

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on April 17, 2023 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

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

Audience of 80 (nine remained after presentations)

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 March, 2023.
2. Financial Reports for March, 2023.
3. Direction to pay the April vendor bills in the amount of \$206,217.95.
4. Approval of the March payroll in the amount of \$328,687.83.
5. To approve the maternity leave extension for Mrs. Lauren Spang.
6. To employ Kathy Ekhoﬀ as Summer Office Administrative Assistant at \$16.59 per hour, Tomas Brandt as PT Custodian/Supervisor at \$15.50 per hour and Kaiya Sellers as HS Varsity Volleyball Coach as per CBA.
7. To approve the 2023-24 Consolidated District Plan as presented.
8. To approve the 2023-24 fee schedule as presented.
9. To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement, as presented, with St. George School District for the purpose of sharing Special Needs Director Services.

10. To accept the resignation of Lee Bell as JV Boys Basketball Coach (23-24 season).
11. To approve Mike Well as MS Softball Coach for the 2023-24 season as per the CBA.

Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and Tim Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Art teacher, Jennifer Capizzano, presented Camryn Nowak-Brown a certificate of achievement for winning the Merit Award at the KCC Art Show. GPHS had 31 pieces of art in the show which was quite a display for a small school. In addition, Mr. Thompson, Athletic Director, acknowledged the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams for advancing to the State Series this year. The girls were all awarded certificates for their outstanding seasons and accomplishments.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta noted the FIRE Club has been cancelled for the rest of the year due to lack of attendance. Additionally, the 5th grade carnival will be reinstated this year as well as special end-of-year projects for each grade. Dr. Maxwell reported he is working with Mr. Boccia to upgrade the MS Social Science curriculum for next year. Also, Drive Your Tractor to School Day is Friday and has become quite an event. In addition to the breakfast, Ag Ed will also be offering tractor rides to teachers. He also stated Rebel Ice Cream will be hosting an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the senior class.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. The Board of Education reorganization could take place at the May meeting. The canvas of votes is expected to be completed on April 19th.
2. A strategic meeting will be scheduled to discuss future facility needs, specifically planning for the ES boiler and roof repairs/replacement.
3. A Kitchen Equipment Grant was secured for around \$40,000. This money will be used to purchase new equipment in the ES kitchen.
4. ISBE 2023 Financial Profile awarded the district with a perfect score for financial recognition.
5. Overall district enrollment increased by one in March.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Markland thanked Mrs. O’Nions for her dedicated service and commitment to the Board of Education during her term of office.

Building and Grounds: A pre-construction meeting for the HS Lab will be held next Wednesday. The project is scheduled to begin on June 1st and the deadline for completion is August 10th. Also, the district received about \$8,000 worth of air purifiers at no cost from the State.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Student Representatives: Recent activities included: Band and chorus Organizational Contest and the SAT breakfast and test last week. Future activities include: Sr. Trip to Six Flags; Sr. Ice Cream Social; ROE sponsored Mental Health and Wellness Fest; NHS Build-A-Bear fundraiser field trip; and Prom at The Lighthouse on May 5th.

Board Communications: None

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

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REEMPLOYMENT OF THE SUPPORT STAFF FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the reemployment of the support staff (5% salary increase) as presented for the 2023-24 school year. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by C. Horn, at 6:37 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President