

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2020**

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 22, 2020, 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: Dave Dickson – arrived at 7:05  
Jerry Fick  
Vicki Gawlinski  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland

Member absent: Shari Ohm

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

Audience of 3

**APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM:**

In President Dickson's initial absence, a motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by J. Fick, to appoint Vice-President Markland as President Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; and C. Horn – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16, 2019.
2. Financial Reports for December, 2019.
3. Direction to pay the January vendor bills in the amount of \$129,355.86.
4. Approval of the December payroll in the amount of \$306,069.18.
5. To accept the resignation of Cathy Jansma, Special Needs Paraprofessional, effective December 21, 2019.
6. To approve AP Policies: 4:80-AP3, 4:15-AP2 and 4:60-AP4.
7. To employ Marilyn Cordes, Title 1 Interventionist (\$13.69 per hour, no TRS), Joshua Williams, GPHS Custodian (\$12.10 per hour), Kylie McGregor as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher (\$16,846, plus TRS), Joseph Masterson for HS Spanish (\$35,252 plus TRS) and Kim Wells as Special Needs Paraprofessional (\$13.10 per hour, no TRS).

Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; J. Loitz – yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta described a 4<sup>th</sup> grade Adopt-A-Soldier service project where the students decorated boxes and cards to be sent to military personnel. She also said the teachers were learning new ways to teach phonics and they will also begin to use practice IAR tests so the students can get used to testing on the Chromebooks. Mr. Maxwell reported the new Spanish teacher is currently in Spain and will be coming in April-May to prepare for next year. He also said the boys' basketball team played in Indianapolis on January 2nd and thanked the Summer Basketball Program for their monetary contribution to the event.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Palan's report included:

1. GPES may offer a breakfast program next year due to an ISBE mandate that requires schools with a population of over 40% low income to provide breakfast or have a waiver hearing.
2. The ROE Life Safety Inspection showed no findings.
3. The School Maintenance Grant is a \$50,000 matching grant and gives the district a good opportunity to complete priority projects.
4. Enrollment Report showed the total enrollment increased by five students from the previous month.

**APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE GRANT SUBMISSION PROPOSAL:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by J. Fick, to approve the Maintenance Grant Submission Proposal as presented. Roll Call: D. Dickson - yes; J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12220 REGARDING WORKPLACE HARASSMENT:**

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve Resolution 12220, as required by Board Policy 5:20, regarding workplace harassment. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Dickson - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** Board members were reminded to complete the Statement of Economic Interest for the county.

**Building and Grounds:** The projects to be included in the Maintenance Grant are as follows: updated camera system, intercom system, paving/curbing at the HS, ES tuck pointing, HC door, HS phase two flooring, and HC curtains.

**Technology:** At the last meeting the annual purchase of Chromes was discussed as well as a replacement cycle for promethean/projection boards, updating the security entrances at all buildings and a committee was formed to discuss e-learning days.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** The director's evaluation was sent out.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** Upcoming meetings include February 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting and March 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Division Meeting at Kankakee High School.

**Chamber of Commerce:** The dinner meeting was held at Minne Monesse on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Representatives:** HS Drama is preparing for their next performance on March 13-15; Math Team has regionals in one month; Student Council met with representatives from Harbor House to learn about teen dating risks and members will present what they learned to the student body.

**Board Communications:** The Village and the Hitchcock Group met and discussed "branding" the village with a logo; beautification project ideas; and walking paths/pavers throughout the village. Many ideas are on the table, with associated costs, and will be discussed further at the next meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:28 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: C. Horn - yes; J. Fick - yes; D. Dickson - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:40 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:40 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Dickson – yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by D. Dickson, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:41 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry Fick  
Secretary

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Dave Dickson  
President