REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2026

A regular meeting of the Grant Park Community Unit School District No. 6 Board of Education, Kankakee County, State of Illinois, was held on June 15, 2026 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: Vicki Gawlinski
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Mike Wells

Members absent: Sarah Toma

Also present: Dr. John Palan, Superintendent
Ms. Tracy Planeta, ES Principal
Mrs. Stacy Glenn, MS/HS Principal
Mrs. Sue Anderson, Recording Secretary

Audience of 25

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by V. Gawlinski, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting from May 2026.
2. Financial Reports for May, 2026.
3. Direction to pay the June vendor bills in the amount of $719,990.24.
4. Approval of the May payroll in the amount of $386,335.00.
5. To accept the resignation of Jennifer Hathaway, with regret, as GP Social Worker.
6. Approval of the 2026-27 board meeting dates, as presented, Fester as attorney and Midland States Bank as depository.
7. To approve Ryan Eames as MS Assistant Soccer Coach.
8. To approve the amendment to the contract of Stacy Glenn, as presented.
9. To accept the resignation of Nicole Van as 6th Grade Volleyball Coach, Ashley Moseley as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach and Assistant MS Soccer Coach and Becky Marshalek as PreK Paraprofessional.

10. To appoint Phyllis Fick as District Treasurer for an annual amount of $2,140.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: Jennifer Hathaway, District Social Worker, was in attendance and was acknowledged for her dedication to the district. She will be leaving GP to start her own private practice. She was recognized for helping a countless number of students in her tenure here. Her calm demeanor will be remembered by everyone.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators' reports are attached. Ms. Planeta, Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. Toppen all expressed their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Palan for all of his years of service to the district. Ms. Planeta mentioned that Dr. Palan always made decisions based on what was best for students and he will be missed. Mrs. Glenn thanked him for the opportunity to work at GP and expressed that he is leaving a huge legacy to continue in the MS/HS.

Superintendent: Dr. Palan's report included:

1. Fiscal '26 budget shows that the Education and Operations and Maintenance funds will have positive balances at year end. The Transportation fund will be questionable, though, depending on the state payments.
2. Compliance 5-year review was at the end of May. There are still a few items to update but Dr. Palan thanked the administrators and office staff that helped with this challenging task. Also, in the future it was noted that the Administrative Procedures are now a separate part of IASB and will be a separate charge from PRESS Policy.
3. The team meets on Tuesday to review staffing needs for next year.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #60326 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS:
Motion was made by M. Wells, seconded by D. Marshalek, to approve Resolution #60326 authorizing the transfer of $300,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Roll Call: M. Wells - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; J. Loitz - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF DIESEL LAWN MOWER:
Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, to approve the purchase of SKAGG Diesel Lawn Mower in the amount of $20,319. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; D. Marshalek - yes; V. Gawlinski - yes; C. Horn - yes; M. Wells - yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Mr. Markland took this opportunity at Dr. Palan's last board meeting to reflect on his tenure at GP. He thanked him for everything he has done for the students and teachers of the district, always placing their needs at the forefront. On behalf of the BOE Mr. Markland presented Dr. Palan with a large picture of one of his favorite projects which was the lighted sign on the outside of the gym. The light signals a win after a game and Dr. Palan was very excited to see this come to fruition.
Building and Grounds: The summer baseball/softball program requested to make some updates around the ball fields, such as new limestone, trees, etc. The board said this would be okay as long as the village was contacted to see if any permitting was required. They were thanked for the cooperative efforts between the community and the district.
Technology: No report
Kankakee Area Special Education Co-op: No report
Kankakee Area Career Center: No report
IASB-Three Rivers Division: No report
Chamber of Commerce: No report
Communications Committee: A few decisions were made on the logo at the last meeting that will be implemented going forward.
FFA/Ag Alumni: Several students attended the state convention in Springfield last week.
Finance Committee: No report
Student Representatives: Not in attendance in the summer.
Board Communications: None

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by D. Marshalek, at 6:20 p.m. to adjourn. Voice vote, all yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary President