

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 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  
Shari Ohm  
Mike Wells

Member absent: Dave Marshalek

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

Audience of 4

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of September, 2024.
2. Financial Reports for September, 2024.
3. Direction to pay the October vendor bills in the amount of \$121,784.23.
4. Approval of the September payroll in the amount of \$319,124.87.
5. To approve the maternity leave request of Stefani Rimkus (as presented).
6. To employ Jessica Schmitt as long term sub (4<sup>th</sup> grade) at \$165 per day, Denise Houser at \$65 per hour (one day per week), Brock Brown as 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach (\$1619), Lindsey Madril as 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach (\$1619) and Brian Brown as volunteer 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach.

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

**AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE:** Dr. Palan recognized Gene Lincoln on his retirement from the Mومence Progress Reporter. Mr. Lincoln has been a strong advocate for the Grant Park Schools through his reporting to the community. He enhanced the district's reputation in the area by his positive, and thorough, coverage of the schools. The Board presented Mr. Lincoln with a gift of appreciation for his dedication and faithful attendance at the monthly BOE meetings.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:** Administrators reports are attached. Ms. Planeta had nothing to add to her written report and Mr. Nevills is attending the IPA conference.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Palan's report included:

1. The tentative levy will be presented at the November meeting and will be ready for final approval in December.
2. 2025 School Maintenance Grant is now open and Dr. Palan will be applying for this matching grant that may be used for ES projects.
3. Three GP Wall of Fame Inductees have been contacted and will be honored January 10<sup>th</sup> at the basketball game.
4. The District received a perfect score from ISBE for Financial Recognition.
5. Enrollment increased by five over August.

**PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2024 AUDIT:**

Delayed until the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF HEALTH LIFE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:**

Jody Woodley from Healy, Bender Architects was present to share the latest updates and answer questions regarding the Health and Life Safety projects and improvements. The four goals include: Life Safety items from 2022; the ES roof; ES HVAC system; and a new security corridor/entrance at the ES. The HLS items are required to be completed before security items. Funds for the security project could be sourced from the maintenance grant and district reserves. Dr. Palan will work up cost projections with Bernardi Securities to determine a bond amount as well as a reserve amount. The architects will submit the report to ISBE for approval and a bond hearing could take place in December. The information will be rolled out to the public via The Messenger and the date for the bond hearing will be widely publicized once it is known.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**President:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** The ES parking lot project was delayed due to a gas main being in the way of repairs but may be completed by Wednesday. The bid for the main gym air conditioning project will be re-opened due to the previous contractor not meeting the permitting requirements.

**Technology:** No report

**Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op:** Plans are in the works for Professional Development for the county in January.

**Kankakee Area Career Center:** No report

**IASB-Three Rivers Division:** No report

**Chamber of Commerce:** No report

**Communications Committee:** No report

**Student Representatives:** Six FFA students are travelling to Indianapolis for two nights for the annual convention; the soccer team was defeated in regional play; Volleyball Pink Night is on Friday; the Pink Assembly was held today with the freshmen winning the dodgeball game and the juniors winning the penny wars; NHS will hold a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle in conjunction with Pink Night; and Student Council will be having a root beer float fundraiser on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Board Communications:** None noted

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

**ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by S. Ohm, at 6:45 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz  
Secretary

Tim Markland  
President