

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 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 5

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of September, 2020.
2. Financial Reports for September, 2020.
3. Direction to pay the October vendor bills in the amount of \$91,137.67.
4. Approval of the September payroll in the amount of \$272,115.72.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta had several items to add to her report including: the memorial bench for Don Barrie has been installed at the ES and thanked the PTO and Laura Conversa-Wail for their help with the project; two ES teachers are teaching both remote and in-person instruction; third grade has been split into two classes due to its size; 23 remote students changed to in-person instruction at the quarter; the staff is working on curriculum revamping; and openings for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and para-professional have been posted.

Mr. Maxwell added to his report: a virtual FAFSA meeting was held with six parents in attendance; SAT/PSAT testing took place last week; the counselor is going into the MS classrooms to introduce herself to the students and speak about Bullying Prevention; and Mr. Kijewski and Mr. Bell have been opening up the weight room and instructing students during remote learning time in the afternoon.

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

1. The annual LEA Determination Letter regarding compliance with IDEA. The district meets the requirements set forth by ISBE.
2. Since the Tort fund is in better shape talks with the auditors can begin regarding a Risk Management Plan.
3. The district staff and students made it through the first quarter and there is a large increase in ES students coming back for in-person instruction in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Everyone is complying with the new rules and protocols.
4. The 2020 Levy will be tentatively ready for the November meeting.
5. Enrollment report from September showed a decrease of three students from August.

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2020 AUDIT:**

Mr. Rick Blanchette, of Russell Leigh and Associates, presented the report on the audit of Fiscal Year 2020, explaining the fund balances and financial condition of the district at the year's end. He said it was a clean audit with no findings. The audit will be placed on file in the District Office. Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the FY 2020 audit as presented. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Fick – yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** Quotes are being obtained for new curtains for the Hamann Center stage and will be in the range of \$5000-\$6000; and a third quote was received for the installation of the soccer scoreboard. The cost will be around \$3000 and it should be installed by the end of October.

**Technology:** Next meeting is on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** The division meeting next week will be conducted virtually.

**Chamber of Commerce:** No meeting

**Student Representatives:** The Junior Class is selling masks for a fundraiser; Student Council is conducting a Spirit/Pink Week and sold t-shirts to benefit the Bev Roberts Foundation; and the first quarter/testing went smoothly.

**Board Communications:** New guidance from IDPH regarding the Covid guidelines.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:33 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: S. Ohm - yes; J. Loitz – yes; J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; T. Markland – yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:47 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:48 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Fick - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; S. Ohm – yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:48 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Fick  
Secretary

Tim Markland  
President Pro Tem