

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on April 19, 2021 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Hollie O’Nions

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 4

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

In the absence of a secretary, a motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to appoint V. Gawlinski as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; C. Horn – yes; H. O’Nions - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of March, 2021.
2. Financial Reports for March, 2021.
3. Direction to pay the April vendor bills in the amount of \$82,819.87.
4. Approval of the March payroll in the amount of \$275,180.60.
5. To approve the employment of: Tomas Brandt as HS Social Sciences (salary TBA), Julie Busich as ES PT Custodian (\$12.00 per hour), and Jared Thompson as HS Athletic Director for 2021-22 school year (stipend TBA).
NOTE: Julie Busich was removed from the agenda before the vote and was not approved for hire.
6. To approve board policy 7:40.

7. To approve the Spring Extracurricular List as presented.
8. To approve membership in Illinois High School Association for the 2021-22 school year.

Roll Call: V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; C. Horn - yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Student representative, Hunter Romanowski, presented the Niche award to the BOE. This is the fifth year the district has received the award and is one of the smallest districts in the state to be the recipient. Danielle Schlosser was introduced as the candidate for the 5th grade teaching position.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: The administrators’ reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added the ES students are extremely excited to be back to school for full days and the ES staff are working on Scope/Sequence and Thematic Units to be in place for next school year. Mr. Maxwell announced the soccer team won the SEC Conference Tournament, two State Scholars were selected (Paige Sherwood and Vaughn Paape) and the end of year events are being organized.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. ESSER I funding is closed and ESSER II funds will be used to close academic gaps.
2. The district received Financial Recognition Status from ISBE with a perfect score of 4.0.
3. District vacancy update includes openings for HS Head Basketball Coach, Spanish teacher and ES part-time custodian.
4. Enrollment report from March showed a decline of three students from February.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Markland congratulated the staff and students for the Niche award. He also said a date will need to be set before May 4th for the Reorganization Meeting.

Building and Grounds: There will be a meeting after the board reorganizes to discuss summer projects.

Technology: Next meeting is April 28th.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Negotiations will begin next week.

Kankakee Area Career Center: Next meeting is May 12th.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Student Representatives: Students took the SAT on April 13th with a breakfast provided to them before testing and prom is scheduled for April 20th.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:24 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; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:42 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by H. O’Nions, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:43 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: H. O’Nions - yes; J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REEMPLOYMENT OF THE SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the reemployment of the support staff as presented for the 2021-22 school year. Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MATH INTERVENTIONIST POSITION FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by H. O’Nions, to approve the position of Math Interventionist for the 2021-22 school year, contingent on approval via ESSER II funding. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE 5TH GRADE TEACHER:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the recommendation to hire Danielle Schlosser as 5th grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year, salary TBD. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President