GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 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, November 15, 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
Paul LaRoche, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal

Ken Mark will serve as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the Secretary, Ruth Michniewicz.

AUDIENCE

Erin Notriano, Beth Thomas, Kristine Maestranzi, Jeff Goessele, Leona Kondic, Adila Kondic

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held October 18, 2018
Minutes of closed meeting held October 18, 2018
November Bills Payable
October Treasurer's Report
Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from May 18, 2017

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Yanik, Hill
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Leona Kondic to join her, in the presence of her mother, Adila Kondic, to introduce her to the members and speak of her accomplishments, such as her induction into National Honor Society, appearing on Scholars' List and Honor Roll, taking several honors and AP classes, and holding a 4.073 GPA. She received the Social Studies Golden Globe Award and Bulldog Pride Award. Her extracurricular and co-curricular activities have included Debate Team, French Club, Treble Choir, Concert/Honors Choir, Chamber Singers, FBLA, and JV and Varsity Tennis. She served as French Club Vice President, FBLA Parliamentarian, and she placed 9th in State for Parliamentary Procedures in FBLA. She gives her time to many community events such as Feed My Starving Children, service through FBLA and NHS, Camp Duncan 5K, Big Hollow's Colorfest, and holiday concerts. She joined the Centegra Healthcare Explorer Post and Future Medical Professionals Club and plans to attend a university such as Marquette Universtiy to earn a degree in Biomedical Science and minor in International Affairs. Dr. Sefcik presented Leona with a certificate to commemorate the honor and the Board and audience applauded her achievements.

Teacher Recognition

Dr. Sefcik asked Principal Schmidt to introduce Kristina Maestranzi, the Excellence in Education Award winner for the first quarter. He read the reasons Kristina was nominated and chosen for the award such as her ability to motivate and encourage her students to achieve high standards. Her dedication to her colleagues, her PLT, and students through fresh ideas, professional conversations, and thoughtful suggestions in many committees. One of the impressive, highly-visible contributions to the GCHS community is the revitalization of *The Bark*. She worked closely with peers, vendors, administrators, and most importantly, the students to plan, develop, and execute this amazing publication. The Board thanked her for her efforts and remarked on The Bark, how impressed they were and how enjoyable it was to pick up and read the new version. Mrs. Maestranzi thanked her students and said though they are low in student numbers, they do an amazing job and have a lot of responsibility to get the periodical ready and printed.

Board of Education Member Recognition

Dr. Sefcik remarked that it was Board Member Appreciation Day. On behalf of the students, staff, and administration she thanked the Board for their leadership and are appreciative of the support of their mission and vision to help all students learn and succeed. She added that they would enjoy some cake in their honor after the meeting concluded.

Empower – October 2018

Dr. Sefcik noted that the focus of the October edition of *Empower* is on redo and retake opportunities for our students. The reassessment practices of several teachers and student perspectives on the value of a second chance to display learning is also discussed. As all students learn differently, it is recognized that some may require more time, knowledge, and practice to demonstrate proficiency. The District continues to look for ways to support teachers in providing these opportunities to students.

English Learner Summer Enrichment Course

Dr. Sefcik proposed the addition of an English Learner Summer Enrichment Course beginning in summer of 2019. Students that would benefit from this course would be identified through a screening process and testing to assess the English language proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course will focus on reading and writing skills, with a special emphasis on the acquisition of academic vocabulary. This 3-week long program would align with the existing Summer Academy Program. The cost would consist of an EL teacher and a teacher assistant at approximately $3,800.00.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Mark to approve the English Learner Summer Enrichment Course as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: LaRoche, Yanik, Hill, Mark
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

DMGroup Update

Dr. Sefcik reported that the DMGroup was onsite last week to meet with the guiding coalition, followed by interviews, focus group meetings, and classroom observations to learn about our existing programs and supports. Prior to their visit, data was shared electronically including student achievement, programs and placement, budgetary information, etc. In early December, schedule sharing will take place to show the roles and responsibilities of staff providing support for our struggling learners. Further information will be provided to the Board as the study progresses.

ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators

Dr. Sefcik shared that ISBE's College and Career Readiness Indicators changed from the four pathways originally presented for students to display college and career readiness to two pathways. Students will either be deemed a *Distinguished Scholar, College and Career Ready,* or not. GPA, attendance, career readiness indicators, and other academic indicators will indicate the placement.

School Report Card

Dr. Sefcik provided a copy of our School Report Card released by the State on October 31. She outlined some of the highlights detailed in the report and she included the letter to introduce the report card to parents.

Calendar 2019/20

Dr. Sefcik asked for approval of the 2019/20 school calendar. It shows the first day of student attendance as August 12, 2019 and the last day as May 21, 2020, and graduation held on May 24, 2020. She provided the pros and cons in the determination of the graduation date.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the 2019/20 school calendar as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Yanik, Hill, Mark, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Foreign Language Trips

Dr. Sefcik requested approval for the two foreign language trips planned over spring break, 2020. The Spanish department will travel from March 27 – April 5, 2020, flying into Madrid and traveling to a variety of cities over the course of 10 days. The cost to students will be $3,560 and all travel arrangements are booked through the American Council for International Studies, Inc.
The French department travel will be March 27 – April 4, 2020, flying into Paris and out of Nice and to a variety of cities over 9 days. The cost to students will be $3,806, also booked through the American Council for International Studies, Inc. The safety of travel to those areas will be monitored through the US Department of State up to the date of departure.

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve both foreign language trips over spring break 2020 as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Hill, Mark, LaRoche, Yanik
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Foundation Gala Update

Dr. Sefcik reported the 24th Annual Grant Gala, held on November 3rd was a success. There were 207 in attendance and approximately $31,000 was raised to support students in financial need and to provide student scholarships. She thanked the Board members that were able to attend and all those that were needed to prepare and hold the Gala.

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following recommendations for employment:

- John Welter, Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Mia Schnaebele, Food Services, $10/hr. beginning November 26, 2018

She provided one notification of FMLA request from Linda Jacobs, Transportation, 11/19/2018 – 1/1/2019.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Mark to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Yanik, Hill
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on the Fall Blood Drive, Parent University, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and the Fall Play.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

2018 Final Tax Levy

Mrs. Reich presented the 2018 Certificate of Tax Levy along with the accompanying resolutions for approval.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the 2018 Final Tax Levy as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: LaRoche, Yanik, Hill, Mark
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Security Guard Recommendation

Mrs. Reich reported that with the new secure entry at the front of the building, the need for one additional guard through Per Mar Security has been identified. The cost to the district for the remainder of the year is $15,931.44.

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Yanik to authorize the employment of one additional security guard through Per Mar Security as presented.

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

Aye: Yanik, Hill, Mark, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz, Loris, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Summer Construction 2019

Mrs. Reich, Jeremy Schmidt, Blair Schoell, Tom Hintze, and Tom Furlan met with the architects last week. They have 50% of the plans done which include the re-purposing of the three computer labs into the tech intern area, Project Lead the Way classroom, and what will likely be a professional development room and small office. The 1st and 2nd floor washrooms in that hallway will receive a complete update and other washrooms will be remodeled to convert to stalls. Plans should be fully completed in early December and ready for the bid process after the first of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported that we are close to completing the procedures for Teen Court. We will partner with NICASA and the Village of Fox Lake. She will attend a Village Board meeting on November 27th where they are expected to formally approve funding the program.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Mark to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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Ken Mark, Secretary Pro Tem