

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 September 23, 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
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland

Members absent: Vicki Gawlinski
Shari Ohm

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 10

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 August 19, 2019.
2. Financial Reports for August, 2019.
3. Direction to pay the September vendor bills in the amount of \$116,820.40.
4. Approval of the August payroll in the amount of \$249,536.24.
5. To employ Rhiannon Currier as MS Administrative Assistant (\$14.00 per hour, no TRS), Justin Brooks as Middle School Track Coach (\$2,034, no TRS), Tim Thompson as Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach (\$5,405, no TRS), Meghan Jacobson as JV/Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (\$3,278 plus TRS), Lee Ellen Palan as Mentor (\$462 plus TRS) Kelly Toppen and Jennifer Capizzano as Co-Junior Class Sponsors (\$500 per sponsor, plus TRS), Ashton Loitz as part-time Custodian (\$11.70 per hour, no TRS), and Katie Gutierrez as HS Chess Sponsor (\$508 plus TRS).
6. Approval of 2019-20 Athletic Director Cell Phone Stipends of \$300 per year.
7. Approval of board policies: 2:110, 2:140, 2:140E, 2:230, 4:20, 5:180, 6:40, 6:340 and Five Year Review of: 2:240, 3:60, 4:90, 5:35, 5:40, 5:130, 5:310, 6:110, 7:170.

8. To approve board resolution #92319 closed session remain confidential, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Emma Horn talked about her summer experience at NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama where she was able to fly flight simulators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added the 4th and 5th graders were able to use the virtual reality goggles and Benchmark testing will show areas of deficit skills so teachers can focus on individual student needs.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Public Act 101-0443, the Minimum Teacher Salary Act, will not impact the district next year but it will need to be determined when the district will be affected.
2. Focus Initiatives include an emphasis on guidance, remediation, SAT and IAR tests as well as staff "climate changers".
3. Initial Report showed a total enrollment of 458 students.

OPENING OF THE FY 2020 BUDGET HEARING:

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:15 p.m. to open the FY 2020 budget hearing. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSING OF THE FY 2020 BUDGET HEARING:

Dr. Palan reviewed the FY '20 budget and stated that, overall, he is presenting a balanced budget in the amount of \$6,052,250. The Education and O & M funds are balanced. The Transportation fund shows a deficit of \$35,000 but the Working Cash fund shows a surplus of \$35,000. The budget represents the Strategic Plan and may have to be amended at some point this year due to unknown factors in the area of Special Services. Following this discussion, a motion was made by T Markland, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:17 p.m. to close the FY 2020 budget hearing. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2020 BUDGET:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:18 p.m. to accept the superintendent's recommendation to adopt the budget for the 2019-20 school year as presented. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2019 AUDIT:

Mr. Rick Blanchette, of Russell Leigh and Associates, presented the report on the audit of Fiscal Year 2019, explaining the fund balances and financial condition of the district at the year's end. He said it was a clean audit with no findings. Mr. Blanchette stated the expenditures were under budget and the district will have their bonds paid off this fiscal year.

The audit will be placed on file in the District Office. Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve the FY 2019 audit as presented. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: The new video was shown at the last village meeting. The village recently sent out a survey regarding community improvement.

Building and Grounds: Window graphics should be in place for Pink Night in October.

Technology: Third and fourth graders will be taking PARCC tests on the computer this year; VR goggles are available for use in the ES; equipment for a YouTube channel will be about \$1600 to record concerts and games; e-learning days are still being explored; and 5th graders will soon be able to take their Chromebooks home.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: Christmas in the Village was discussed as well as the annual painting of the village windows by various school groups.

Student Representatives: The Art Internship class will be painting the police station; NHS is opening up more to the community with toy and coat drives; Jr. Class has decided on a prom theme, “Under the Stars” and will be selling cookie dough; and Student Council has begun planning homecoming.

Board Communications: The Facilities Request has been revised to include new liability language and the custodian fee has been increased slightly. Version 9 or 10 of the video was shown which highlights the school, businesses and the village. The objective is to get the message out to the community.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:46 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Dave Dickson
President