

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 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, February 15, 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
Paul LaRoche, Member
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary

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

Paul LaRoche served as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Secretary, Ruth Michniewicz

AUDIENCE

Tammy & Bob Himber, Heather & Jeff Jensen, Brandi McMullan, Kimberly & Rodger Zielinski, Liz Ironside, Rachel Tosado, Leslie Ulibarri, Yvette Stauner, Kirsten Noda, Bob, Viola & Kristina Bell, Rafael Torres, Dulcemaria Torres, Maricruz Torres, Maricruz Gonzalez, Luis Torres, Donny Schmit, Mike Frank, Domenica Koch, Michele Hurley, Patrick Hurley, GCHS Coed Cheerleading Team, Carrie Joray

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held January 18, 2018

February Bills Payable

January Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from August 18, 2016

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik invited Rafael Torres, in the presence of his family, to the Board table to be introduced as the February Student of the Month. Dr. Sefcik provided Rafael's achievements including consistently appearing on Honor Roll and Scholars' List, his remarkable 5.251 GPA, undertaking 10 AP classes, his score of 31 on his ACT, and a 1370 on his SAT. He is involved in Boys' Varsity Soccer, serving as Captain this year, he is a Big Dawg Mentor, he was chosen to attend the American Legion's Boys State as a delegate and while there, he was nominated Chief Supreme Court Justice and he won the Geiger Leadership Award. He was 2nd alternate to attend Boys Nation. He works in his father's business and helps out with his neighbor's farm. His spare time includes following politics, playing guitar, singing, and recording to post on social media. He would like to earn his degree in pre-med or biology and has been accepted to several universities. He is still undecided as to which he will attend. Dr. Sefcik presented Rafael with a certificate to commemorate his selection as Student of the Month. The Board and audience applauded and congratulated him.

COED Varsity Cheerleading Competition Squad

Dr. Sefcik introduced Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director, who informed the Board that in the 13 years since competitive cheerleading has been in existence, and the 7 years since COED cheerleading has been competing, Grant has consistently had a team qualify for State competition. He then introduced Carrie Joray, Head Cheerleading Coach, who introduced each member of the team. Mr. Mark and Dr. Sefcik presented each cheerleader and coach with a certificate to celebrate their 2nd place success at State. The Board congratulated them and applauded the hard work that led to their accomplishment.

Coaching & Co-Curricular Staff Recommendations

Dr. Sefcik reported that the collective bargaining agreement requires the administration and union meet to discuss the number of coaches and sponsors assigned to each activity. Several meetings took place. There are no recommendations for change at this time.

Grant Lacrosse Club Proposal

Dr. Sefcik stated that she met recently with representatives from the Grant Lacrosse Club who requested boys' lacrosse be considered as a school sport for the 18/19 school year. The proposal was shared with the Board and she provided several handouts, which will need consideration to make the final determination. These included a narrative and Grant's statistics on Title IX Compliance from Scariano, Himes, and Petrarca, a 2017/18 Athletic Survey Response, Athletic Program Research, and the listing of potential lacrosse costs. The information was discussed among the Board and administration present.

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the overnight travel for FBLA to attend their State competition on April 6-7. Approximately 22 students, their sponsor, and a chaperone will depart on April 5 and return the evening of April 7. The cost to the District will be \$5,379, which includes registration, hotel, and meals. She also recommends approval of the travel for the Debate Team for the IHSA tournament in Springfield for the qualifying students, their sponsor, and a chaperone to travel March 15 to March 18. The cost to the District will be approximately \$1,118.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the overnight travel for FBLA and Debate Team as presented.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the following personnel recommendations.

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Nikki Lesch, Food Service, \$10/hr. starting 1/30/2018 and Transportation, 2hrs/day at \$19.37, starting 2/5/2018
- Andy Flaker, Spring Event Coordinator
- Emmy Spetz, Long-term Substitute for FMLA leave, February 1 - March 2.

Recommend accepting resignation letters from the following:

- Ryan Lopez, Permanent Substitute, effective immediately
- Matthew Newborn, Custodian, effective February 2, 2018
- John Deppe, Custodian, effective February 15, 2018

Accept the retirement letter from Sheila Cameron to retire at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

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

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

Aye: Loris, Jared, Yanik, Mark, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on English Language Learner Testing, Parent University, Spanish Placement Tests, Winter Formal 2018, and Student Registration.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Donations

Mrs. Reich reported that the District received a \$1,000 donation from Lullabye Foundation to be used by the band program to purchase an instrument or instruments.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to accept the \$1,000 donation from Lullaby Foundation to be used by the band department.

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

Aye: Jared, Yanik, Mark, LaRoche, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Technology Expansion Quotes

Mrs. Reich received quotes from three companies for the 1,200 additional Chromebooks for the technology expansion. She recommends approval of the lowest quote from GHA Technologies, Inc. at a cost of \$336,701.54.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Loris to approve the quote from GHA Technologies at a cost of \$336,701.54 for 1,200 Chromebooks.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Yanik, Mark, LaRoche, Loris, Jared
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Michniewicz
Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik stated that three FOIA requests were received and fulfilled, STEMfest was a big hit-approximately 300 people attended, and Ruth Michniewicz's mom passed away and her Celebration of Life will be held on February 23, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION

- ** At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris 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); Semi-annual review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under OMA 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)**
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Michniewicz
Motion – **Passed**
- ** At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to end closed session and return to open session.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik, Mark
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Michniewicz
Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Yanik to approve student #2017-18/03 to be placed at the Regional Office of Education Alternative Safe School for the remainder of the spring semester of 2018.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Loris, Jared, Yanik, Mark, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Michniewicz
Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Jared to keep the following minutes closed due to the continued need for confidentiality or open as confidentiality no longer exists.

MEETING DATE MINUTES	CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS	CONFIDENTIALITY NO LONGER EXISTS
July 20, 2017		X
August 17, 2017		X
September 14, 2017	X	
October 19, 2017		X
November 16, 2017	X	
December 28, 2017		X

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Loris, Jared, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

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

Ken Mark, President Pro Tem

Paul LaRoche, Secretary Pro Tem