

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 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, February 21, 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:

Ken Mark, Vice President
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary
Paul LaRoche, Member
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President

Administration present:

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

Ken Mark served as President Pro Tem in the absence of President Steve Hill.

AUDIENCE

Kathy Kusiak, Ivy Fleming, Mike Werner, Becky Doud, Mayor Donny Schmit, Varsity Coed Cheerleading coaches, athletes, and their families.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held January 17, 2019

February Bills Payable

January Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from August 17, 2017

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As the Student of the Month had not arrived yet due to an athletic event, Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that she would begin with the Coed Varsity Cheerleading Competition Squad and would return to the Student of the Month upon her arrival.

Coed varsity Cheerleading Competition Squad

Dr. Sefcik asked Athletic Director, Tom Ross, to introduce the Varsity Coed Cheerleading team. The team was recognized for receiving the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award for attaining a cumulative GPA of 3.1 and for placing 3rd in State. He provided team qualifying stats over the years placing in many events including qualifying for the IHSA State Series each of the 14 years that Cheerleading has been an IHSA recognized sport. They have brought home 3 state trophies in the last 7 years. He turned it over to Head Coach, Carrie Joray, to introduce her assistant coaches and athletes and Dr. Sefcik and Mr. Mark presented each with a certificate to commemorate their achievement. The Board and audience congratulated and applauded their success.

College of Lake County High School Feedback

Dr. Sefcik provided two reports from the College of Lake County. One report profiles our students enrolled and college readiness in reading/writing and math as compared to the Lake County average and the other provides first semester student outcomes for 2017 graduates and 3-year outcomes for students enrolled in the fall of 2014. She noted that our students displayed above average readiness as well as achieved more positive outcomes than the Lake County average.

February Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik asked Alisa Mahinay to join her at the podium to introduce her, in the presence of her parents, as the February Student of the Month. She read Alisa's achievements that included induction into National Honor Society, earning Scholars' List and Honor Roll status, taking 6 AP courses, six AP tests and scoring qualified or well qualified on all of them, and her remarkable 5.21 GPA. Her extracurriculars include Varsity Girls' Basketball where she has earned multiple honors. She has been named Scholar Athlete and nominated for Girls' State. She participates in Student Council, FBLA, and Future Medical Professionals. Her community involvement includes service opportunities through NHS, she is a Big Dawg Mentor, and assistant coach for the Grant Girls' Feeder Basketball Team. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling and spending time with family and friends. Her future plans include earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and she will be attending University of Wisconsin-Madison on a full, four-year undergraduate scholarship. Dr. Sefcik presented Alisa with a certificate to commemorate the occasion and the Board and audience applauded her successes.

Modified School Calendar – 2019/20

Dr. Sefcik explained that the 2019/20 calendar was approved by the Board last November, however, we learned in January that many of the high school districts did not follow the *Lake County Regional Office of Education Recommended Calendar* with respect to spring break. This would result in academic and athletic challenges among schools, as well as child care and vacation conflicts for families. Communication with our feeder districts report that they will be discussing this change with their Boards to align with our new calendar.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the modified 2019/20 School Calendar as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

Legislative Update

Dr. Sefcik shared pending legislation that could impact schools. The bills highlighted in green indicate they involve money or funding. She informed the Board that she has reached out to local legislators to discuss the pending legislation. A recent updated listing of unfunded mandates was also briefly discussed.

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik requested approval for Winterguard to travel to La Porte, Indiana, from March 30-31 to participate in the Midwest Colorguard Championship tournament. An overnight stay will allow students to participate in all of the activities and avoid returning late at night. Twenty students and two chaperones will travel at a cost to the District of \$1,555.88 plus chaperone costs.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the travel for Winterguard as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik presented the following personnel recommendations:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Kalla Gold, Teacher Aide, \$15.63/hr., beginning 1/28/2019
- Pauline Hain, Food Service Part-time, \$10/hr., beginning 1/28/2019
- Maria Lopez, Assistant Cook, \$12.50/hr., beginning 2/4/2019

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from:

- Megan Voit, Special Education Teacher, effective immediately
- Roberta Presny, Food Services effective immediately
- Rachel Lesiak, Fall Flags Coach, effective for the 2019/20 season
- Amanda Munsen, Dance Coach, effective for the 2019/20 season
- Ryne Becker, 3rd Shift Custodian, effective immediately

Recommend approval of retirement request from Larry Elliott, effective on the last day of the 2020-2021 school year.

Notification of Military Duty with the US Army Reserves for Jeff Austin, Art Teacher, March 9 – March 27, 2019.

Notification of the following FMLA requests from:

- Josy Bosworth, English Teacher, May 6, 2019 – May 29, 2019
- Wayne Bosworth, PE Teacher, May 6, 2019 – May 29, 2019
- Roy Prouty, Bus Driver, March 11, 2019 – May 29, 2019
- Ruth Igyarto, Bus Driver, February 6-18, then intermittently
- Sandy Schlaf, Food Services, February 28-March 11, then intermittently

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Assessment/Testing Updates, Student Registration, February 15 Spring Institute, PBIS Vaping Activity, and Winter Formal 2018.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Resolution Setting a Hearing to Discuss an Interfund Transfer

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that as part of the 2018-19 budget, a transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund to pay for one-time facility renovation and upgrade expenses is needed. It is necessary to schedule a hearing and the resolution sets the date of that hearing on March 21, 2019.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the Resolution Setting a Hearing to Discuss an Interfund Transfer.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Construction Bid Awards

Mrs. Reich presented the bid recommendations for the summer construction projects trade packages. Bid awards include recommended Alternate #1.

6a: General Trades Package	Hargarve Builders, Inc. of South Elgin, IL	\$500,450
7a: Roofing and Sheet Metal	Weatherguard Roofing Co. of Elgin, IL	\$ 86,200
9a: Ceramic Tile & Resilient Tile Flooring	Vortex Commercial Flooring of Addison, IL	\$187,442
21a: Fire Suppression System	Absolute Fire Protection, Inc.	\$ 31,650
22a: Plumbing	Most Plumbing & Mechanical Rock Falls, IL	\$167,700
23a: HVAC	Hartwig Plumbing	\$433,300
26a: Electrical	Carey Electric	\$297,740

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve bid recommendations for summer construction as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Landscape Bid Approval

Mrs. Reich stated that the contract for landscape maintenance at the school and Molidor property expired in November 2018. Bids were solicited, four were received and opened on January 24, 2019. The low bidder was Ice Enterprises for a three-year contract beginning March 15, 2019 through November, 2021 in the amount of \$89,958.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the 3-year landscaping maintenance contract with Ice Enterprises in the amount of \$89,958.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Donations

Mrs. Reich was happy to report that the District received the opportunity to accept a donation from the Chicago Bears Organization for nine, used 70" Sharp Touch Screen Monitors valued at \$11,250, upon approval from the Board of Education.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to authorize the acceptance of the donation of (9) touch screen monitors from the Chicago Bears as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

2019/20 Budget

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that the budgeting process has begun with meeting with departments and assessing needs. Staffing will be finalized in mid-March. She hopes to have a 2019/20 budget draft at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported the District received three FOIA requests: SmartProcure, IRTA-Illinois Retired Teachers Assn., and Christine Smith. Dr. Sefcik requested the Board complete the survey to identify summer retreat dates for IASB/Board training.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); and the semiannual review of closed session minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

** At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, 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: Loris, Jared, Yanik, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to authorize the opening of closed session minutes, as confidentiality no longer exists, for the following dates: August 16, 2018, October 18, 2018, and December 20, 2018.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

** At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Mark, President Pro Tem

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary