

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 17, 2019

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, January 17, 2019 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
Mr. Blair Schoell, Divisional Administrator
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director
Mr. Casey Duval, Asst. Dir. Of Activities & Athletics

AUDIENCE

Angela Balanag, Kathy Kusiak, Ivy Fleming, Joe Gorden, Mary Lou Gorden, Julian Gorden, Jeff Gorden, and Connie Gorden

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held December 20, 2018

Minutes of closed meeting held December 20, 2018

January Bills Payable

December Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from July 20, 2017

Quarterly list of authorized depositories, investment managers, dealers, and brokers

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik 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

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Joseph Gorden, in the presence of his parents, Jeff and Connie, and his grandparents, Julian and Mary Lou, to introduce him as the January Student of the Month. She detailed his achievements such as induction into the National Honor Society, undertaking numerous Honors and AP classes, being named Scholar Athlete, and holding an amazing 4.603 GPA. Joe has been involved in Baseball and Basketball, serves as a Big Dawg Mentor, coached the Powder Puff Football game, and is the Superfan Leader during football season. His community involvement includes volunteering for the St. Baldrick's Day event, DuPage County Food Pantry, Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, and at the Camp Duncan 5K and Mayor's Challenge 5K for Breast Cancer. His future plans are to earn a degree in Mathematics and a minor in coaching. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and tryout for the baseball team. His goal is to become a math teacher and coach at the high school level. Dr. Sefcik said she hoped that upon completion that he would consider coming back to teach at Grant. She presented Joseph a certificate to commemorate being named January Student of the Month. The Board and audience applauded and congratulated him.

Excellence in Education Award Winner Recognition

Dr. Sefcik asked Principal Schmidt to introduce the 2nd Quarter Excellence in Education Award winner, Patrice Calhoun. Mr. Schmidt read the reasons she was chosen, which include various ways she excels in her craft. She is excellent at communicating content knowledge and skills with flexibility and responsiveness with her students. She has excellent classroom procedures, her labs and groups are organized effectively, transitions between activities are smooth, and management of lab supplies is skillfully done. This efficiency makes her classes appear to run themselves. Her students appreciate her daily formative assessments and understand their value for their learning and she can modify her instruction based on the student responses. She is recognized as a solid teammate and an excellent teacher. The Board and audience applauded and thanked her for her contributions to Grant.

Co-Curricular Accomplishments – Semester One Update

Dr. Sefcik asked Casey Duval, Assistant Director of Activities and Athletics, to provide the Board with student participation and accomplishments report for co-curriculars. He shared participation numbers, activities that participation grew significantly from 2017 to 2018, some outstanding student achievements, and upcoming events.

Curriculum Proposals – First Reading

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board of several new course proposals for 2020/21: Applied Math, Business Incubator, Mobile App Design, and Mythology II. She asked Blair Schoell, Divisional Administrator, to talk about the Physical Education Department Restructure and Rebranding. The department would be known as the Health and Wellness Department beginning in 2020/21. The changes would encourage students to have an understanding of how to live a healthy life and maintain an active lifestyle into adulthood. Included with the restructuring of the PE department, several new courses and revised courses will provide a logical progression through a student's four years. These courses include new courses for 2020/21: Intro to Advanced Health, Intro to Lifestyle Fitness, Intro to Strength and Conditioning, Intro to Team Sports, and new/revised courses for 2021/22: Advanced Lifestyle Fitness and Advanced Team Sports. Dr. Sefcik reminded the Board that they can consider this a first reading or approve if they choose.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Mark to approve the curriculum proposals and the rebranding of the Physical Education Department to the Health and Wellness Department, as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Future Ready Update

Dr. Sefcik told the Board that it has been a few year since the District signed the Future Ready Schools Pledge and tremendous strides have been made to enhance learning through technology. She asked Greg Urbaniak, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, to speak to the Board regarding the Future Ready initiative. Mr. Urbaniak thanked the Board for their support in the technology necessary for improving student achievement. He also stated that it has been done thoughtfully and deliberately. To that end we have developed the Vision for a Future Ready School to continue to direct our efforts on student achievement through effective use of technology. Dr. Sefcik shared staff survey results about the impact of student issued Chromebooks rather than the current classroom carts of Chromebooks. The majority of the responses were positive and in favor of student issued Chromebooks.

Fall PSAT Performance Summary

Dr. Sefcik asked Mr. Urbaniak to review the Fall 2019 PSAT Testing results with the Board. He stated that the important comparison is the progression of the class each fall, not necessarily comparing with state average because the makeup of the student participants could be unequal as fall testing is optional. The next test opportunity will be in the spring.

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik presented overnight trip requests from:

- The Speech Team, February 8 to February 9, to compete in the IHSA Sectional tournament. Accommodations will be paid with activity funds, student will cover their own meals. Two chaperones and approximately 28 students.
- The Math Team, February 22 to February 23, to attend a regional Math Team competition. Students will be contributing towards the cost of accommodations and meals with remaining costs covered by activity funds. Two chaperones, approximately 28 students.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Loris to approve the overnight travel for the Speech Team and the Math Team, 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**

Spring Coaching Recommendations

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the spring athletic coaches as presented.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the spring athletic coaches 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**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the revised personnel report that included:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Carrie Stump, Gamers Club Advisor, effective 1/7/2019
- Anna Bartels, Lacrosse Club Advisor, effective 1/9/2019
- Audrey Hutchings, Boys' Tennis Assistant Coach

Recommend extending the Leave of Absence for Chelsea Wolfe through the 2019/20 school year.

Recommend accepting the resignation letter from:

- Michelle (Handzel) Fournier, will not return following LOA

Notification of FMLA request from:

- Grace Corry, beginning April 29 and ending September 27, 2019

** 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, Mark, Michniewicz, Loris, Jared

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on SAT Prep Class, 5Essentials Survey, Eighth Grade Enrollment Night, Semester Grade Reporting, and February Institute Day.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Technology Recommendation

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that since August we have had a 6-month trial period with McQueen Technology Group, LLC. After the review of this trial period, we have experienced seamless integration and minimal downtime. The recommendation is to enter a 2 year, 6-month contract of 52 hours per month for \$7,000 per month, for a total of \$84,000 per year.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Mark to approve the contract with McQueen Technology Group, LLC, for 2-years, 6-months, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

Reunification Plans Overview

Mrs. Reich reported that prior to Winter Break, the District Safety Committee held a meeting with employees who will have roles to fulfill in the event of a reunification event. She briefly re-explained the purpose of a reunification plan. Those key employees learned what their responsibilities include and how to respond and help parents reunite with their student(s).

Construction Update

Mrs. Reich said that the pre-bid meeting for the summer construction was held on January 10, 2019. Included in the pre-bid meeting was information regarding the Technology Services Internship Hub, PLTW classroom, and bathroom modifications. Approximately 30-40 people showed for the pre-bid meeting and toured the areas. IHC will issue an addendum and allow for alternates in bids. The bid opening is scheduled for January 24th, and bid results will be presented at the February 21st Board meeting for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported a Freedom of Information Act request was received and fulfilled. She also wanted to extend a special *Thank You* to Tom Ross for his work to roll out the inaugural season for lacrosse and badminton.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Loris to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary