

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 16, 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 June 16, 2025 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski  
Christine Horn  
Jerry Loitz  
Tim Markland  
Dave Marshalek  
Mike Wells

Member absent: None

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

Audience of 15

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of May 19, 2025, the special board meeting of June 4, 2025.
2. Financial Reports for May, 2025.
3. Direction to pay the June vendor bills in the amount of \$357,968.88.
4. Approval of the May payroll in the amount of \$359,374.72.
5. To approve the employment of: Max Currier, Trey Boecker, Ian Hamann for PT Summer Custodial (\$14.25 per hour), Kathy Ekhoﬀ as Summer Office Assistant (\$18.37 per hour), Steven Traversa – Band (\$48,859), Brandon Schrimsher for HS Math (\$44,580), Matt Nietfeldt for MS Baseball Assistant Coach (\$1,322), Lauren Mohler, Michael Osborne, Nicole Van, Caitlin Meyer (Summer School -\$30.00 per hour) and Kim Wells (\$17.76 per hour) for ESY.
6. To approve board policies: 7:255, 2:265, 5:60-E1, 5:60-E2.
7. To approve the June 30, 2025 accounts payable.
8. To appoint Phyllis Fick as District Treasurer for an annual amount of \$2,029.00.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** None noted

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta thanked Ms. Goedke for her cooperation in moving her classroom to accommodate the Communications program. Those students need to have washroom facilities in the room for convenience. Mrs. King's classroom was also relocated in the move. Ms. Planeta also publicly acknowledged the PTO for all they do for the K-12 students and staff in the district. They go above and beyond in so many ways and their endeavors and work are appreciated and it does not go unnoticed. Mr. Nevills noted that this would be his last board meeting in GP. He thanked the board for the opportunities he was provided here and was grateful for their support. He also reviewed some IAR scores that showed powerful growth in grades 6-8. He is very proud of the students and staff for their amazing accomplishments.

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

1. The Decade of Excellence is wrapping up and this endeavor served as a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of the past decade.
2. The annual Administrative Retreat will be held in July and goals for the 2025-26 school year will be set.
3. May enrollment remained the same from April.

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED FISCAL 2025 BUDGET:**

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the amended fiscal 2025 budget with new Education Fund Revenues/Expenditures of \$5,621,531. The budget is still balanced. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** Progress is being made on the ES water issue and a pre-planning meeting for the ES vestibule project took place today. The project will begin on 6/17 and completion is expected by August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Technology:** No report

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** New officers were appointed and the budget was reviewed at the last meeting

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** All board members were registered for the fall Triple I conference.

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Communications Committee:** No report

**Student Representatives:** Students not in attendance in the summer.

**Board Communications:** No report

**Finance/Transportation Committee:** No report

**FFA/Ag Alumni:** The annual Cash Bash was held over the weekend. Some FFA members traveled to Springfield for the National Meeting in June.

**COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:18 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: V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:**

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:39 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:39 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACCEPT RETIREMENT LETTER OF BOOKKEEPER EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by C. Horn, to accept the retirement letter, with regret, of Mrs. Sue Anderson, Bookkeeper, effective with the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call: T. Markland - yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO FILL BOARD VACANCY:**

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, to appoint Sarah Toma as the new Grant Park School District #6 board member. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 7:43 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Christine Horn  
Secretary Pro Tem

Tim Markland  
President