GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 17, 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, May 17, 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:

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

Members absent:

John Jared, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal
Mr. Ryan Geist, Assistant Principal
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director
Mr. Greg Urbaniak, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

AUDIENCE

Chelsea Wolfe, Courtney Williams, Kayla Williams, Judy Griffith, Thomas Evans

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held April 19, 2018
Minutes of closed meeting held April 19, 2018
May Bills Payable
April Treasurer's Report
Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from November 17, 2016

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

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik invited the May Student of the Month, Kayla Williams, to be introduced to the Board, in the presence of her mother, Judy Griffith. Kayla was inducted into the NHS during her sophomore year, earning the Service Award during junior and senior year, she consistently places on Honor Roll and Scholars' List, and was named Illinois State Scholar for 2018. Her GPA is an amazing 4.924/4.00. She is a peer music tutor, a member of Chamber Singers, Destiny's Chord, Anthem Singers, and Sweet Adeline's. She has earned Alto Section Leader, Choir Rookie of the Year, Heralding Trumpet award, and Outstanding Musician award. She has appeared in the Spring Musicals, Spotlight Youth Theater, and the Round Lake Area Park District Theater program. She was selected to attend the World Affairs Seminar 2017, the NLCC Leadership Conference, and a competitive nursing internship at Advocate Condell. Her service to the community includes children's ministry, youth and adult worship teams, Guest Service volunteer at Advocate Condell, entertains at events as princess characters, and goes on mission trips. She works as a children's theater class assistant, summer camp counselor, and Gap sales associate. She plans to earn a degree in nursing at Liberty University. Dr. Sefcik presented a certificate to commemorate her selection as May Student of the Month. The Board and audience applauded Kayla's successes.

Excellence in Education Award – 4th Quarter

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the Excellence in Education Award winner for the 4th Quarter is School Counselor, Larry Elliott. Mr. Elliott communicated to Dr. Sefcik earlier in the day that he was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Instructional Coach Presentation

Dr. Sefcik invited Mr. Urbaniak, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment to present the Instructional Coaches, Mr. Tom Evans, and Mrs. Chelsea Wolfe. The Instructional Coaches provided detail of their work with areas of support to teachers for improved student achievement. They are pleased with the high participation rate for the 21st Century Drop-In Series Professional Development, classroom visits, teachers meeting or exceeding goals in their coaching cycles, and coaching and data collection cycles were detailed. They are looking forward to the Chromebook expansion next year. Dr. Sefcik told the Board that Chelsea Wolfe will be taking a leave of absence and Vicki Shifley and Maggie Germann will be sharing her instructional coach duties next year.

Dress Code Changes

Dr. Sefcik invited Ryan Geist, Assistant Principal, to discuss the proposed changes to the student dress code policy for 2018/19. Mr. Geist explained that the Discipline Committee, which consists of 25 people, has met five times to discuss and review the changes. These revisions have been primarily based upon the model from the National Organization for Women, there are proposed enforcement changes, and they are designed to provide clarity to students, parents, and staff.

Honors Night

Dr. Sefcik was pleased to announce that Honors Night was a very special event to recognize the achievements of 122 dedicated Grant students. Through generous donations, $63,900 in scholarships were distributed that evening. In addition, many scholarships from colleges and universities that were granted to students were also recognized.

Summer Curriculum Project

Dr. Sefcik presented the summer curriculum project for French IV for review and approval. The project will be compensated at the rate of $500.

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the French IV summer curriculum project as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Yanik, Hill, Mark
Nay: None
Absent: Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Northern Lake County Conference – Academic Opportunities

Dr. Sefcik shared the proposed NLCC bylaw change that allows for the expansion of academic opportunities for students within the conference. It is expected to be voted on June 6th. She noted that these academic options go well beyond the traditional conference structure of athletic and activity opportunities.

Fall Play / Spring Musical Selections 2018/19

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the fall play will be *The Crucible* and the spring musical will be *The Sound of Music*. She provided highlights of each.

