

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 16, 2022 in the Middle School Library.

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

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Dave Marshalek
Shari Ohm
Hollie O’Nions

Members absent: Tim Markland

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

Audience of 2

APPOINTMENT OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEM:

In President Markland’s absence, a motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to appoint V. Gawlinski as President Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of October, 2022.
2. Financial Reports for October, 2022.
3. Direction to pay the November vendor bills in the amount of \$132,833.84.
4. Approval of the October payroll in the amount of \$307,696.75.
5. To approve Jenni Hoekstra as MS/HS Cafeteria Server (2 hours per day - \$13.00 per hour) and Kim Wells as MS Cheerleading Coach (\$1,349).

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Grant Park PTO held an extremely successful “Acts of Kindness” fundraiser and may reschedule their attendance for the December meeting to explain more about this event.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta reported that Grandparent’s Day was another huge success with a terrific turnout. The Book Fair was held in conjunction with the Day and brought in over \$9,000 for the PTO. Image Group provided a photo booth and did a great job providing additional memories for all those attending. Also, the ES students made “fingerprint” canvasses for the entire Board as a thank you for Board Appreciation Day. Dr. Maxwell wrapped up the very successful fall sports seasons for the HS and thought the MS Play last month was phenomenal. He, too, thanked the Board for all that they do for the District.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. An informational breakfast survey will be distributed after the Thanksgiving break to both generate and gauge interest in the program. If numbers permit, the program will be launched second semester.
2. 2022 Tax Levy Extension will be presented at the December meeting and the goal once again will be to keep the tax rate as low as possible.
3. School Maintenance Grant was approved for \$50,000 as a matching grant to be used for school security.
4. GP Depositories have been converted over to the “sweep” account which will provide an interest rate of 2.75%, up from the past rate of .02%.
5. Enrollment decreased by three students over September.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: The science lab bids are tentatively scheduled for December 18th and the design for the gym floor will be coming soon.

Technology: The teachers are using the panels that were purchased with ESSER funds; the security system will be upgraded to a cloud-based model; Skyward has been working well as everyone gets used to the new system; and there are no expected issues with the delivery of Chromebooks next year.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report.

Kankakee Area Career Center: A local Kankakee business owner found an extensive need for diesel mechanic training in the area. The nearest schools were states away. He took on interns from the Career Center for his business and is filling the need locally. Now, Kankakee Community College is getting on-board and training is thriving. Also, the Career Center is revamping the Early Childhood program and the Dual Credit curriculum is undergoing some modifications.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: Christmas in the Village will take place on December 10th.

Student Representatives: Ms. Voigt reported the NHS Canned Food Drive is underway and Airpods will be awarded as a prize; the Homecoming dance will take place on December 3rd and the theme is Murder Mystery; and Jr. Olympics will once again be a featured event for Homecoming Week activities.

Board Communications: Included was a copy of the Kankakee Daily Journal article "Charity, Community Spirit in Grant Park" which noted GP Schools and the first quarterly newsletter from the AG Ed Club which highlighted their activities so far this school year.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:26 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; J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and V. Gawlinski - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 6:38 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:39 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn – yes; S. Ohm – yes; H. O’Nions – yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF WAGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

Motion was made by H. O’Nions, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve the Wage Implementation Plan for the balance of FY 2023. Roll Call: H. O’Nions - yes; S. Ohm - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve amendments to the administrative contracts as presented. Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE OF PRINCIPAL CONTRACT (MS. TRACY PLANETA):

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve the contract for ES Principal Tracy Planeta as presented. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn - yes; S. Ohm - yes; H. O’Nions - yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President