

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 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  
Vicki Gawlinski  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland

Members absent: Jerry Fick  
Shari Ohm

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

Audience of 3

**APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:**

In Secretary Fick's absence, a motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, to appoint Jerry Loitz as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of July 17, 2017.
2. Financial Reports for July, 2017.
3. Direction to pay the August vendor bills in the amount of \$111,127.46.
4. Approval of the July payroll in the amount of \$233,293.49.
5. To approve the Kankakee Area Cooperative Budget (Fiscal '18) as presented.
6. To accept the resignations of: Annie Wittenberg (HS Science), Kayle Mathy (MS Social Science), and Melissa Spanier (Cafeteria Server).
7. To employ: Sarah Zelhart as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher (\$33,898 plus TRS), Mark Boccia as MS Social Science (\$30,680 plus TRS) and Lisa Farrell as Maternity Leave (\$126 per day plus TRS), Carol Cademartori, Katie Kreis, and Lee Ellen Palan as Mentors for the 2017-18 school year (\$427 plus

TRS) and Sandy Zullo for HS Science (\$126 per day, plus TRS).

8. To recall Rachel Malkowski as paraprofessional for Grant Park Elementary School (\$13.16 per hour, no TRS).
9. To approve board policies, as presented: 2:220-E3, 2:260, 6:80, 6:210, 7:275, 8:70.

Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; J. Loitz – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; and D. Dickson - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS:** The administrators’ reports are attached. Ms. Planeta introduced Sarah Zelhart, the new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. She also told the board that she met with the bus drivers and, due to the decrease of a route this year, re-aligned the routes. With the shortage of drivers it will be very difficult to have extra-curricular leave times earlier than 4:15 p.m.

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

1. Leadership goals/initiatives were presented as a result of the Administrative Retreat this summer.
2. Fiscal update: With SB 1 still in limbo the first state aid payment was missed and districts may not see any payments until the end of September.
3. Teacher Institute Days: GP Technology Summit took place on the first day and evaluation requirements will be reviewed on the second day.
4. The initial enrollment update was included.

**PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE ANNUAL 2017-2018 BUDGET:**

Dr. Palan reviewed the overall budget, as well as a review of the individual projected fund balances. The tentative budget is balanced. The Transportation Fund is the only fund that shows a deficit but is offset by a surplus in Working Cash. With the uncertainty at the state level, revenues will continue to be in doubt. Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by J. Loitz, to accept the tentative annual 2017-18 budget and place it on display in the district office for a minimum of thirty days. Roll Call: T. Markland - yes; J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; and D. Dickson – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** The board walked through the facilities last week and everything was nice.

**Building and Grounds:** A new vendor is being sought for the lighting project.

**Technology:** No meeting

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** The budget was signed by the Board tonight.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** The new leadership team was in place at the last meeting and all went well.

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** No report

**Chamber of Commerce:** The Farmer’s Market will continue in town until August 29<sup>th</sup>. Octoberfest is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Representatives:** Not yet in attendance

**Board Communications:** None

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

**ADJOURN:**  
Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:19 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