

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on November 18, 2019, 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  
Vicki Gawlinski  
Christine Horn  
Tim Markland  
Shari Ohm

Member absent: Jerry Loitz

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

Audience of 7

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of October 21, 2019.
2. Financial Reports for October, 2019.
3. Direction to pay the November vendor bills in the amount of \$783,396.93.
4. Approval of the October payroll in the amount of \$290,021.88.
5. To employ Laura Conversa-Wail as District #6 Bus Driver (route per CBA) and Melissa Martin as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach (\$2,034 plus TRS).
6. To accept the resignation of Stephanie Armantrout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher (effective immediately) and Cathy Jansma, Bowling Sponsor.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:**

1. Dr. David Naze, Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Kankakee Community College, discussed their partnership with local high schools. Grant Park students have been successful at KCC and through a collaborative effort, dual credit opportunities are being sought for GPHS students.

2. Junior Ryan Dulin was recognized for being a State Golf Qualifier. Ryan also qualified his freshman year.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta presented the board with gifts from the ES students for BOE Appreciation Day; the ES homework club is seeing over 50 students a day; and Benchmark testing will take place prior to break. Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Heikes are holding a FAFSA completion workshop this week; the HS may offer a dual credit option in English next year; and many job shadowing and internship opportunities are being taken advantage of by several high school students. Mrs. Johnson showed the "Kimochois" purchased with a small grant from the Kankakee Valley Autism Society. These soft "communication tools" are going to be used as part of the program for social-emotional learning for ES students.

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

1. Presentation of the preliminary levy information shows an increase of about \$1.5 million in the EAV. At the December meeting, Dr. Palan will be requesting a 4.87% increase from last year's extension and pointed out this request does not translate into an equivalent increase in property taxes. It is important to note that the bonds will be paid off this month and as a result, will come off the books.
2. There was much positive feedback on the video. It will now be used as part of the village's promotional activities.
3. Four NJHS members completed a community service project for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" in Kankakee. They helped deliver and set up beds for a family in need.
4. Enrollment Report showed the total enrollment remained the same from last month.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** There is a major leak in the condensate pipe under the Hamann Center floor. Quotes are being secured for the repair but in the meantime, the gym is closed because the heat cannot be turned on. Activities are being rescheduled and/or reassigned.

**Technology:** Next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** No report

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** The last meeting included a presentation by KCC and Urban Farmer.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** No report

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Student Representatives:** Students are painting village windows this week; Homecoming Week festivities are being planned.

**Board Communications:** An article in the Daily Journal showed GPHS graduation rate at 95% in 2019.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:39 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.

Real Estate or Lease of Property for the Public Body

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

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:46 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 7:47 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vicki Gawlinski  
Secretary

Dave Dickson  
President