pay the March vendor bills in the amount of \$86,463.12.
4. Approval of the February payroll in the amount of \$271,860.65.
5. Approval of the resignation of Leigh Reiniche as HS and MS Volleyball Coach.
6. To employ Matt Schneider and Greg Schneider as Co-Sponsors of Bass Fishing (\$56 per sponsor, no TRS) and Kate Hudson as Head MS Track Coach (\$1,772 plus TRS).
7. To appoint Sharon Heidemann, Leigh Reiniche, Tom Sanidas, Tracy Planeta, Jeremy Prairie and Katie Kreis to the District #6 Concussion Oversight Team.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Daniel McNally was recognized for his advancement to the State Wrestling competition for the third year in a row. Representatives from the MS staff and student body presented the uses for the 1:1 Technology and its positive impact.

APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by S. Ohm, to concur in the Technology Committee's recommendation to purchase a Chromebook for students entering grades 8 -12 for the 2016-17 school year with a cost not to exceed \$78,000. 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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta presented the Title I Technology Plan and expounded on the many applications and resources available to elementary students.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Overview of the District's Financial Recognition designation with a score of 3.9 by the Illinois State Board of Education.
2. The PERA committee is expecting to complete the evaluation changes by the end of March and will present to the staff in May.
3. Academic Signing Days will take place on April 28th and 29th and a MS Career Day will be on April 26th.
4. The district enrollment shows no change for January.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Dickson congratulated Ms. Cademartori and the Drama students for an excellent performance of Spamalot over the weekend.

Building and Grounds: Upcoming projects include: new bus garage doors, updating the phone system, MS tile repairs and Hamann Center roof repairs.

Technology: With the previously approved purchase of Chromebooks, beginning in 2016-17 the district will have the 1:1 Initiative implemented in grades 5 – 12.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No sealed bids were offered for the sale of the building so it was decided to list it with a realtor. At the next meeting, further discussion will take place on the roles of the superintendent and governing board groups.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The principal and assistant principal were re-hired. House Representative Kate Cloonen spoke at the meeting.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The executive and governing boards meet later this year.

Chamber of Commerce: Octoberfest will be October 8th and 9th and the Chamber is trying to get more student involvement in the event.

Student Representatives: Not in attendance.

Board Communications: Included were a letter from the Illinois Secretary of Education, Beth Purvis, and a response letter from Senate President Cullerton. Also, a PAARC Comparative Analysis shows Grant Park had the highest overall composite score in the area.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, at 8:10 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; C. Horn - yes; D. Hansen - 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 8:55 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by D. Hansen, at 8:56 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; D. Hansen - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REEMPLOYMENT OF THE CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the reemployment of certified staff for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Fick - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT FOR LIBRARY INFORMATION SPECIALIST:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the employment of Kris Hilsenhoff as Library Information Specialist for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the employment of Jennifer Thiesen as High School Secretary for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the one-year contract as presented for Tracy Planeta, Principal, for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; D. Hansen - yes; J. Fick - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR MS/HS PRINCIPAL:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve the amended contract as presented for Tom Sanidas, Principal, for the 2016-17 school year. 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.

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the one-year, 116 day contract as presented for Carrie Clodi, Director of Special Services, for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Fick - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, to hire Jamle Heikes as Guidance Counselor for the 2016-17 school year at a salary of \$39,066 plus TRS (195 day contract). 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.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by C. Horn, at 9:03 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President