

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 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 March 27, 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 6

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of February, 2023.
2. Financial Reports for February, 2023.
3. Direction to pay the March vendor bills in the amount of \$100,257.14.
4. Approval of the February payroll in the amount of \$315,937.59.
5. To accept the resignations(s), with regret, of: Jared Thompson (MS Softball), Tim Thompson (HS Girls Basketball) and Joe Niezgoda (Scholastic Bowl Sponsor).
6. To employ Elizabeth Hudson as HS English Instructor (\$48,963), Michael Osborne as HS Math Instructor (\$73,787) and Joe Niezgoda as National Honor Society Sponsor (\$669).
7. To approve membership into the Illinois High School Athletic Association for the 23-24 school year.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta expounded on the activities occurring at the ES to encourage reading. Books were distributed to students from the recent Book Blast fundraiser, Read Across America and a Reading Challenge are all being utilized to promote this essential skill at all grade levels. The ES also created a Kindness Tree to promote positive actions among the students. Dr. Maxwell reported the MS and HS are gearing up for IAR, SAT and PSAT testing in April. Seniors are also preparing for the many end-of-year events that will be taking place.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Financial profile should be released around April 1st. GP #6 is expected to once again be in financial recognition status.
2. Faith's Law is scheduled to be implemented July 1st and will affect the employee hiring and background checks for schools. The new mandates will be much more stringent and an implementation plan is being drafted.
3. Legislative update includes the plan to reduce tenure from four years to three years.
4. Spring events include HS graduation on May 19th and MS promotion on May 23rd.
5. Overall district enrollment increased by one from February.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Congratulations to Mrs. Ohm for achieving the status of Distinguished Board of Education Member from IASB. Mr. Markland presented her with a Certificate of Achievement.

Building and Grounds: The asbestos abatement project in the HS Science lab was completed over spring break; new carpet options are being explored for the Commons Area and adjacent board room; the gym floor is scheduled for resurfacing the first week in June; and the security system upgrade and lab project will also begin in June.

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: The village will be installing a new sidewalk from the high school down to Slaughterhouse Road.

Student Representatives: Ms. Voigt reported the NHS will once again be participating in the Build-A-Bear fundraiser; Student Council is organizing a Talent Show for students; band and chorus will be attending the annual Solo and Organizational contests.

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 H. O’Nions, at 6:16 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; H. O’Nions - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 6:43 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 6:44 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. 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.

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

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

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT FOR MS/HS PRINCIPAL:

Motion was made by H. O’Nions, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve the contract as presented for Kyle Nevills as MS/HS Principal, effective July 1, 2023. Roll Call: H. O’Nions - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:46 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President