

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 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 March 18, 2024 in the Middle School Library.

President Markland announced the resignation of Board Member Chrissy Pickens and thanked her for her dedicated service to the district.

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
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Shari Ohm

Members 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 8

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of February, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for February, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the March vendor bills in the amount of \$114,758.96.
4. Approval of the February payroll in the amount of \$324,845.30.
5. To approve Dave Schroeder HS Boys Golf (TBA), Brandon Lacer as Volunteer HS Baseball Coach and Melissa Wallace as MS Assistant Track Coach (\$1,727).

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: GPHS Junior Blake Brown recently entered the "1000 Point" Club for points scored in basketball. He was presented with a picture of him shooting a basket. Blake epitomizes what can be achieved with much hard work, determination and lofty goals. Next year Blake will be seeking the all-time leading scoring record.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added the ES recently held a Parent Involvement Night in which 61 families attended. They played games, ate pizza and were sent home with kits to play games and interact at home. Also, 23 students who met or exceeded on last year's IAR were treated to a trip to the movies, with unlimited popcorn! Mr. Nevills talked further about the push to incentivize and motivate the MS students for the upcoming testing. And, the SAT has changed this year to an all-digital format with only one math and one English segment. He also said the students reacted positively to the guest speaker he had come in to talk about leadership.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Tentative timeline for the Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Board and the different groups are meeting about once a month to discuss the plan. May 20th is the tentative date for the Community Engagement meeting.
2. Midland States Bank wants to assist area realtors and developers in promoting GP Schools to families.
3. GP Wall of Fame will begin in 2024-25 to honor community members or employees that have impacted the schools over the years. The selection criteria are yet to be decided.
4. Video Production "Decade of Excellence" will begin on Tractor Day and will include Academic Signing. The three-minute video about the district will roll out at the beginning of next school year and will center on the students and staff.
5. Overall enrollment increased by four from January.

APPROVAL OF DRAMA CLUB PRO COMM MIXER:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, second C. Horn, to approve the expenditure of \$7,800 for the Drama Club purchase of a Pro Comm Mixer for their future productions.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: The maintenance grant has not been received as of yet. More information will be available in April regarding air conditioning the gym with the grant proceeds.

Technology: Next year, grades one, five and nine will need Chromebooks. The estimate is \$42,000 for 110 devices. Main domain servers will also be needed at a cost of \$28,000.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: The March meeting was held in the Commons Room and the members were able to tour the renovated HS Science Lab. The meeting went well and the fall Chamber meeting may be held in the ES.

Communications Committee: The committee is discussing branding and the coordination of the district logos.

Student Representatives: The HS Drama production, Catch Me If You Can, was a success and there are discussions about having a summer play with all ages involved; NHS held their annual induction of new members; the MS dance was well attended; and spring sports are all active and in full swing.

Board Communications: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:37 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.

Potential Litigation

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 7:01 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; J. Loitz - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE REEMPLOYMENT OF THE CERTIFIED STAFF FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the superintendent’s recommendation for the reemployment of certified staff for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Roll Call: D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by C. Horn, at 7:03 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President