

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 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 December 20, 2021 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Shari Ohm
Hollie O’Nions

Members absent: Christine Horn

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

Audience of 12

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by H. O’Nions, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of November, 2021.
2. Financial Reports for November, 2021.
3. Direction to pay the December vendor bills in the amount of \$126,860.49.
4. Approval of the November payroll in the amount of \$317,345.51.
5. To approve Rob Bailey as MS and HS Math Sponsor (MS-\$1,161 plus TRS, HS-\$1,264 plus TRS) and Maia Tijerina as Long-Term Sub for MS Math (\$131 per day).
6. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Charles Barrie as bus driver and the verbal resignation of Melissa Daniel, effective November 9, 2021.
7. To approve the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan as presented.
8. To approve the 2021-22 Bus Lease Proposal (extension of one year on 72 passenger busses) as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: The HS Soccer team was recognized for their successful season. Among their achievements: winning the conference title, as well as regionals, and a 26-3 overall record. They also recorded the most wins of all 1A schools in the state. Coach Boccia thanked the school and community for their support and the Board for purchasing the new scoreboard. Next, Ms. Planeta presented a plaque to the Board for the US News and World Report recognition as a Best Elementary School. She thanked the Board, staff, students and parents for encouraging excellence.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta reported the ES Holiday Concert was held in the evening last week and was extremely well attended and a great success. Dr. Maxwell stated nine GP graduates held a panel discussion with the juniors and seniors to talk about life after high school.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The annual ROE inspection came back with a good report and no major violations.
2. School Maintenance Grant II is still in the queue and Technology for Success grant was awarded in the amount of \$28,500.
3. 2022-23 School Calendar is in progress.
4. The board provided a holiday ham for all of the staff, for which they were very thankful.
5. Enrollment has increased by one over November.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021 TAX LEVY:

Dr. Palan reported that the EAV is estimated at around \$87,500,000. The current CPI stands at 1.4%. The request levy is \$4,150,700, which is an estimated \$68,750 increase over last year in the Education fund. A motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by D. Marshalek, to approve the 2021 tax levy. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; H. O'Nions – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds:

APPROVAL OF ABATEMENT COMPANY PER BID OPENING:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by H. O'Nions, to approve Kinsale Contracting Company, as per the bid opening on December 20, 2021, for the July 2022 Abatement Project. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; H. O'Nions – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology: At the 11/30 meeting it was decided to upgrade the student software system to Skyward, which will be a positive change for students, parents and staff. One third of the ESSER funds will be used for technology.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: Mr. Markland thanked everyone who attended the IASB Conference in November.

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Student Representatives: Homecoming activities took place two weeks ago and Isabella Currier and Hunter Romanowski were crowned queen and king; Christmas Spirit Week is taking place now with the NHS sponsoring a canned food and coat drive.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:52 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: S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz - 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 7:00 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:01 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by H. O’Nions, at 7:02 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President