

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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 15, 2016 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
Jim Loris, Member
John Jared, Member
J. Kevin Hunter, Member

Members absent:

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary
Paul LaRoche, Member

Administration present:

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

AUDIENCE

Jeri Barr, Olivia Shinnars, Kathy Shinnars, Dan Shinnars, Mike Werner, Shane Rivette, David Heasley

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held August 18, 2016

Minutes of closed meeting held August 18, 2016

September Bills Payable

August Treasurer's Report

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

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

Aye: Mark, Loris, Jared, Hunter, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Olivia Shinnors, in the presence of her parents, to join her at the Board table and introduced her to the Board. She detailed her accomplishments such as induction into the National Honor Society during her sophomore year, inclusion on the Honor Roll and Scholars' List, and her 4.986 GPA, placing her 11th in her graduating class of 480 seniors. Olivia's other school activities were mentioned: Student Council, Freshman Class President, Student Council Vice President last year and President this year, Varsity Dance Team, and the community service opportunities offered through NHS. Her interests outside of school include music and family and friends. She would like to earn a degree in International Relations and is exploring her university options. Dr. Sefcik presented her with a commemorative certificate and the Board and audience applauded her accomplishments.

IASB Board Member Recognition & Lake Division Dinner Meeting

Dr. Sefcik congratulated Board Member, Jim Loris, for his LeaderShop Member award through IASB. IASB recognizes the individual's achievement of this award as "models the life-long learning we all want to see in our students and board colleagues." Mr. Loris' award will be presented at the Lake Division Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. The topic for the dinner will be "Disturbing the Peace: Handling Community Dissent in Public Schools." Along with Dr. Sefcik, Mrs. Reich, and Mr. Loris, Board members: Mr. Hunter and Mr. Jared will be attending.

6th Day Enrollment

Dr. Sefcik provided the summary of 6th day enrollment numbers at Grant as well as our feeder districts. She noted that enrollment declined slightly from 1,923 in 2015/16 to 1,912 this year, which was anticipated in the most recent demographic study. The "occurs as anticipated" model expected enrollment at 1,933 this year. Therefore, we will adjust our projections by the difference in the future and watch development within the Grant community, such as Lakemoor and Volo. Dr. Sefcik noted the value of the demographic study information and suggests an update in 4-5 years.

Annual Recognition of Schools

Dr. Sefcik stated in accordance with the Illinois School Code, districts are required to annually comply with statutory guidelines established by the Illinois State Board of Education. All requirements have been met and following approval by our Board of Education, it will be submitted to ISBE.

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Loris to approve the Annual Recognition of Schools to ISBE.

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

Aye: Loris, Jared, Hunter, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

ISBE/PARCC Update

Dr. Sefcik furnished the Board with the state-level preliminary PARCC scores released by ISBE late August. It shows a statewide average increase in math and slight decline in English Language Arts/Literature across all grades tested. District and school scores will not be public until the School Report Card is released in October. She noted that this is the final PARCC score information we will receive with the transition to the SAT this year. The SAT will provide more reliable data.

School Board Policies – First Reading

Dr. Sefcik recommended changes to the following School Board policies, based upon direction from the Illinois Association of School Boards and legal counsel:

Section 200 School Board

2:70 Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies

Section 600 Students

6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

Section 700 Students

7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

Section 800 Community Relations

8:110 Public Suggestions and Comments

Dr. Sefcik answered questions from the Board and said these policies were available for a first reading or for approval if the Board was comfortable with the suggested revisions.

** A motion was made by Mr. Hunter, second by Mr. Jared to approve the Board policy changes as presented.

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

Aye: Jared, Hunter, Hill, Mark, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

College of Lake County Promise

Dr. Sefcik apprised the Board that the CLC/High School Alliance meets to make progress on current initiatives and new initiatives. One of the new initiatives, the CLC “Promise” is ready to be piloted beginning in the 2017/18 school year. A number students from low income households will be eligible for 100% tuition and fees covered by the CLC Foundation. When the draft of the Promise Program qualifications have been approved by the CLC Board and Foundation, the information will be released to families.

Athletic Travel

Dr. Sefcik reported that the baseball team is requesting to travel to Marion, Illinois, from March 27 through March 30, to play 4-8 baseball games. Students and their parents will contribute approximately \$30 each to defray meal expenses. The remaining cost will be paid from the baseball activity fund.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Mark to approve the baseball team travel to Marion, Illinois as presented.

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

Aye: Hunter, Hill, Mark, Loris, Jared

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

Lake County Financial Data Report

Dr. Sefcik provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Lake County Financial Data Report, compiled by the Regional Office of Education with data from FY 2014/15. Items reviewed were State Aid disbursements, Federal Aid, Total revenue per pupil, property taxes, etc.

Personnel

Recommend the employment of Phillip Bregenzer, Teacher Assistant, \$13.08/hr., start date 8/29/2016

Recommend the transfer of Jacquie Raslawski, Guidance Secretary to Systems Analyst, start date September 14, 2016.

Recommend accepting the resignation from Rosemarie Jones, Systems Analyst, effective September 30, 2016

Recommend approval of the following FMLA requests:

- Derek Singleton, custodian/bus driver, August 25, 2016 – November 18, 2016, for employee's serious illness
- Heather Schaefer, Guidance Counselor, November 28, 2016 – March 7, 2017, for birth of a child

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

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

Aye: Hill, Mark, Loris, Jared, Hunter

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Deans' Meetings, Emergency Drills, Back to School Night, Principal Articulation, Teacher Evaluations, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports: Student Kick-Off, and College and Financial Aid Night.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that each school board shall report to the State Board of Education, on or before October 1 of each year, the base salary and benefits of the district superintendent and all administrators and teachers employed by the school district. For the purposes of this Section, "benefits" includes without limitation vacation days, sick days, bonuses, annuities, and retirement enhancements. Prior to the annual reporting to the State Board, this information must be presented at a regular school board meeting. After presenting to the Board, this information must also be posted on the District's website.

Facilities Update

Mrs. Reich gave the following updates:

- Molidor Road – weed and feed has been completed and the overseeding will be done next week. She will be meeting the engineer and walking the fields next week.
- New Parking Lot – the light pole was installed at the beginning of the path, and is operational now. The ground along the sides has been smoothed out and seeded.
- Landscaping/Grass Maintenance – We are keeping the retention ponds cut back based on the cutting that Breezy Hill did and will maintain that grass length. New trees along the bus lane are doing well and still being maintained and watered. Other trees are being watched.
- New Classroom Addition – ECS is completing soil borings per the architect specifications for the testing of compressive strength and type of soil at the location of the new classroom addition.

She noted that she will schedule a Site and Facility meeting soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reminded the Board that the October Board meeting will be held on October 6th due to the Alumni Hall of Fame induction that coincides with the Homecoming festivities. The AHOF reception begins at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby and the board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Flu shots are available on September 30th for any board member that would like to have one.

School Board conference information was presented.

CLOSED SESSION

- ** At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hunter, 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).

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

Aye: Mark, Loris, Jared, Hunter, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

- ** At 7:46 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: Loris, Jared, Hunter, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Jared to terminate food service employee. Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Jared, Hunter, Hill, Mark, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, LaRoche

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

- ** At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Loris to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ken Mark, Secretary Pro Tem