

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

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 21, 2024 in the Middle School Library.

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

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Chrissy Pickens

Members absent: Christine Horn
Shari Ohm

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

Audience of 3

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of January, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for January, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the February vendor bills in the amount of \$150,965.04.
4. Approval of the January payroll in the amount of \$320,949.51.
5. To approve Renaissance as the District's assessment program for the 2024-25 school year.
6. To approve surplus inventory, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta announced that through the Book Blast Fundraiser over 3000 books were given to students as they, and the community, raised over \$40,000 in two years. The ES After-School Program is helping about 18 third, fourth and fifth graders so far. The hope is to get more students that need help involved in the program. Mr. Nevills invited over 25 students to the MS After-School Program but only about six to eight are showing up for help. They will maximize the school day hours during ELA and Math homerooms to pull out those identified as needing more interventions. Both principals are also using incentives such as snacks and gift cards to get more students to show up to these programs.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The Capital Improvement Plan Focus Groups began on February 9th. The initial meeting was to determine how to get the message out to the community and the importance of transparency. It is critical that the District communicates accurate data about the plan. Dr. Palan will begin conversations with the architect regarding their proposed fees.
2. A notice of approval was received for the Maintenance Grant. The \$50,000 matching grant will be used to air condition the gym this summer.
3. The reading series, Wit and Wisdom, was chosen by the administration in order to streamline the reading instruction across all grades.
4. State assessments will be coming up in the next couple of months and as such, the focus will be on overall composites and interventions across the district.
5. Overall enrollment increased by four from December.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #022124 TO KEEP CLOSED SESSION MINUTES CLOSED:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, to maintain the need for confidentiality in closed session minutes as indicated in Schedule A, as presented. Roll Call: V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; C. Pickens - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: MS classroom carpeting will be replaced by August.

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: The district is hosting the next Chamber meeting on Wednesday, March 13th. It will be held in the Commons and the members will go on a tour of the building.

Communications Committee: The next meeting is on February 27th.

Student Representatives: Student Council is holding a bundt cake fundraiser; NHS Induction will be held on 3/6; Band and Choir students are preparing for the upcoming Solo/Ensemble Contest; FFA Week and the Chapter Banquet will be at the end of April;

HS Basketball teams have ended their seasons and Blake Brown is in the record books for scoring 1000 points so far in his HS career; and HS baseball and softball will start official practices next week.

Board Communications: None

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

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 6:20 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President