

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 18, 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, January 18, 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:

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

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President
John Jared, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal
Mr. Greg Urbaniak, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments
Dr. Nate Miller, Assistant Principal
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director
Mr. Casey Duval, Asst. Director of Activities & Athletics

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

AUDIENCE

Joe Loffredo, Julie Brua, Mark Lindeman, Viola, Bob, and Kristina Bell, Angela Balanag, Bob Schmitt

Mr. Mark asked if anyone in the audience would like to address the Board.

Dr. Brua and Mr. Lindeman from Gavin School District #37 made a brief presentation regarding facility improvements and the manner of funding for these projects for both Gavin Central and Gavin South schools. Their Board President, Mr. Loffredo was also present. The Board thanked them for their information.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held December 28, 2017

Minutes of closed meeting held December 28, 2017

January Bills Payable

December Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik called upon Kristina Bell to join her at the Board table in the presence of her parents, Viola and Bob Bell. Dr. Sefcik introduced Kristina and detailed her endeavors which include Honor Roll and Scholars' List, her 4.907 GPA, scoring 1450/SAT and 30 on her ACT, 5 AP courses, two AP test scores of a perfect 5, being named Artist of the Month in December, Cheerleading all 4 years, coaching Grant Jr. Bulldogs cheer, painting items for charity, her employment at Bella's Bouncies as a face painter, and her future endeavors of a degree major in Biology to ultimately pursue a medical degree. Dr. Sefcik presented Kristina with a certificate to commemorate her selection as student of the month for January and the Board and audience members applauded her accomplishments.

Excellence in Education Award Winner Recognition

Dr. Sefcik asked Mr. Schmidt to introduce Mr. Michael Anderson, the 2nd quarter recipient of the Excellence in Education Award. Mr. Schmidt read from the narrative why Mr. Anderson was chosen, which includes the respect from his peers and students for his passion for the subject matter, the admiration of his students, and trying new things. He also puts in countless hours outside of the school day to improve the science curriculum. The Board and audience applauded Mr. Anderson and thanked him for his hard work on behalf of the students and staff.

Co-Curricular Accomplishments – Semester One Update

Dr. Sefcik introduced Casey Duval, Assistant Director of Activities & Athletics, who provided a report on Co-Curricular activities. Some of the fall/winter accomplishments came from Academic Team, Speech Team, Math Team, Chess Team, and Debate Team. Upcoming events include Winter Guard Showcase, Math Team, Honors Band, Choir, Art Show, and Bass Fishing. He also provided participation data for the fall of 2017 and comparisons with fall 2016.

Future Ready Update and Recommendations for 2018/19

Dr. Sefcik, Mr. Urbaniak, and Mr. Schmidt provided information on the Future Ready initiative. Mr. Urbaniak said the main goal is to move toward personalized student learning. The Pilot/field study was discussed by Mr. Urbaniak and Mr. Schmidt including the Chromebook pilot, the field study, and feedback. Dr. Miller informed the Board that they have been seeing success by way of a case study for Spanish I and are encouraged by a positive trend that shows the 2017 cohort is outperforming the 2016 cohort in semester 1. The recommendations for 2018/19 is adding more Chromebooks, ancillary needs (carts, etc.), expansion of 21st Century classrooms, supporting technology programs (learning management systems and student monitoring and communications), and staff support (professional development and dedicated release time).

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to authorize moving forward with the Future Ready 2018/19 recommendations presented.

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

Aye: Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Yanik, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Dedication – Main Court Fieldhouse

Dr. Sefcik provided background on Lee Oler, former Grant student-athlete in basketball and cross-country. He earned All-Conference, All-County, and All-State basketball honors, played Division I basketball, played professionally in Mexico, and earned AAU All-American honors. Mr. Oler was a lifelong resident of Fox Lake and generously gave back to our students through coaching and mentoring. Mr. Wayne Bosworth and the Boys' Basketball program requests to name the fieldhouse main court "Lee Oler Court" in honor of Mr. Oler.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the naming of the main court in the fieldhouse "Lee Oler Court".

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

Aye: LaRoche, Loris, Yanik, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

PSAT/NMSQT Performance Summary

Dr. Sefcik pointed out the performance results of Grant students in comparison to state averages. She noted that it is the first year of our transition to fall SAT testing.

Northern Lake County Conference – Sharing of Services

Dr. Sefcik reported how, since the formation of the NLCC, one of the main focuses has been on creating opportunities for students in athletics and clubs. With that well established, the emphasis has turned to the potential to expand academic opportunities. Superintendents, principals, and curriculum directors are discussing the feasibility for students to enroll in other NLCC districts, under certain controlled circumstances, for coursework not available at their home district. Legal counsel is working to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement that would reflect this partnership and determine if any change to School Board Policy is necessary. An Intergovernmental Agreement could potentially be provided for review at the February meeting.

Spring Coaching Recommendations

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

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the spring coaches as presented.

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

Aye: Loris, Yanik, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik presented the following personnel recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Ari Kazan, Part-time Teacher Aide, \$16.65/hr., and Part-time In-house Substitute, beginning 1/8/2018

- Melissa Ball, Bus Driver, \$20,45/hr, beginning 1/8/2018 and Part-time Food Service, \$10/hr. beginning 1/16/2018
- Jody Davis, Custodian 3rd Shift, \$12.50/hr., beginning 1/16/2018

Accept the resignation letters from:

- Kori Lichter, Freshmen Cheer Coach, effective end of 2017/18 winter season

Recommend extending the leave of absence for Michelle Handzel through the 2018/19 school year.

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

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

Aye: Yanik, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on SAT Prep Class, Illinois Youth Survey, Pep Assembly, Eighth Grade Enrollment Night, and Semester Grade Reporting.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Master Agreement Extension with Cannon Design

Mrs. Reich requested a 5-year extension to the master agreement with Cannon Design. This will allow Cannon Design to work on designs for projects that we are currently working on, such as locker room renovation, front entry, and band room storage. Additionally, future projects will be included in the extension. Each project will be negotiated separately as to cost.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the Master Agreement 5-year extension with Cannon Design.

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Dental Renewal Rates

Mrs. Reich provided the proposed dental rates with Humana dental PPO and HMO. They represent a two percent increase for both plans. She will continue to examine other plans and rates in hopes of having renewal periods coincide with medical plan renewal. She recommended the following dental insurance rates:

<u>PPO</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Employee	\$28.34	\$28.91
Employee + One	\$64.22	\$65.50
Family	\$97.08	\$99.02
<u>DHMO</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Employee	\$16.70	\$17.56
Employee + One	\$32.56	\$34.21
Family	\$45.34	\$47.37

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the dental rates as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Band Room Storage Options

Mrs. Reich reported that she has been working with the Principal, Band Director, the Divisional Administrator responsible for band, and the Assistant Director of Activities and Athletics. A number of options were discussed and the plans provided by Cannon Design were the product of those discussions. These designs were provided to the Site and Facility Committee for their feedback. The recommendation is Option 1 with revisions which adds a room onto the band room that is specifically for the instruments.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to authorize moving forward with the band room storage Option 1 with revisions.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

FOIA Requests received from Parent's Foundation for Education and Daily Herald; Booster Club is in need of leadership help; Vetoed education bill and new replacement bill.

CLOSED SESSION

** It was determined there was no need to enter into closed session.

ADJOURN

** At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Mark, President Pro Tem

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary