

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 17, 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 May 17, 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  
Dave Marshalek  
Shari Ohm  
Hollie O’Nions

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

Audience of 7

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of April, 2021.
2. Financial Reports for April, 2021.
3. Direction to pay the May vendor bills in the amount of \$136,172.31.
4. Approval of the April payroll in the amount of \$310,912.62.
5. To approve the 2021-22 Fee Schedule, as presented.
6. To approve the maternity leave request of Caitlin Miller, as presented.
7. To approve the surplus inventory, as presented.
8. To accept the resignation of Becky Marshalek and Rachel Malkowski as Yearbook Sponsors, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.
9. To approve Kathy Ekhoﬀ as Summer Office Secretary (\$15.05 per hour, no TRS) and Megan Richardson as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructor (salary TBA).
10. To approve the amended calendar (2020-21) as presented.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** Retiring teacher, Jeremy Prairie, was honored by the Board for his years of service to the students at Grant Park.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Mr. Maxwell added on Thursday a scholars meeting will be held with ONU discussing dual-credit options and Elise Garcia partnered with KCC and earned 21 college credits and a management certificate.

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

1. ESSER II funding and grant should be submitted this week and will include the Math Interventionist, summer school and technology.
2. Formation of 2021-22 school year initiatives will include maintaining small class sizes, stress innovation and critical thinking and identify strategies for students both academically and socio-emotionally.
3. 2021-22 School Calendar is not yet finalized due to the uncertainty of remote planning days.
4. Enrollment report from April showed an increase of four students from March.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** Summer projects include: Hamann Center tuck pointing; installation of HC stage curtains; carpet in ES; tile HS hall to the gym; fix steps to the Fitness Center; replace HS outside benches.

**Technology:** The recent meeting included discussion regarding a new MS Robotics/STEM class; 105 Chromebooks arrived and 67 more should be arriving soon; a STEM room will be created in the ES; Promotion and Graduation will be live-streamed; ESSER II will include funds for teacher laptops and ES document cameras.

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

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** The last meeting was a review of Career Center initiatives. The next meeting will be held in August.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** Many legislative updates were included in the recent video meeting.

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Student Representatives:** NHS pulled weeds at the HS.

**Board Communications:** None

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, 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.

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm – yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - 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 7:54 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by H. O’Nions, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 7:55 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: H. O’Nions - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF HS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH FOR 2021-22:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to approve Matt Russell as the HS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-22 school year. Roll Call: J. Loitz- yes; C. Horn – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm – yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR FY 2022-2024:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the FY 2022-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Grant Park Teachers Association as presented. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS:**

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by H. O’Nions, to approve Mary Kay Meyer, Kylie McGregor, Nina Zalewski, Katie Oberman, Lee Ellen Palan and Megan Richardson as Summer School Instructors (\$30 per hour, plus TRS). Roll Call: C. Horn – yes; H. O’Nions – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz - yes; J. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, at 7:56 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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H. O’Nions  
Secretary

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T. Markland  
President