

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 September 19, 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
Tim Markland
Shari Ohm

Member absent: Jerry Loitz

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

Audience of 4

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 August 15, 2016.
2. Financial Reports for August, 2016.
3. Direction to pay the September vendor bills in the amount of \$96,286.79.
4. Approval of the August payroll in the amount of \$229,623.98.
5. To accept the resignation of Hollie O’Nions as HS Cheerleading Sponsor and Heidi McGraw as Assistant Drama Sponsor.
6. To employ Tai Major as 7th grade MS Girls’ Basketball Coach (\$1,190 plus TRS), Julie Quinn as HS Student Council (\$829 plus TRS) and Amanda Trompler as Assistant Director of Drama (\$415 per production, no TRS).
7. To approve the Application for Recognition of Schools, as presented.

Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – 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. The Teacher Institute days included evaluation review and safety training, in which the Grant Park Police and Fire Departments also participated.
2. Grant Park BOE received the School Board Governance recognition. Only 18 districts in the state have received this accolade based on their professional development activities and commitment.
3. Support staff evaluation instrument has been re-tooled to align with the other evaluation plans in use by the district.
4. The high school track committee met again and will have a proposal by October 1st with a recommendation to follow.
5. Enrollment update was provided.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 91916:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Fick, to approve Resolution 91916 –

Ratification of Proposed Amendments to the KASEC Articles of Agreement, as presented.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2016 AUDIT:

Mr. Rick Blanchette, of Russell Leigh and Associates, presented the report on the audit of Fiscal Year 2016, explaining the fund balances and financial condition of the district at the year's end. The district received a 3.9 out of 4.0 rating. The audit will be placed on file in the District Office. Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by D. Hansen, to approve the FY 2016 audit as presented. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes, S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

OPENING OF THE FY 2017 BUDGET HEARING:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:22 p.m. to open the FY 2017 budget hearing. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSING OF THE FY 2016 BUDGET HEARING:

Dr. Palan reviewed the FY '17 budget and stated that, overall, he is presenting a balanced budget in the amount of \$5,824,716. The Education and O & M funds are balanced. The Transportation fund shows a deficit of \$33,050 but the Working Cash fund shows a surplus of \$33,050. Two main concerns are the Transportation fund and General State Aid payments not coming in as planned. 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 C. Horn, at 7:26 p.m. to close the FY 2017 budget hearing. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Hansen - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2017 BUDGET:

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by T. Markland, at 7:27 p.m. to accept the superintendent's recommendation to adopt the budget for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; T. Markland – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; S. Ohm - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Village Trustee Deb Morgan has submitted an article on the district that should be published soon.

Building and Grounds: No report.

Technology: Meeting is Wednesday.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: The building is up for bid again. Mr. Dickson will provide updates as they become available.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The director, Mr. Fay, is retiring after this year. A committee has been formed to find a new director.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The Board will be recognized at the October 4th meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Octoberfest is the 7th, 8th and 9th. Co-grand marshals for the parade are Mr. Dickson and Dr. Palan. The next meeting is November 9th at 6:00 p.m. December 5th is Christmas in the Village.

Student Representatives: Band students will be marching in the Octoberfest parade; the Chromebooks have been very beneficial to the students thus far; and the guidance counselor, Mrs. Heikes, has been helping many students with their college searches.

Board Communications: A legislative update was provided and school board petitions are available beginning September 20th.

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 7:37 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: J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Hansen - 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 7:59 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 8:00 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Hansen – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, at 8:01 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President