

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2017**

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 22, 2017, in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Dickson at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Dave Dickson  
Jerry Fick  
Dale Hansen  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland

Members absent: Shari Ohm

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

Audience of 3

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Fick, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of January 18, 2017.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2017.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$114,076.97.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$262,165.19.
5. To accept the resignation letters (with regret) of Mrs. Sharon Heidemann (High School Athletic Director) and Jack Haymond (High School Assistant Baseball Coach).
6. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Grant Park District Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.
7. To employ Kate Hudson for HS Asst. Track-GP Representative (\$2,137 plus TRS), Bob Crivokapich for HS Softball (\$2,943, no TRS), Becky Schneider for Asst. HS Softball (\$1,700, no TRS), Brian Sims as Volunteer HS Softball, Kaitlyn Manning as MS Head Track (\$1,826 plus TRS), Kayle Mathy as Assistant MS Track (\$1,286 plus TRS), and Steve Imig as Maternity Leave Instructor for Band (\$126 per day).
8. To approve the 2017-18 school calendar, as presented.

Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; J. Fick – yes; D. Hansen – yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and

D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** Marlene and Bruce Matthias were on the agenda to speak to the board but were not in attendance.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** The administrators' reports are attached. Mr. Sanidas added two of the wrestlers advanced to State and placed 4<sup>th</sup> (Joel Swanson-Beecher) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Daniel McNally-GP).

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

1. An on-line payment option for parents to pay any and all school fees via credit card will be implemented in the near future.
2. Academic Week and signing will take place on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. An enrollment update showed a decrease of three students from last month. The administration will be using these numbers to make staffing decisions by next month.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** Mr. Dickson, Mr. Hansen and Dr. Palan attended the Alliance Summit in Springfield and listened to the governor and others speak about the state budget crisis.

**Building and Grounds:** The committee is finalizing quotes for the priority projects discussed at the last meeting. The next meeting will be in March.

**Technology:** The purchase priorities included: 74 additional Chromebooks - \$24,000; virtual classrooms - \$5,000; new server - \$5,000, but can wait one more year for this purchase. A stipend may be offered to teachers who take a Chromebook certification class.

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** Information was provided to the board regarding Mومence School District's intent to withdraw from the Co-op. A hearing is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** The dinner meeting is on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report.

**Student Representatives:** Donations of shoes are being collected in the high school and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Veteran's Home; SAT prep classes have begun; AP tests have been scheduled.

**Board Communications:** Articles pertaining to School Funding Reform and the Alliance Summit were included.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:18 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: D. Hansen - yes; J. Loitz - yes; J. Fick - yes; C. Horn - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Dickson declared the closed session was over at 7:33 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by J. Fick, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:33 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Fick – yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Hansen – yes; J. Loitz - yes; T. Markland - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by D. Hansen, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:34 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jerry Fick  
Secretary

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Dave Dickson  
President