

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2024**

A special meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on August 12, 2024 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 5:00 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 3

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, to approve the employment of Marnie Davis for HS Social Sciences (salary TBD) and Christa Baker as Communications Classroom Paraprofessional (\$16.35 per hour). Roll Call: J. Loitz – yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; D. Marshalek - yes; S. Ohm – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE TO PERSON'S SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF HLS BONDS:

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the ES roof, HVAC and Health, Life Safety issues that need to be addressed. The Board ultimately decided that they do not want to seek a referendum on the ballot in November to secure the funds for the projects. They feel the community would not be receptive to this in the current economic climate. However, on July 1st new legislation came out for HLS projects that does not require a referendum to issue bonds. These bonds could be obtained by BOE approval which then gets approved by the Regional Office and then the state. It is a two to three-month process entailing a public hearing, passing a bond resolution and then the issuance of the bonds.

Dr. Palan will contact the architects to determine if any of the HLS projects can be reconfigured to qualify for the HLS bonds. He also assured the Board that there are some local funds, i.e. reserves, that can be used to put toward the projects. For instance, the roof and HVAC can be expensed with the bonds but air conditioning cannot be paid for with these bonds. The ES entrance was also discussed as a potential security issue that needs to be addressed. The architects will hopefully have some insight as to how to address this area with the HLS bonds. The hope is to have some final decisions made at the next meeting as to the subsequent steps to be taken.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, at 6:19 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Loitz
Secretary

Tim Markland
President