

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

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 19, 2025 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
Mike Wells

Member absent: Shari Ohm

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 1

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of January, 2025.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2025.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$149,796.20.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$346,379.63.
5. To approve Ami Eames as MS/HS Cook (\$15.00 per hour)
6. To accept the resignations of: Mike Wells (Volunteer MS Softball Coach), Andy Bakhaus (MS Assistant Baseball Coach) and Ashton Loitz (8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach). Late resignation of Chad Heldt as Assistant Soccer Coach.

Roll Call: C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; M. Wells - abstain; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta stated there were eight parents in attendance at the Preschool for All meeting for next year and there are about 28 children signed up for the Kindergarten Round Up scheduled for Friday.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Final approval from ISBE was received for the HLS projects and all but \$650,000 of the work was approved. A special meeting may be required for final Board approval. Some of the items on the construction list will begin this summer.
2. A Finance committee will be reestablished due to the number of capital improvement/HLS projects taking place. Mr. Wells and Mrs. Horn agreed to sit on the committee which will meet a couple of times in the spring.
3. Transportation options include: signing a two-year lease at a cost of approximately \$31,000 per bus per year; hiring a contractual company (Cardinal Bus Line) to take over the district transportation; or signing a used lease proposal from a local vendor. A decision is expected to be made at the March meeting.
4. Since the district needs to obtain a different vendor for the property insurance a quote will be obtained from WCSIT, who carries the worker's compensation and liability policies. They are sponsored by the IASB and have a program for property insurance. They are also one of the few companies available for this coverage.
5. Staff vacancies for 25-26 will include a Math Interventionist. There may also be some internal movement with positions.
6. Enrollment remained the same over December.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE ISSUE AND SALE OF LIFE SAFETY BONDS AND FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO REPAY THE BONDS:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the resolution providing for the issue and sale of not to exceed \$8,900,000 of life safety bonds and for the levy of taxes to repay the bonds. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF GRP WEGMAN A CONTRACTOR FOR MS A/C PROJECT:

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by D. Marshalek, to approve GRP Wegman as the performance contractor for the Middle School Gym Air Conditioning Project. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: A meeting will be scheduled to review the ES vestibule project which includes a double buzz-in system similar to the MS, a more secure Pre-K walkway and improved visibility for the office personnel. A quote for the new scoreboard was obtained and it will need to be determined if this is a priority project.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: Next meeting is on March 4th.

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Communications Committee: Administrator podcasts will be posted soon.

Student Representatives: The HS play will be presented in two weeks; Scholastic Bowl placed 3rd in the RVC; some students will be going on a college visit to ONU on the 25th; the Civics class will be going on a fieldtrip to Springfield; the recent prom fundraiser netted \$379; girls basketball season is over; boys basketball has one more game before regional play; softball has started open gyms; and the Civics class root beer float fundraiser brought in over \$200 to be donated to Luis Maldonado.

Board Communications: None noted

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by M. Wells, at 6:38 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: J. Loitz - yes; M. Wells - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:02 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:03 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MS/HS PRINCIPAL:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by M. Wells, to accept the verbal resignation of Mr. Kyle Nevills, MS/HS Principal effective June 30, 2025. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; M. Wells - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:04 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President