REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 20, 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 July 20, 2026 in the Middle School Library.

The meeting was called to order by President Markland at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Vicki Gawlinski
Christine Horn
Jerry Loitz
Tim Markland
Dave Marshalek
Mike Wells

Member absent: Sarah Toma

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

Audience of 4

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of the regular board meeting of June 15, 2026.
2. Financial Reports for June, 2026.
3. Direction to pay the July vendor bills in the amount of $650,716.79.
4. Approval of the June payroll in the amount of $434,434.67.
5. To accept the resignations of Nicole Van, ES Teacher, Kelly Lara, MS/HS Cafeteria and Rachel Malkowski, ES Paraprofessional.
6. Approval of the 2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook
7. Approval of Board Policies, as presented.

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

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE: None noted

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS: Administrators reports are attached.

Superintendent: Dr. McNichols' report included:

1. A plan to honor the legacy of past and present GP employees. He would like to start by acknowledging staff for their years of service at the first TI day.
2. Dr. McNichols shared "10 Things to Know About Him" and included: he is a very positive/optimistic person; he will work hard to uphold expectations; he will spend much time to learn about everyone; he is not perfect but will strive to do his best; and above all he is a family-oriented person to his core.
3. Summer updates: The ES project is on schedule and at this time no contingency arrangements are being planned. There will be another construction meeting on Tuesday. A building walk through is scheduled for next month before the board meeting. Dr. McNichols met with the Police Chief and will meet with the village president and attorney to introduce himself.
4. The FY27 budget will be ready for the August meeting. He is working through the numbers at this time.
5. Enrollment numbers are being monitored and more information will be available after registration on August 6th.
6. Future Foreward items include: the Strategic Plan is coming up and partnership opportunities will be looked at to help in this endeavor.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #72026 TO KEEP EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES CLOSED:

Motion was made by C. Horn, seconded by M. Wells, to maintain the need for confidentiality in executive session minutes as indicated in Schedule A, as presented. Roll Call: C. Horn – yes; M. Wells – yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; J. Loitz – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FOIA requests: Two recent requests for vendor information from Data Branch. The district had no interactions with the designated vendors during the time period requested.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: No report
Building and Grounds: The new mower has been in use for a few weeks.
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: No report
FFA/Ag Alumni: Several students recently participated in the Section 10 Livestock Show.
Student Representatives: Students not in attendance in the summer.
Board Communications: No report

Finance/Transportation Committee: All drivers will be back this school year.

COMMUNITY FORUM AND OTHER: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Motion was made by V. Gawlinski, seconded by J. Loitz, at 6:13 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.
Roll Call: V. Gawlinski - yes; J. Loitz - 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 6:19 p.m. and the meeting would continue in Open Session.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:
Motion was made by J. Loitz, seconded by C. Horn, at 6:19 p.m. to approve the Executive Session minutes as read. Roll Call: J. Loitz - yes; C. Horn - yes; V. Gawlinski – yes; D. Marshalek – yes; M. Wells – yes; and T. Markland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

__Mike Wells________ _____Tim Markland_________
Secretary Pro tem President