

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held virtually on November 16, 2020, due to recommended guidelines.

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

Members present: Jerry Fick  
Vicki Gawlinski  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland  
Shari Ohm

Member absent: Dave Dickson

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

Audience of 3

**APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of October, 2020.
2. Financial Reports for October, 2020.
3. Direction to pay the November vendor bills in the amount of \$121,657.68.
4. Approval of the October payroll in the amount of \$277,460.35.
5. To accept the resignation, with regret, of Laura Conversa-Wail as Bus Driver, effective December 7, 2020.
6. To approve Samantha Greenholt (\$13.25 per hour) as Title I Paraprofessional (3/5 FTE, no TRS), Katie Gutierrez as HS Chess Sponsor (\$528, plus TRS), Mark Boccia as MS Chess Sponsor (\$528, plus TRS) and Debbie O'Day as Math Team Sponsor (\$1,201, plus TRS).

7. To declare textbook/materials, as presented, as excess surplus.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** The scheduled Drama Club presentation regarding new stage curtains will occur at the next in-person meeting. However, the much-needed curtains for the Hamann Center stage will be ordered and installed over the Christmas break.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached.

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

1. The first Remote Planning Days will occur on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion is on-going regarding what type of instruction will take place after the Thanksgiving break.
2. The levy is still being finalized and will be ready for approval at the December meeting.
3. Technology mentors and additional training will be put into place to assist those staff members that need extra help with remote instruction. These stipends will be paid from the CARES Grant.
4. Illinois School Report Card Statistics will be detailed at the December meeting.
5. Enrollment report from October showed an increase of two students from September.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** The Maintenance Grant items have been completed and the second half of the payment should be made in the next semester. Also, a very thorough disinfectant protocol will be continued over the break.

**Technology:** There are still geographic connectivity issues around the area due primarily to the lack of towers; parking lot boosters have been installed and are helpful for those students that have transportation to the school; teachers may need updated Chromebooks and new apps for math and plagiarism; and rolling carts would be ideal in classrooms to give teachers the freedom to move around during lessons.

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

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** Mrs. Ohm and Ms. Gawlinski attended a webinar entitled "Social Emotional Support for All" and found it to be very interesting and insightful.

**Chamber of Commerce:** All events and meetings have been cancelled through the end of the year.

**Student Representatives:** Not in attendance.

**Board Communications:** A generous donation was received from the LeeHan Martial Arts Academy.

**COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER:** Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> was Board Appreciation Day. Dr. Palan acknowledged the Board members and thanked them for their service to the district.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:19 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