

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 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 June 17, 2024 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: Christine Horn
Vicki Gawlinski
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Shari Ohm

Members absent: Jerry Loitz

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

Audience of 20

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY PRO TEM:

In Secretary Loitz's absence, a motion was made by T. Markland, seconded by D. Marshalek, to appoint V. Gawlinski as Secretary Pro tem for this meeting. Roll Call: T. Markland – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; C. Horn - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and V. Gawlinski – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of May, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for May, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the June vendor bills in the amount of \$259,190.85.
4. Approval of the May payroll in the amount of \$341,273.35.
5. To accept the verbal resignation of Karen White, 4th Grade Instructor.
6. To approve the employment of: Kathy Ekhoﬀ (Summer Office Assistant- \$17.42 per hour), Hollie O'Nions (Kindergarten Teacher), Megan Tavares (4th Grade Instructor), Nicole Van as Life Skills/Communication (contingent on licensure).

7. To approve a June 30th accounts payable
8. To approve the COOP Joint Agreement Resolution as presented.
9. To approve the 2024-25 board meeting dates, as presented.
10. To accept the resignation of Mike Wells as MS Softball Coach.

Roll Call: D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn - yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: The Board recognized Debbie Quain on her retirement from the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative after 17 years of service. Dr. Palan noted that Ms. Quain has a great work ethic and a lot of patience. She was very committed to the position and prioritized the students with special needs. Also honored for her retirement was Kris Hilsenhoff who has been a teacher in the district for 34 years. Dr. Palan remarked that Kris impacted so many students over the years with her compassion and everyday smile. She always did what was best for the GP students. Kris will be missed as a fixture in the Elementary School. Both ladies were presented with gifts from the District.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta said the Pre-K Color Celebration was a success. Summer school went well for the ten days and a pizza party was held on the last day for the students. She also thanked Ms. Hilsenhoff for her support over the years. Mr. Nevills expounded on the many activities that were held over the last weeks of school. Also, 100% of the seniors met the graduation requirements.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. GP Hall of Fame will be ready to go to the Communications Committee on July 1st and the first people will be inducted in September.
2. Code of Conduct and Policy 8:30: Visitors to and Conduct on School Property has been updated and will be sent out to all student athletes and their families.
3. The district is purchasing a spare bus from a neighboring district at a cost of \$7000 to help with transportation and reduce the mileage on the leased buses.
4. Overall enrollment remained the same from April to May.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reminder to the Board that the timeline for a decision on the Resolution for the Capital Improvement Plan to get on the November ballot will be at the July meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by S. Ohm, to appoint Mike Wells as Board Member at Grant Park School District #6. Roll Call: D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wells then recited the Oath of Office.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: A structural engineer has been contacted to determine the load limits for the new air conditioning rooftop units for the Middle School Gym. Also, the Village has had engineers looking at the drainage situation outside of the Elementary Cafeteria and will hopefully be providing a remedy soon.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: There will be an adjustment to member districts billing due to the administrative cost shift.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Communications Committee: No summer meetings are scheduled but the committee is working on the district video and the style guide.

Student Representatives: Not in attendance

Board Communications: none

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:26 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.

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Parental Request to Address Board of Education-Jackie Timmons

Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm - yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:20 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 7:21 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn – yes; S. Ohm – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXTRACURRICULAR COACH AND SPONSOR POSITIONS:

Motion was made by D. Wells, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve the extracurricular coach and sponsor positions as presented. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve Gina Dioguardi as part-time Director of Student Services at \$500 per day. Roll Call: C. Horn - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:23 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President