

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

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 23, 2022 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  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland  
Dave Marshalek  
Shari Ohm  
Hollie O’Nions

Members absent: none

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

Audience of 19

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of January, 2022.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2022.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$111,342.65.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$285,410.68.
5. To approve the Support Staff Seniority List as presented.
6. To accept the Letter of Retirement of Debra Stanley, Food Service Director, effective August 2, 2022.
7. To approve Samantha Greenholt as 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher (retroactive to January 24, 2022) and Nancy Marcotte as Food Service Director (\$24.50 – six hours per day).

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** Mr. Chuck Barrie was honored on his retirement for his 43 years of service as a bus driver for GP Schools. His dedication and compassion for the safety of the students for all of those years was beyond exemplary.

In addition, the office staff, Michelle Claussen, Rhiannon Currier, Jennifer Thiesen and Stephanie Tavoletti, were all recognized for their hard work and patience during the pandemic. They went above and beyond every day dealing with unique issues related to Covid 19.

Next, the three Illinois State Scholars, Zoe Gawlinski, Hunter Romanowski and Wesley Schneider, were acknowledged for this esteemed academic achievement. SAT scores, class rank and size are all factors that determine who qualifies for this prestigious award.

Lastly, parents Mary Ekhoﬀ and Katie Casey addressed the Board regarding their opinions on e-learning and the wearing of masks on the school buses. Mrs. Ekhoﬀ urged the board to vote to defy the CDC mandate and not require masks on buses. Both Mrs. Ekhoﬀ and Mrs. Casey stated they thought e-learning was not productive and that there was "chaos in classes".

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta reported the Pre-K screening went very well and Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Maxwell stated that more KCC courses will be added next year for dual credit and the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Grant Park Basketball was celebrated at the recent senior nights.

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

1. GP vacancies for 2022-23 will be discussed at next month's meeting. Every effort and resource to retain and recruit for open positions will be utilized.
2. The 2022 Niche Award was received by the district for the sixth year in a row. The Illinois State Scholars presented the award to the Board.
3. Learning loss due to the pandemic will take some time to modify and ESSER III funds will be used to address this issue.
4. Enrollment has increased by seven students since December.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** Next meeting is in March.

**Technology:** Next meeting is in March.

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

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** Next meeting is in March.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** No report

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Student Representatives:** Spring sports will be starting next week; the Senior trip is being planned as well as Academic Signing Day; Junior class fundraiser for A & G Pizza is currently being held; and the Math Team has a competition at home on Saturday.

**Board Communications:** An updated listing of the dates for the remaining board meetings for this school year was distributed.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 6:39 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; C. Horn – yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm – 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 7:20 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by H. O’Nions, at 7:21 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:21 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry Loitz  
Secretary

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Tim Markland  
President