

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017**

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 18, 2017, 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
Dale Hansen
Jerry Loitz
Shari Ohm

Members absent: Jerry Fick
Christine Horn
Tim Markland

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mr. Tom Sanidas, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 6

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

In Secretary Fick's absence, a motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Hansen, to appoint Jerry Loitz as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of December 19, 2016.
2. Financial Reports for December, 2016.
3. Direction to pay the January vendor bills in the amount of \$74,588.73.
4. Approval of the December payroll in the amount of \$290,280.46.
5. To accept the resignation letters of: Katelyn Kreis (HS Volleyball) and Ann Wittenberg (JV Volleyball).
6. To approve the intergovernmental agreement for HS Cooperative Track (two academic school years) as presented.
7. To approve the 2017-18 bus lease with Midwest Transit (\$12,371 per bus (7) and one 14 passenger bus at \$8,884).
8. To approve the Seniority List, as presented.
9. To approve Resolution #45343 regarding the release of executive session minutes.

Roll Call: D. Hansen – 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 a special thank you to Sharon Heidemann, HS Athletic Director, who was in attendance, for her work on the Track Committee (as well as thanks to all the other members for their time and hard work):

1. A legislative update and the "Grand bargain" proposal from the Illinois Senate which includes a property tax freeze, pension reform, school funding formula, and tax increases that the new General Assembly will have to tackle.
2. The Middle School promotion date has been proposed for Tuesday, May 23rd. High school graduation was previously set for May 19th.
3. Congratulations to GP #6 for being named a NICHE Top 100 District.
4. An enrollment update showed an increase of one student from last month.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #011817 ADOPTING BOARD POLICY #2:125:

A motion was made at by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the adoption of Board Policy #2:125 regarding board member expenses. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; D. Hansen - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Dickson expressed congratulations to the students, staff, parents and administration for the NICHE Top 100 award. They will present the news at the next village board meeting.

Building and Grounds: All of the dead trees by the baseball field have been cut down.

Technology: No report.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: The meeting is Thursday and it appears as though the sale of the building is proceeding.

Kankakee Area Career Center: Matt Kelley was hired as the new Director and will begin on July 1st.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The spring division meeting will be on March 7th at Crete-Monee High School and will again offer an informational "pre-meeting" for board candidates.

Chamber of Commerce: At the last meeting, members of the Chamber also congratulated the district on the NICHE award.

Student Representatives: Not in attendance due to a math contest.

Board Communications: Articles from the IASB and IASA were included.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:16 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.

Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Hansen - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:33 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:34 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President