

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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
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 V. Gawlinski, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of April, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for April, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the May vendor bills in the amount of \$248,103.35.
4. Approval of the April payroll in the amount of \$328,090.19.
5. To accept the resignations of Jennifer Capizzano (Junior Class Sponsor) and Lauren Mohler (MS Student Council Sponsor).
6. To approve the excess surplus inventory, as presented.
7. To approve the 2023-24 final calendar, as presented.
8. To approve the Joint Agreement By-Laws for KARVES, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Mr. Markland presented Sr. Student Representative Elizabeth Voigt a gift from the board for her dedicated service over the past two years. He thanked her for her time and leadership and wished her the best of luck in her college years.

Ms. Kristine Hilsenhoff was scheduled to be recognized on her retirement but was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Palan will invite her to the June meeting.

Architects from Healy, Bender were in attendance to give an update and answer questions pertaining to the Capital Improvement Plan. Questions were a result of the many focus group meetings that had been held over the past few months. They expect the project to take place in phases over two summers. The exact timeline won't be known until a decision is made to put a referendum for the funds on the ballot in November. The architects will be available for any public events to promote the project, such as walk-throughs, Q and A sessions, etc.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta was pleased to announce that the 5th Grade Carnival proceeds were donated to HS PE Teacher Lee Bell and his family to help with medical expenses. The students decided that they wanted to help someone special in the GP Family and were able to give him \$5000 through their fundraiser efforts. Mr. Nevills said it has been a whirlwind celebrating students this time of year. There has been a special event every night and he couldn't be more proud of our students.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. ESSER III Grant is to be closed out in June. The grant totaled \$800,000 over the past few years and there is \$65,000 left to expend. However, the district will lose the speech services and the math interventionist position that were funded through this grant. Other options will be explored for these services.
2. Decade of Excellence Video will be completed sometime this summer. The videographer spent a few days in the district capturing some of the end-of-the-year highlights.
3. The district is looking to purchase a spare bus to help with transportation.
4. E-learning Plan has been updated as required every three years. This year some discipline items have been added.
5. Overall enrollment decreased by two from February.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: Bids were open for the project to air condition the main gym but now it is necessary to wait on construction reports that detail the structural load limits of that roof.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Debbie Quain, retiring director, will be invited to the June board meeting.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Communications Committee: At the last meeting social media efficiencies were discussed as well as the effectiveness of the digital version of the newsletter. The Wall of Fame criteria will be announced soon.

Student Representatives: End of year high school activities included: AP exams, Academic Signings, Baccalaureate, Sr. Picnic, Honors Day, Graduation, finals week, Athletic Awards, and the softball team winning the Regional Championship. Middle Promotion is on Tuesday and the track team had a very good season with many athletes competing at State and advancing to the podium.

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 S. Ohm, at 6:53 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.

The selection of a person to fill a public office.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 8:00 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 8:01 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PART TIME SUMMER CUSTODIAL WORKERS:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve Trey Boecker, Max Currier, Ian Hamann (all \$13.40 per hour) and Jaden Ewoldt (\$13.75 per hour) for part time summer custodial employment. Roll Call: S. Ohm – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 8:02 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

President