

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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 December 15, 2025 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 5:00 p.m and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Members absent: None

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

Audience of 2

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Toma, seconded by C. Horn, at 5:00 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: S. Toma - yes; C. Horn – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – 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 5:58 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular and special board meetings from November 2025.
2. Financial Reports for November, 2025.
3. Direction to pay the December vendor bills in the amount of \$168,336.05.
4. Approval of the November payroll in the amount of \$400,212.01.
5. To approve the Wage Implementation Act (2025) as presented.
6. To approve the first reading of the following board policies: 2:120, 2:150, 2:270, 4:10, 4:30, 4:80, 4:140, 4:190, 5:10, 5:90, 5:100, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:280, 5:300, 6:20, 6:280, 6:40, 6:60, 6:130, 6:160, 6:260, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:320, 7:10, 7:70, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 8:30
7. To approve Jasper Cansler as 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach as per the CBA.

Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek – abstain; S. Toma - 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 recapped the success of the ES students who participated in the recent STEAM challenges. Mrs. Pickens, ES STEM teacher, informed the Board of the \$960 grant they were awarded through the Donors Choose program. The funds will be used for extra supplies in the STEM lab. Mrs. Glenn said she would share this success with the MS and HS teachers and encourage them to apply for grants through this program.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. The 2026-27 calendar has been discussed and due to the ES construction project the start date in August may be pushed back a bit. The final calendar will be presented at the January meeting.
2. HLS Bids were opened on December 9th for the upcoming ES projects.
3. ISBE announced the HS received an Exemplary designation and the ES received a Commendable designation. Student attendance played a big factor in the results.
4. November enrollment decreased by two from October.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY REQUEST RESOLUTION #121525:

Dr. Palan reported that the EAV has increased again this year resulting in a decline in the tax rate. The projected tax rate is 4.4835. The request levy is \$4,848,000, which is an estimated \$112,792 increase over last year in the Education fund. A motion was made by S. Toma, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the 2025 tax levy extension request as presented. Roll Call: S. Toma – yes; C. Horn – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2026 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT:

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by S. Toma, to approve the 2026 matching School Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$50,000 which will be earmarked for the ES Chiller to alleviate using local funds. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; S. Toma - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR HVAC PHASE I PROJECT:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve Healy Bender’s Recommendation of Acceptance of Bid from Reed Construction for a total of \$5,290,371 as the low bid for the HVAC project. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Toma - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL:

Motion was made by S. Toma, seconded by J. Loitz, to approve the Acceptance of Ideal Engineering’s Recommendation for Bid of Asbestos Removal (NES) as the low, base bid for \$92,500. Roll Call: S. Toma - yes; J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; M Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Communications Committee: No report

FFA/Ag Alumni: Miscellaneous tools and saws were purchased for the Natural Resources Class.

Finance Committee: Will meet in February

Student Representatives: Finals are occurring later this week; HS Math team took 3rd place at a recent competition; and the basketball teams are in full swing.

Board Communications: The Wall of Fame presentation will occur at the basketball game on Friday 1/9.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:50 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:50 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski– yes; C. Horn – yes; S. Toma - yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:51 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President