

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 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 November 16, 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 D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of October 19, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for October, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the November vendor bills in the amount of \$82,869.24.
4. Approval of the October payroll in the amount of \$268,675.46.
5. Termination of employment of Mr. Scott Ritter, ES Part-Time Custodian, effective October 23, 2015.
6. Employ Harli Gilbert as MS Cheerleading Sponsor (\$1,025, no TRS), Kelly Lockwood as a Volunteer MS Cheerleading Sponsor and Joe Bravo as ES Custodian (part-time) at \$11.79 per hour.

Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland – 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: Dr. Avendano, President, Kankakee Community College, is visiting all of the district's schools to promote KCC as a great step for high school graduates to continue their education. The college focuses on quality of instruction and excellence.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added Grandparents' Day went very well with over 460 meals served. Also, the ES students created cards for Board Appreciation Day. Mr. Sanidas stated the jazz concert was well-attended.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. School report card and PAARC results are still not widely available. There is little data from last year as assessments are set to begin for this school year.
2. There is legislation that is attempting to delay the Concussion Oversight Team implementation until next year.
3. The district may be getting between \$6,000 and \$8,000 in additional Title I money due to the reallocation of funds from districts that haven't used their allotments. The funds would be used for Title I technology labs.
4. An enrollment update which shows an increase of two students from September to October.

DECISION ON DATE FOR BOARD SELF-EVALUATION PROCESS:

The board decided on meeting Thursday, January 21st, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the self-evaluation workshop, "Starting Right: Creating the New Governance Team", offered by the IASB. It is directed at new board members and focuses on how to work as a team. The cost will be \$400.

DISCUSSION OF THE 2015 TAX LEVY AND SETTING A HEARING DATE FOR DECEMBER 16TH:

Dr. Palan has been working on the levy and concluded that due to the shrinking CPI the extension will generate very little revenue. The Board set the hearing date for Wednesday, December 16th in the MS library.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ACT COLLEGE EXAM:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, to approve the financial sponsorship for the ACT assessment for all high school juniors, if necessary, at a cost of approximately \$1,600. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: The district's attorneys have concluded there is little recourse for the district on the MS tile issue due to the length of time that has passed since installation.

Technology: The next meeting will be held this Wednesday.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Herscher's request to not pay additional money to the Co-op was denied by a vote of members.

Kankakee Area Career Center: CHEE (Coalition for Hope and Excellence in Education) was detailed at the last meeting. CHEE is a collaboration between industry and education in Kankakee County.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The members are looking forward to the Triple I Conference this weekend. Mr. Hansen will be the delegate for the district in the absence of any other volunteers.

Chamber of Commerce: There are now 41 members. Polar Golf has been cancelled this

year. The Chamber is looking at combining Summerfest and Octoberfest in the future.

Student Representatives: Homecoming week festivities are being planned.

Board Communications: Included were a legislative report regarding two new bills being endorsed by the Alliance; a brief by Scariano Law Firm regarding a discrimination case; and an assurance by Dr. Palan that the buildings have been completely sanitized following the reports of two cases of MRSA in the high school.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: Ms. Siebert presented a cake for the board to enjoy for Board Member Appreciation Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:45 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. Fick - 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 8:13 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 8:14 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. 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.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Tim Markland
President Pro Tem