

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 23, 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 January 23, 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
Hollie O’Nions

Member absent: Shari Ohm

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 3

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of December, 2022.
2. Financial Reports for December, 2022.
3. Direction to pay the January vendor bills in the amount of \$161,363.96.
4. Approval of the December payroll in the amount of \$336,843.01.
5. To approve Roxane Lorenz as ES Custodian (\$15.50) per hour.
6. To accept, with regret, the resignations of Katie Gutierrez, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year, Matt Fick as HS Assistant Baseball Coach and Lee Ellen Palan, HS Varsity Volleyball Coach.
7. To approve the 2023-24 school calendar as presented.
8. To approve the 2022 Seniority List as presented.
9. To approve the closed session minutes as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Representatives from the PTO, Jenni Hoekstra and Laura Foushi, were present to talk about the results of the latest fundraiser held in October, Raze Craze. The goal was to spread kindness and it was extremely successful, especially in the ES. Their goal was to raise \$5,000 but they ended up raising \$8,800. From the proceeds, the PTO donated \$1,500 for a MS/HS Assembly and \$1,000 for an ES Assembly. The rest of the profit will be saved for playground equipment. The Board thanked the PTO for their generosity and continued support of the District.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The GPES Breakfast Program is attended by up to 70 students each day. The hope is to breakeven on this new venture but, more importantly, students do not have to start their days hungry.
2. Staffing vacancies for 2023-24 include HS Math, HS English, Social Worker and Speech Pathologist.
3. An NSLP Equipment grant has been submitted for new appliances for the ES café.
4. Overall district enrollment decreased by one from December.

APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR THE HS SCIENCE LAB RENOVATION PROJECT:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the low bid from Heritage Development Construction in the amount of \$215,000 for the HS Science Lab Renovation Project which is scheduled to begin June 1st. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; H. O'Nions - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: The gym floor will be re-done in early summer; additional furniture for the Science Lab will need to be purchased; bids are being accepted for updating the security cameras; and ES priorities include boiler repairs/replacement and Life Safety repairs.

Technology: Next meeting is 2/8.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: Cabin Fever Reliever will take place on 2/11 at the Community Center.

Student Representatives: Student Council is planning a service project at a local soup kitchen; the Senior Trip is being planned; the recent assembly was enjoyed by the high school students; and the Junior Class is currently running a pizza kit fundraiser. The students also asked if there was going to be a Math Team and ACES this year. Dr. Maxwell will let the students know the status of these teams for this school year.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by H. O’Nions, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 6:21 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: H. O’Nions - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 6:34 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:35 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by H. O’Nions, at 6:36 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President