

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 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
Mr. Tom Sanidas, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 7

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 September 23, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for September, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the October vendor bills in the amount of \$805,003.67.
4. Approval of the September payroll in the amount of \$261,774.32.

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: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Information on the potential dissolution process for the KASEC is included for board members to review.
2. There is current legislation pending regarding a property tax freeze proposed by the Governor which would affect school funding. More information on the levy and CPI will be available at the November meeting.

3. The unofficial composite scores from PAARC will be released soon and the entire state's scores are down. ACT and SAT are in the bidding process and depending on the results, Dr. Palan may propose that the district become an ACT testing site and cover the expense for student testing.
4. An enrollment update which shows an increase of five students over last month.

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.

TRS ON-BEHALF PAYMENT FOR BUDGET FY 16:

The TRS on-behalf payment has been added to the final fiscal 2016 budget. It is a "wash" item and the amount is based on last year's TRS report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: There has still been no response from the general contractor, manufacturer or installer regarding the MS tile issue. The district attorney will be contacted to discuss the next course of action and hopefully come to a resolution.

Technology: 1:1 Initiative is going well.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: The superintendents met recently to continue discussions on the fate of the Co-op. Momence announced that they, too, may withdraw from the Co-op. When districts leave the Co-op they also forfeit rights to any assets. If the member districts agree to dissolve, all of the assets would be divided among those remaining. At this point, much is still left to be determined.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The next meeting will be held on November 12th.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The division meeting is on October 29th.

Chamber of Commerce: The next meeting will be held on November 11th. Christmas in the Village is scheduled for December 12th.

Student Representatives: This week is Spirit Week in preparation for the Mean Green Goes Pink event on Friday, October 23rd.

Board Communications: Included were letters from the IASB congratulating Shari Ohm and Dale Hansen for their Master Board Member status and a letter from a grandparent expressing heartfelt thanks to Ms. Planeta for comforting her granddaughter after she was injured on the playground.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, at 7:25 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; T. Markland - yes; J. Fick - 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 7:57 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:58 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. 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.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:59 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President