

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 September 23, 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
Mr. Tom Sanidas, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 5

APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM:

In President Dickson's absence, a motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Hansen, to appoint Vice-President Markland as President Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Fick – yes; and C. Horn – 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 August 17, 2015.
2. Financial Reports for August, 2015.
3. Direction to pay the September vendor bills in the amount of \$122,040.12.
4. Approval of the August payroll in the amount of \$239,843.19.
5. To employ Julie Quinn as MS/HS Special Needs Instructor (\$37,100 plus TRS) and Kayle Hull as 7th grade girls' basketball coach (\$1,932 plus TRS).
6. To approve school board policies: 2:160, 2:160E, 2:260, 4:50, 5:50, 5:270, 5:290, 6:140, 7:10, 7:325, 8:10, 8:80.
7. Approval of the 2015-16 Annual Recognition of Public Schools as presented.

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: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Mr. Sanidas added the MS Baseball team defeated Beecher this evening to win the Regional title and advance to Sectionals in Gibson City.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The approved E-Rate funding for Category 1 will be \$40,862 and for Category 2, \$20,766. These amounts represent about 70% of the telecommunications expenditures.
2. Herscher School District has officially withdrawn from the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative as of 7/1/16 via a formal resolution. Momence School District is in the process of filing a petition to withdraw.
3. The new legislation for the Concussion Oversight Team requires either a licensed doctor, nurse or athletic trainer to be on the committee. The district is currently searching for someone to fill that capacity on the newly formed committee.
4. An enrollment update which shows a decline of six students from August but an increase over last year at this time.

OPENING OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET HEARING:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:10 p.m. to open the FY 2016 budget hearing. Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSING OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET HEARING:

Dr. Palan reviewed the FY '16 budget which shows an overall deficit of \$21,460. The Education fund shows a slight deficit of \$24,150 while the Transportation fund shows a deficit of \$29,990. Added to the budget, per code, was the on-behalf pension payment number. Following this discussion, a motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:15 p.m. to close the FY 2016 budget hearing. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Hansen - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:6 p.m. to accept the superintendent's recommendation to adopt the budget for the 2015-16 school year. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2014 AUDIT:

Mr. Rick Blanchette, of Russell Leigh and Associates, presented the report on the audit of Fiscal Year 2015, explaining the fund balances and financial condition of the district at the year's end. The audit will be placed on file in the District Office.

REVIEW OF DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS:

A review of all of the district's accounts and services with Midland States Bank took place over the summer. Everything was in order. Midland increased the interest rate on one of the money market accounts .07% which will provide additional interest/revenue to the district.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION PROCESS:

The board is interested in engaging in the self-evaluation process offered by the IASB. It is directed at new board members and focuses on how to work as a team. The cost is approximately \$400 and they will look at meeting in early December or after the first of the year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: The next meeting is in October. The MS tile issue is on-going. The architects, tile manufacturer and tile installers are not taking responsibility for the damaged tiles. The next step will be to contact the insurance company and seek legal counsel.

Technology: An update on the 1:1 Initiative: cabling will be contracted out at the end of October; new switches were installed in the MS and HS with no problems but a few problems in the ES; access points in the MS are completed; and the classroom usage is going well. Mr. Dillman will be available at Parent-Teacher conferences to answer parent questions regarding the Chromebook usage. Future technology needs may be replacing the ES lab and increasing the size of the HS lab.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The budget passed and everything else is status quo in regards to operations at the Career Center.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The fall dinner meeting is scheduled for October 29th and reservations are needed soon. Roger Eddy will be the guest speaker

Chamber of Commerce: Oktoberfest will be held the weekend of October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The committee is still looking for a group to sponsor the Dunk Tank.

Student Representatives: The year is off to a great start for the students; pink shirts are now on sale for the Mean Green Goes Pink event on October 23rd; and the Homecoming theme has been decided.

Board Communications: Included were a notice regarding school discipline changes that will take effect next school year and a letter from the state superintendent regarding test results.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:50 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; C. Horn - yes; J. Fick - yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

Vice-President Markland declared the closed session was over at 8:05 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, at 8:06 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, to accept the resignation of Ken Goodwin, Guidance Counselor, effective after the 2015-16 school year. 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. Loitz, seconded by J. Fick, at 8:08 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President