

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

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, September 14, 2017 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium 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
Paul LaRoche, Member
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

None

Administration present:

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

AUDIENCE

Nancy English, Jeff Schaad, and friends and family of Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, Mike English. Paula Diaz and her family. Eric Weinmann, Mike Werner, Dan Bryant.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Paula Diaz on stage, in the presence of her family, to be recognized for her selection as September Student of the Month. She detailed her accomplishments such as induction into National Honor Society, her remarkable 5.157 GPA, Honor Roll and Scholars' List, Math Team, Principal's Advisory Council, membership in National Hispanic Institute, participation in the Law and Advocacy Program through National Student Leadership Conference, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, Big Dawg Mentor, volunteerism, internship with Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce, and her future plans. Dr. Sefcik presented Paula with a certificate to commemorate her selection as September Student of the Month. The Board and audience applauded Ms. Diaz and congratulated her on her successes.

Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

Dr. Sefcik invited the Board to take a seat in the audience to watch the video presentation for Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, Mr. Mike English. After the presentation, the Board retook their seats at the Board table. Dr. Sefcik and President Hill moved to the podium and invited Mr. Jeff Schad and Mrs. Nancy English to the stage. Mr. Schad reflected on his time with Mr. English at Grant and in Fox Lake. He detailed Mr. English's successes with collegiate women's volleyball. Dr. Sefcik read the Alumni Hall of Fame Resolution, Mr. Hill asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Jared to approve the Resolution naming Mr. Mike English as the 2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Mr. Hill and Dr. Sefcik presented Mrs. Nancy English with the award and copy of the resolution to commemorate Mike English's induction into the Grant Community High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Mrs. English accepted the award and expressed her thoughts on Mr. English's impact on not only the titles won, but the lives that he influenced in numerous ways outside of sports.

Mr. Hill announced a short break to allow audience to exit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held August 17, 2017

Minutes of closed meeting held August 17, 2017

September Bills Payable

August Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from March 17, 2016

** 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: Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

6th Day Enrollment

Dr. Sefcik pointed to the revised report for the Board with the results of the 6th day enrollment numbers for Grant and all of the feeder schools. She noted that enrollment has declined slightly from 1,912 in 16/17 to 1,862 this year, as anticipated from our demographic study. The "occurs as anticipated" model projected our enrollment to be 1,889 this year. The projections will be adjusted by the difference for future years and monitor that moving forward.

Summer Curriculum Project

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the French II Honors curriculum created by French teacher, Amanda LeBrun.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to approve the summer curriculum project, French II Honors as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Memorandum of Understanding

Dr. Sefcik related that there is interest for more professional development time, as a result, the Board of Education and Grant Council of Teachers have agreed to add a staff development day beginning in the second semester of 2018/19. The MoU is presented to formalize this agreement.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Annual Recognition of Schools

Dr. Sefcik removed this from the agenda as Board approval is no longer required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the travel of the baseball team to Marion, Illinois, from March 25 – 29 for three coaches and approximately 24-28 players. She also requested approval for the choir to compete in the Annual Millikin Vocal Festival at Millikin University, September 17-18 for one chaperone and 8 students.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the travel requests of the baseball team and the choir as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Legislative Update

Dr. Sefcik provided a brief update regarding recent Illinois legislation and approval of Illinois' Every Student Succeeds Act Plan by the U.S. Department of Education.

IASB Board Member Recognition & Lake Division Dinner Meeting

Dr. Sefcik invited any member who was interested in attending the Illinois Association of School Boards Lake Division Meeting on October 11, 2017 in Mundelein to contact her to make a reservation.

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik recommended the employment of the following individuals:

- Jennifer Smith, Part-time Food Services, \$10/hr., start date 8/28/2017
- Tina Shea, Part-time Food Services, \$10/hr., start date 9/11/2017
- Max Boton, Asst. Girls' Tennis Coach

Also, recommend accepting the resignation letters from the following:

- Curt Sheets, Boys' and Girls' Tennis Coach, effective August 8, 2017

Notified the Board of the following FMLA requests:

- Amanda Bilbrey, begin August 15, 2017, end November 8, 2017
- Claudia Hinestrosa, begin August 21, 2017, end November 16, 2017
- Justin Strebel, begin August 28, 2017, end November 20, 2017
- Robert Schmitt, begin February 1, 2018, end May 3, 2018

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Emergency Drills, Back to School Night, Feeder School Principal Articulation, Parent University, and Homecoming.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Public Act 97-0256 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.47) Sec. 10-20.47

Mrs. Reich provided the listing required to be reported to ISBE by October 1 of each year then posted to the District website. It includes base salary and benefits of the superintendent and all administrators and teachers employed by the District.

2016/17 Compensation Over \$75,000 Report

Mrs. Reich reported that this listing is required pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, to require an IMRF-participating employer post on its website the "total compensation package" for each employee exceeding \$75,000 per year.

Administrative Salary/Benefits Report 2016/17

Mrs. Reich said this report must be posted on the District website by October 1st of each year, the salary compensation report for every employee who holds an administrative certificate and working in that capacity.

Facilities Update

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that the sod is down outside the new classroom addition, signage throughout the building has been updated, and the seven punch list items left will be done within the month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported that there were 4 FOIA requests received and fulfilled from: 1) Illinois Retired Teachers Association; 2) SmartProcure; 3) Impact Networking, LLC; 4) Stan Zoller.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Mark 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); pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11).

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

** At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, 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, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Loris to approve the settlement of tax objections from 2012-2013

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

** At 8:19 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary