

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DECEMBER 20, 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, December 20, 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
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary
Paul LaRoche, Member
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Ken Mark, Vice President

Administration present:

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

AUDIENCE

Ivy Fleming, Neal Gerdes, Lauren Gerdes, Sarah Gerdes, Michele Keenan

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held November 15, 2018

December Bills Payable

November Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from June 15, 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: Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Mark

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Lauren Gerdes, in the presence of her parents Neal and Sarah, to the Board table to introduce her and detail her accomplishments. Lauren was inducted into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year, consistently earning her place on Scholars' List and

Honor Roll, holding a remarkable 5.008 GPA, additionally scoring straight A's on all semester grades to date. She is on Varsity Dance Team, earning Rookie of the Year, All-American Dancer, and Captain; Student Council; FBLA; NHS serving as Treasurer/Publicist; Spring Musical; and Math Team where she was awarded 1st place Oralist at Regionals and competed at State. She works with her peers as a Big Dawg Mentor and Math Lab Tutor, helps at school events, and her community through service opportunities. In the summer she works as a life guard and was able to job shadow in architecture. She plans to earn a degree in architecture at either the University of Notre Dame or University of Illinois and found out that she has been accepted to both. The Board and audience applauded Lauren as Dr. Sefcik presented her with a certificate to commemorate the honor.

Fall Athletic Accomplishments

Dr. Sefcik brought Tom Ross, Athletic Director, to provide the fall athletic accomplishments report. He gave information on Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Football, Boys' Golf, Girls' Golf, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, Girls' Volleyball, that included information on coaches, participation numbers, season record and accomplishments, community service, and highlights.

Expansion of Athletic Program

Dr. Sefcik reported that the number of lacrosse teams in the NLCC expanded and this school year, it is a conference sport. There are now more than 60 student-athletes interested in playing lacrosse this spring. This number is more than enough students to field both a varsity and JV level. Each of the participating NLCC schools have both a JV and Varsity level.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the expansion of lacrosse to include a JV and a Varsity level.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

School Board Policy Modifications – First Reading

Dr. Sefcik recommended changes to the following School Board policies based on direction from the Illinois Association of School Boards and legal counsel.

Section 200 School Board

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct
2:120 Board Member Development

Section 400 Operational Services

4:45 Insufficient Funds Checks and Debt Recovery
4:170 Safety

Section 500 Personnel

5:30 General Personnel Hiring Process and Criteria
5:60 Expenses
5:220 Professional Personnel Substitute Teachers

Section 600 Instruction

6:60 Curriculum Content
6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students

Section 700 Students

- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

The Board had no addition questions on any of the revisions.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to approve the School Board policy revisions as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

April Board of Education Meeting Date Change

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the last day for the County Clerk to canvass votes for the April 2nd election and transmit that information to the District is April 23rd. Our regular meeting is scheduled for April 18th. As we need the canvassed results to seat members and elect officers, she recommended the date change to April 25th.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Board meeting date change from April 18 to April 25, 2019.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Teen Court

Dr. Sefcik and the administration has been working with Nicasa and the Fox Lake Police to reinstate a Teen Court in Fox Lake. Teen Court is an alternative to a traditional court and has been proven to be more effective. It also provides leadership opportunities to students and scholarships are available for students that serve for 2 or more years. The Village of Fox Lake approved the establishment of the Teen Court at their November 27, 2018 meeting. A private foundation provided funding for the project for one year.

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following revised personnel recommendations:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Greg Wodzien, 2019 Summer School Supervisor
- Wendy Schuette, Head Cook, \$15/hr., beginning 1/7/2019
- Lenny Grodoski, Head Girls' Badminton Coach

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from:

- Phillip Bregenzer, Teacher Aide, effective January 18, 2019
- Jody Davis, Custodian, effective December 14, 2018
- Jodi Herrington, Food Service, effective immediately

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

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Semester 1 Final Exams, Certified Staff Evaluations, Feeder School Articulations and Eighth Grade Placements, NLCC Academic Awards, and Adopt a Family.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Preliminary 2019 Financial Profile Designation

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that ISBE released the preliminary 2019 Financial Profile Designation for the District based on the 2017-18 Annual Financial Report Data. We received a 3.65 out of 4.00, with a status of Financial Recognition.

2019/20 71-Passenger Gasoline Bus Lease

Mrs. Reich provided information from Midwest Transit Equipment for a municipal lease proposal for 2019/20. We look to change from diesel to gasoline powered buses at a cost of \$13,791 each, which is an increase of \$141 per bus. The lease would be for (23) 71-passenger gasoline buses.

- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the lease of (23) 71-passenger gasoline buses at a cost of \$13,791 per bus.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Hill, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik
Nay: None
Absent: Mark
Motion – **Passed**

2019 Chevrolet-StarCraft Activity Three-year Bus Lease

Mrs. Reich stated the District's lease on our (3) activity buses is up this year. Midwest Transit Equipment proposed to replace the current busses with 2019 Chevrolet-Starcraft buses. The lease is \$8,922 per bus. There has been a cost increase. She would also like to request an additional activity bus because we have added more activities that can take a white activity bus because they have less than 14 participants.

- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Loris to approve a 3-year lease for (4) 14-passenger white 2019 Chevrolet-Starcraft activity buses at a cost of \$8,922 per bus.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill
Nay: None
Absent: Mark
Motion – **Passed**

Property Tax Relief Grant

Mrs. Reich passed out information on the Property Tax Relief Grant Program and pros and cons of applying. It is part of the new evidenced-based funding from the state of Illinois, beginning in 2019. The state has appropriated \$50 million for eligible school districts in return for abating a portion of taxes, qualifying districts receive a state grant that is a portion of the tax relief they provide. Eligible districts must apply to participate in the program.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Loris to make an application to participate in the Property Tax Relief Grant Program offered by the State of Illinois.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz
Nay: None
Absent: Mark
Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

A FOIA request was received and fulfilled by Milieu Landscaping on 12/10/2018.

CLOSED SESSION

- ** At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik 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); student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2); and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11).
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Mark
Motion – **Passed**
- ** At 7:59 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to end closed session and return to open session.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Jared, Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris
Nay: None
Absent: Mark
Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

No action taken in open session.

ADJOURN

- ** At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary