

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 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 August 17, 2020, 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  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland  
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 1

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of July, 2020.
2. Financial Reports for July, 2020.
3. Direction to pay the August vendor bills in the amount of \$177,675.85.
4. Approval of the July payroll in the amount of \$247,914.91.
5. To accept the resignation of Kristie Gore (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructor), Jennifer Olthoff (Paraprofessional), Melissa Spanier (Cafeteria Cashier) and Andy Sargent (HS Biology/AP Instructor).
6. To approve board policies: 7:400 and 7:410.
7. To approve the Fiscal '21 Budget for the Kankakee Area Cooperative.
8. To approve the Fall Extracurricular Coaching list, as presented.
9. To approve the employment of Warren Dowding as MS Custodian (\$12.50 per hour), Lee Bell as Physical Education Instructor for the 2020-21 school year (\$32,558 plus TRS) and Marilyn Cordes as Remote Learning Instructor 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (\$180 per day).

Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; 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:** Dr. Palan and Mr. Dickson gave a note of appreciation to several community members that donated masks to the district. Also, they thanked the principals, office staff, custodial staff and the transition team for their hard work in preparation for the start of the school year.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta and the ES staff had a productive first TI day. Teachers are excited to see their students but the challenge lies with the remote learners. Mr. Maxwell thanked the BOE for the summer opportunities for the students including a modified prom, MS promotion and HS graduation.

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

1. As of today, 30% of students will be participating in remote learning and 70% will be in person for instruction. The remote learners will have the same schedule as in-person learners. It will be a challenging start to the school year but the staff is well prepared.
2. The five remote learning planning days have not been scheduled on the official calendar until it becomes more clear where the year will progress.
3. The board thanked the Village for suspending impact fees on new home construction.
4. A verbal approval was given from the auditors for the fiscal '20 audit.

**PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE ANNUAL 2020-2021 BUDGET:**

Dr. Palan reviewed the overall budget, as well as a review of the individual projected fund balances. The tentative budget is balanced. The Transportation Fund is the only fund that shows a deficit but is offset by a surplus in Working Cash. CPPRT is unknown for certain at this time. Dr. Palan cautioned that this could be a turbulent fiscal year. Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Fick, to accept the tentative annual 2020-21 budget and place it on display in the district office for a minimum of thirty days. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** The board walked through the facilities and were happy with the appearance of the buildings and grounds.

**Technology:** Additional I-Pads were purchased through the CARES Act.

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

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** A Zoom meeting will take place on Thursday.

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

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Student Representatives:** Not in attendance

**Board Communications:** IDPH Guidelines were provided for the Board.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by T. Markland, at 7:21 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; T. Markland – yes; J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:27 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:28 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, at 7:28 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