

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on October 16, 2023 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
Shari Ohm
Chrissy Pickens

Members absent: Christine Horn

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 5

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 September, 2023.
2. Financial Reports for September, 2023.
3. Direction to pay the October vendor bills in the amount of \$99,266.63.
4. Approval of the September payroll in the amount of \$336,261.29.
5. To approve the employment of: Dave Schroeder, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (\$2,669), Traci Wagner as Special Needs Paraprofessional (\$19.20 per hour) and Bill Berger as 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (\$1,557).
6. To approve the Communications Committee as an approved board committee including representation.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta thanked the GP Fire Department for their presentations during Fire Prevention Week.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The 2023 levy will be presented in November, if the EAV information is received by then.
2. Meetings were held with the architects regarding the GPES Master Plan and timelines. Three focus groups were formed: Building/Safety, Education/Innovation and Parent Involvement/Input. It was determined that the mechanical/HVAC systems were operating at 30-40% efficiency. The need for corridors at the front entrance was apparent as well as updated instructional space. The next meeting will be held on November 9th at which time the architects should have some estimated costs prepared for the different phases of the anticipated projects.
3. Annual Life Safety Inspection will take place in November.
4. Enrollment decreased by three students over August.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS AND ACADEMIC INITIATIVES:

Mr. Brandt, HS Social Science teacher, presented Academic Improvement Initiatives and the School Improvement Process/Goals for the 2023-24 school year. The goal this year will be to move beyond "learning loss" of the pandemic and get students to meet academic benchmarks. In the MS/HS this will be accomplished by restructuring homeroom and academic advisory periods to focus on individual student interventions. The MS will utilize Exact Path, a computer program that targets math and reading. The HS will offer small groups of students the opportunity to meet with teachers for extra help, guidance, support and accountability.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Congratulations to Ms. Gawlinski for receiving the Established Board Leader certificate from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Building and Grounds: The School Maintenance Grant is due in December and may contain Life Safety work, rooftop units and potential cost for air conditioning the gym. The HS Science Lab project has been approved and the permit is finalized.

Technology: Next meeting is November 8th.

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Interviews for the new Director will take place after November 1st.

Kankakee Area Career Center: Next meeting is in November.

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The fall meeting will be held at Crete-Monee High School on 10/25.

Chamber of Commerce: The recent Boo Bingo event was held at the park and was very well attended.

Student Representatives: NHS is hosting a Bake Sale on Pink Night and selling root beer floats on 10/19; the prom theme is "Tangled"; soccer lost in their regional match; HS cheerleading has started practices; volleyball regionals begin on 10/25; boys and girls golf seasons are over and Trey Boecker finished as a state finalist!

Board Communications: Triple I Conference information is being gathered for next month.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:30 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.

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 6:38 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by C. Pickens, seconded by S. Ohm, at 6:38 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: C. Pickens - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski – 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 6:39 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Vicki Gawlinski
President Pro Tem