

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 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
Shari Ohm

Member absent: Jerry Fick

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mr. Matt Maxwell, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Crystal Johnson, SpEd Director

Audience of 3

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

In Secretary Fick's absence, a motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, to appoint S. Ohm as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; C. Horn - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of January, 2021.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2021.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$140,658.56.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$271,249.14.
5. To approve Madison Colletti as HS Biology/A&P Instructor (\$33,899) and the Extracurricular Coaching List as presented.
6. To accept, with regret, the resignation of HS Spanish Instructor Joe Masterson at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.

Roll Call: S. Ohm – 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 added the Kindergarten Round-up letters went out via Facebook and the Messenger newsletter. Mr. Maxwell announced athletics and activities are up and running thanks to the Athletic Directors and Supervisors. He said that they will do the best they can as far as end of year activities are concerned. Mrs. Johnson reported Pre-K screening took place with a good turnout. The SpEd Department is working on accommodations for state tests and the SAT.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The Transition Team met to discuss if and when the schedule can be expanded to get students back to full days sooner. Two takeaways: The staff has a clear passion to have the students back and solutions to the obstacles will need to be worked through before extending the day. A decision should be made in the next two weeks and enough lead time will be given to parents for planning purposes.
2. E-Learning Plan update: This year there are "remote days" and next year they will have to be "e-learning days".
3. ISBE Assessment Waiver Request mandates assessments but accountability is not mandated.
4. Enrollment report from January showed an increase of two students from December.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: The next meeting will be in March

Technology: New devices will need to be ordered early due to the high demand.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: They will meet next Thursday.

Kankakee Area Career Center: The next meeting is in two weeks.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Student Representatives: A Homecoming King and Queen were crowned during the week's activities; Senior t-shirts are being ordered; SAT Prep Class is set up; and senior year scheduling is now occurring.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:25 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the A. 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.

B. Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body

C. The selection of a person to fill a public office or fill a vacancy.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 8:19 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, at 8:21 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, to appoint Hollie O’Nions to the school board to fill the vacancy of Dave Dickson for the remainder of his term until 04/2023. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Markland administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. O’Nions and she was seated on the board.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick
Secretary

Tim Markland
President