Final Calendar 2017/18

Dr. Sefcik reported that it was necessary to revise the 2017/18 calendar for the emergency day that was required for a severe weather closure on February 9, 2018. The final calendar will be filed with ISBE upon Board approval.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the Final 2017/18 Calendar.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: LaRoche, Loris, Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz
Nay: None
Absent: Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Travel and Overnight Trips

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the following travel and overnight trip requests:

- FCCLA National Competition, one student and sponsor to travel to Atlanta, June 28-July 2, District pays half cost for the student and all of the sponsor's travel expenses.
- FBLA, to travel to the Illinois FBLA-PBL Leadership in Springfield from July 28-30, cost to attend will be paid by students and hotel cost by GCHS Booster Club Wish List funds.
- Girls' basketball team to travel to the University of Wisconsin-Madison High School Team Camp from June 22-24, cost to attend will be paid with team activity funds supplemented by GCHS Booster Club Wish List funds.
- Wrestling team to travel to the Iowa Team Wrestling Camp from June 26-29 at the University of Iowa, cost for the camp fee will be paid by students and all other costs will be paid with team activity funds.
- Cross Country team to travel to the Peoria Notre Dame Cross Country Invite from September 14-15. All costs will be paid with team activity funds, except one meal students will be responsible for upon return home.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the travel and overnight requests as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Loris, Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Co-Curricular Sponsors 2018/19

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the co-curricular sponsors for 2018/19 as presented.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Loris to approve the list of co-curricular sponsors for 2018/19 as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Fall Coaches 2018/19

Dr. Sefcik presented the list of 2018/19 fall coaches for approval.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the 2108/19 fall coaches as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following recommendations for employment for 2018/19:

- Jamie Martin, Principal's Admin. Assistant, $52,000, start date 6/4/2018
- Garrett Olsen, Full-time English, BA Step 0
- Sandra Harned, ELL .8, Soc. Studies .2, MA+15 Step 8
- Kyle Barber, Full-time Social Studies, BA Step 4
- Emmy Spetz,.6 full-time & .4 leave position, English, BA Step 0
- Lon Reitz, .6 part-time Tech. Ed., BA+15 Step 11
- Ross Purchatzke, .6 part-time PE, BA Step 1
- Heidi McCarthy, .4 part-time Art, BA Step 1
- Martin Grum, .8 part-time Math, BA Step 0
- Vicki Shifley, Instructional Coach .4 for LOA, English .6
- Maggie Germann Instructional Coach .4 for LOA, Science .6
- Therese Feuling, Food Service, $10/hr., starting 4/27/2018

She recommended accepting the resignations from the following:

- Kathleen Pausch, Librarian, effective upon completion of 2017/18 contract
- Amanda Bilbrey, Environmental Club Sponsor, effective end of 2017/18
- Debbie Houghton, Food Service, effective May 18, 2018
- Curt Sheets, Director of Buildings and Grounds, change retirement date from August 31 to June 29.
- Bulfano Garcia Jr., Custodian, effective May 31, 2018

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

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on the Illinois Principals' Association Student Recognition Breakfast, Financial Aid Night, Freshman Honors Breakfast, Principal's Advisory Council Summary, Prom 2018, Staff Picnic, Yearbook Distribution, Signing Celebration, Final Exams, Graduation, and AP Testing.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

2017/18 Amended Budget

Mrs. Reich reminded the Board that the 2017/18 amended budget was still on public display for the required 30 days and it will be on the June agenda for hearing and approval.

2018/19 Budget

Mrs. Reich provided the 2018/19 tentative budget for review. She noted that the budget reflects the spending down of balances and there are some unknowns that are still pending. The budget will be updated upon receipt of new information. She recommended placing the 2018/19 tentative budget on display for 30 days and it will be on the June agenda for hearing and approval.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Loris to authorize the placement of the 2018/19 tentative budget on public display for the statutory 30 days.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

National School Lunch Program – 2018/19 School Lunch Price

Mrs. Reich reported that as part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Act of 2010, the District is required to annually analyze the price charged for the school lunches using the Illinois State Board of Education's paid lunch equity calculator. The calculator averages our lunch price, which ranges from $2.75 - $3.59. By increasing the main lunch from $2.75 to $2.85 for the 2018/19 school year, we will be in compliance.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the increase of the main lunch price to $2.85 beginning with the 2018/19 school year.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

School Fees 2018/19

Mrs. Reich provided data from surrounding school districts regarding fees charged for 2018/19. She recommended the structure of the athletic fees change to a 3-tier approach. The individual fee will stay at $100 per student, per sport, but add an individual cap of $200, and change the family maximum to $300.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the change to athletic fees as described.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board of a new student resource that will be communicated to students and parents. Text-A-Tip is an anonymous text crisis hotline that allows students to use technology to communicate with mental health professionals in an anonymous environment. This information will be available continually on the District website.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 8:02 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Yanik, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris
Nay: None
Absent: Jared
Motion – **Passed**

** At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Mark to end closed session and return to open session.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Loris, Yanik
Nay: None
Absent: Jared
Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Items brought before the Board during closed session did not require action.

ADJOURN

** At 8:06 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Mark to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary