

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 August 19, 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
Mike Wells

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 4

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of July, 2024 and the special board meeting of August 12, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for July, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the August vendor bills in the amount of \$120,202.20.
4. Approval of the July payroll in the amount of \$313,982.80.
5. To accept the resignation of: Mary Kay Meyer (resignation letter provided August 9, 2024) and retirement notification of Susie Crocker (Bus Driver).
6. To approve the employment of Jennifer Petty (Bus Driver-CBA) and Rebecca Schriefer as Recess Supervisor (\$15.00 per hour).
7. Approval of school board policies: 2:260, 4:70, 5:100, 5:130, 5:200, 6:140, 7:20, 7:185, 2:70E, 2:265, 2:70, 2:125, 2:125E, 2:160, 4:15, 4:80, 5:180, 5:290, 5:310, 6:110, 6:150, 7:170.
8. To approve the Kankakee Area Cooperative Budget as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON’S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta is very pleased so far with the start of the new Communications Program. The teacher and aides are doing well and it is an added benefit to be able to keep these students in the district instead of sending them to other facilities. Mr. Nevills praised Ms. DioGuardi and her helpfulness the past few weeks, especially with the late resignation of the HS SpEd teacher. He also added the MS students now have planners to complete on a daily basis and the parents are happy with this method of keeping their students on track.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan’s report included:

1. The Decade of Excellence video was previewed by the staff on the first TI day. Final edits will be taking place soon. The students that appeared on the video will be in attendance at the September meeting.
2. 2024-25 GP Initiatives for the administration are visibility, positivity, support for new staff members, communication and individualized instruction and growth. These have all been relayed in detail to the Board.
3. Healy Bender and Bernardi Securities have been contacted again about the HLS bonds. They are confident that the ES roofing can be added as well as other HLS items, including potential ideas for the ES security. They will conduct another walk-through in 2-3 weeks to review the project again and can start working up a new cost. During October or November there should be a better idea of a more exact timeline and the commitment of local funds.
4. Enrollment to start the year is: ES-223, MS-97, HS-125 Total=445 students

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE ANNUAL 2024-2025 BUDGET:

Dr. Palan reviewed the overall budget, as well as a review of the individual projected fund balances. He stated there a several unknowns at this point and numbers could change in the next 30 days. Revenue sources are declining and ESSER funds are now completed. The tentative budget is balanced at \$6,956,600. The Transportation Fund is the only fund that shows a deficit (bus leases were up 35%) but is offset by a surplus in Working Cash. Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by D. Marshalek, to accept the tentative annual 2024-25 budget and place it on display in the district office for a minimum of thirty days. Roll Call: C. Horn – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: The Village is getting a bid to repair the drainage problem at the ES parking lot and work will begin next month on the MS/HS walking path.

APPROVAL OF MS GYM AC UNIT:

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the MS Gym Air Conditioning Unit contingent on the permit. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: Mr. Marshalek volunteered to be the Board Rep for the Co-op.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: The fall meeting will be held on October 1st.

Chamber of Commerce: No report

Communications Committee: Teachers have been appointed to each committee, per their request. Most meetings will be held during the day which will make it difficult for the Board Reps to be in attendance.

Student Representatives: Not in attendance

Board Communications: Handouts included a letter from ISBE regarding a recent data breach at the state level and information from the Career Center regarding the aviation program.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by S. Ohm, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:25 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. (Attorney John Fester)

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

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING:

President Markland declared the closed session was over at 6:43 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:43 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; S. Ohm – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TEACHER/PRE-K EMPLOYEE:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, to approve Jessica Schmitt as Student Teacher/Pre K employee at \$16.35 per hour. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; S. Ohm - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 6:44 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

 Dave Marshalek
Secretary Pro-Tem

 Tim Markland
President