

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 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 July 15, 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: Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Shari Ohm
Mike Wells

Members absent: Christine Horn
Vicki Gawlinski

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

Audience of 3

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 June, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for June, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the July vendor bills in the amount of \$343,827.86.
4. Approval of the June payroll in the amount of \$392,554.09.
5. To accept the resignations of: Nina Rees (Math Interventionist) and Tomas Brandt (HS Social Studies).
6. To approve the employment of: Stefani Rimkus (4th Grade), Kelly Gannon (Co-Head MS Softball Coach), Christine Mephram (Asst. MS Softball Coach), Grace Fick (7th Grade Volleyball Coach), Hadleigh Loitz (8th Grade Volleyball Coach), Mike Wells (Volunteer Co-Head MS Softball Coach) and Tracy Hood (5th Grade). All salaries TBD.
7. Approval of the 2024-25 Parent-Student Handbook as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta added the ES is now fully staffed for the new school year and there could be more changes to the handbook after the legislature meets. She is also finalizing the master schedule and is working on dedicated STEM times for all classes. Ms. DioGuardi outlined her priorities as the new Special Education Director which includes: establishing a connection with parents, offering more support and Professional Development opportunities for the teachers and staff, and keeping an eye on district data to ensure all of the different learners are identified properly.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The first draft of the Decade of Excellence video was received. The hope is to release the video in September.
2. In light of the recent signing of HB 4582 regarding Life Safety Bonding options the Board will thoroughly review the ES school plan. This may be a potential back-up plan to the referendum, if necessary.
3. The facility walk-through is planned for Monday, August 12th.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR ROOF UNITS:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, to approve the bid from Jones Environmental Control for the roof units for an amount of \$92,198 contingent on approved permitting. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report.

Building and Grounds: More information from the Village will be forthcoming on the ES parking lot drainage problem.

Technology: No report

Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: A new rep needs to be appointed.

Kankakee Area Career Center: No report

IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report

Chamber of Commerce: The district may host the September Chamber meeting.

Communications Committee: No report

Student Representatives: Not in attendance

Board Communications: An article from the Daily Journal was included regarding the Academic Signing Day.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by D. Marshalek, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:21 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: D. Marshalek - yes; J. Loitz - 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 6:54 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 6:55 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: S. Ohm - yes; J. Loitz - 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 6:55 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President