

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 22, 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
Dr. Matt Maxwell, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 37 (10 remained after recognition presentations)

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 January, 2023.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2023.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$178,365.39.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$301,663.31.
5. Approval of the purchase of a new security system (Verkada) for a total cost of \$126,042.
6. To employ Doug Surprenant as HS Assistant Baseball Coach (\$2,170, no TRS).
7. To approve Resolution #022223 regarding compensation paid under IRS Code Section 125 Plan.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Five Illinois State Scholars, Peyton Greenholt, Ian Herz, Shelby McKinstry, Paige Tavoletti, Julia VanKalker, were recognized for this outstanding achievement and each were presented with a Certificate of Excellence. These GPHS students are among the top ten percent in the State academically. Also, the HS Girls Volleyball team was presented with certificates for their exceptional season. They were able to advance to the Elite 8 and a new banner will be hung in the gym memorializing this accomplishment.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta was excited to announce the results of the recent "Book Blast" program in the ES promoting literacy. Thanks to the community, students' family and friends, each student is guaranteed to receive at least five free books and many will receive more than that. Dr. Maxwell also reported good news adding that Ag Classes and FFA may be able to officially happen next year. After working out many details and requirements it appears that the program looks promising for next year's launch.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The Science Lab renovation project will begin the first week of June with the abatement portion scheduled for spring break week.
2. Beecher School District sent their thanks to the district for the use of our facilities after a flood closed their gym and other areas of their buildings. Mr. Thompson arranged many winter sporting events here so that Beecher was able to "host" events on their schedule despite being displaced.
3. 10-year Life Safety requirements will be prioritized in the next couple of weeks.
4. Overall district enrollment increased by one from January.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 NICHE AWARD:

On behalf of the senior class, Brooke Veldhuizen and Shelby McKinstry presented the Niche Top 100 School District and Exemplary High School Award to the Board. GPHS was honored to be 54th in the state for academics and the only high school in Kankakee County to earn this award.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

Technology: Discussion at the last meeting included: timeline of updating the security system; inventory of the Chromebooks and a count of replacements needed; and the components of E-Learning were reviewed.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: Next meeting is on March 22nd at Kankakee High School.

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Student Representatives: Band and chorus students are taking a field trip to ONU to see a performance of Captain Hook; college visits to ONU and ISU are planned; NHS held a hot chocolate sale and will be selling Green River floats for St. Patrick's Day; NHS Induction will be held on March 2nd; and the Jr. Class fundraiser raised \$1,300.

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 V. Gawlinski, at 6:32 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; 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 6:48 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 6:48 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 6:49 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President