

# **GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 16, 2018**

## ***CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL***

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Grant Community High School District 124, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake. All those in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call, the following Members were found to be present:

Steve Hill, President  
Ken Mark, Vice President  
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary  
Jim Loris, Member  
John Jared, Member  
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Paul LaRoche, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent  
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager  
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal  
Mr. Greg Urbaniak, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment  
Dr. Nate Miller, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Ryan Geist, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Tina Sonders, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director

## ***AUDIENCE***

President Steve Hill welcomed the audience that consisted of new faculty, mentors, and divisional administrators.

## ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Minutes of regular meeting held July 19, 2018

August Bills Payable

July Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from February 7 and February 16, 2017

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Jared to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

### Presentation of New Faculty Members

Dr. Sefcik turned it over to Principal Schmidt to introduce each Mentor who in turn introduced their new teacher.

Ryan Baker – introduced by Carrie Joray

Kyle Barber – introduced by Erin Notriano

Anna Bartels – introduced by Mike Werner

Emmy Spetz – introduced by Greg Wodzien

Martin Grum – introduced by Mike Werner (for Trisha Crambes)

Sandra Harned – introduced by Nikki Frett

Payton Jordan – introduced by Beth Thomas

Katherine King – introduced by Lori Lev

Garrett Olsen – introduced by Bob Schmitt

Ross Purchatzke – introduced by Dave Behm

Heidi McCarthy – introduced by Penny Zegler

Carrie Stump – introduced by Nate Miller (for Courtney Forbes)

David Sunseri – introduced by Josy Bosworth

Dr. Sefcik and the Board welcomed the new staff members and President Hill presented each with their first spirit wear item as a welcome gift.

### Enrollment Update

Dr. Sefcik provided the student enrollment number as of August 8 and noted that new registrations have been coming in. We have an additional 35 to 40 more students that are not reflected in the August 8<sup>th</sup> numbers. 6<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment data will be collected and presented at a future meeting with the comparison to our demographic study projection.

### Summer Curriculum Project – French III

Dr. Sefcik made a Chromebook available with the French III curriculum for the Board to review. She recommended approval of the French III summer curriculum project as presented.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the French III summer curriculum project.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

### Evidence-Based Funding / Legislative Update

Dr. Sefcik reported that the Evidence-Based Funding Model distribution was released and the District will be receiving an additional \$213,803. This is due to being moved to Tier 1 in the funding model, with an adequacy level of 65%. She then discussed recent legislation that makes it possible to move ahead with planning to provide our students with dual credit at the College of Lake County; the ESSA 5 Essential Survey is now required annually; medical cannabis can be used as allowed by prescription by students while in school beginning immediately; and a property tax freeze is again being discussed.

### Institute Day Presentation

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that Dr. Robert Eaker, one of the founders of the professional learning community concept, presented to the staff at the first institute day. She distributed the program that included information on best practices for improving student learning. She shared that he will be back in October to work with the faculty and district leadership team.

### DM Group

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of a contract with District Management Group (DMGroup) in the amount of \$75,000 for an in-depth study of current practices with the goal to improve outcomes for student who struggle academically. They will analyze current practice and identify areas and make recommendations on how we may better align with best practice to more effectively serve students.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Loris to approve the contract with DMGroup in the amount of \$75,000 as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

### Personnel

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the following personnel items:

Employment of the following individuals:

- David Sunseri, Special Education LOA, MA Step 0
- Ryan Baker, Math Teacher, MA Step 0
- Jacqueline Hernandez, Teaching Assistant, \$14.43/hr.
- Tiffany Beaudry, Food Service, \$10/hr., Starting 8/13/2018
- Barbara Barlass, Food Service, \$10/hr., Starting 8/13/2018
- Ryne Becker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Custodian, \$13.25/hr., Starting 8/14/2018

Accepting the resignations from the following individuals:

- Dan Bryant, Math Teacher, effective immediately
- Tim Green, System Specialist, effective August 15, 2018
- Nikki Lesch, Transportation, effective immediately

Notification of Leave of Absence for Kelly Kauth, GCHS Bookstore, beginning September 4, 2018 through October 30, 2018.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Jared, Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

### Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Back-to-School Institute Days, Freshman Orientation, Parent University, and Teacher Evaluation.

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

### Technology Recommendation

Mrs. Reich proposed a change in the way we staff the position of Network and Desktop Specialist. This position was posted without success in finding an experienced candidate at the District rate of pay. McQueen Technology Group, LLC, provided a proposal for support on a monthly basis for a six-month trial period. Some of the highlights included 24-7 remote monitoring, staffed by 7 people, support of network infrastructure related issues, firewall and router issues and email/user accounts. The cost is \$7,000 per month with roll-over hours available if we don't use the full 50 hours per month.

- \*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Jared to approve the contract with McQueen Technology Group, LLC for a six-month trial period at a cost of \$7,000 per month as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Loris, Jared

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Sefcik reported that there were two FOIA requests received and fulfilled. The NLCC Student Leadership Conference was held today and it went great. There were some terrific breakout sessions and speakers.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

- \*\* At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); semi-annual review of closed session minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Loris, Jared, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

- \*\* At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to end closed session and return to open session.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

## **ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

- \*\* A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Mark to keep the following minutes closed due to the continued need for confidentiality or open as confidentiality no longer exists.

| MINUTES           | CONFIDENTIALITY<br>STILL EXISTS | CONFIDENTIALITY<br>NO LONGER EXISTS |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| January 18, 2018  | <b>NO CLOSED</b>                | <b>SESSION</b>                      |
| February 15, 2018 |                                 | X                                   |
| March 15, 2018    |                                 | X                                   |
| April 19, 2018    | X                               |                                     |
| May 17, 2018      | X                               |                                     |
| June 21, 2018     |                                 | X                                   |

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

## ***ADJOURN***

\*\* At 8:52 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary