

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 2016 and called to order at 7:05 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
J. Kevin Hunter, Member

Members absent:

None

Administration present:

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

AUDIENCE

Family and friends of the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees, Michael Kazlauskys and Jimmy Kennedy, and of Gavin Diehl, October Student of the Month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

Dr. Sefcik welcomed Mr. Mike Kazlauskys and Mr. Jimmy Kennedy and their family and friends. A slide show highlighting each of the inductees was shown. She asked Mr. Kazlauskys and Mr. Bryan Talbot, who nominated him for the honor, to join her and President Hill on stage. Mr. Talbot read his remarks about Mr. Kazlauskys's successes in high school, the Air Force Academy, and his military and coaching career. Dr. Sefcik read the Board Resolution, President Hill presented the Alumni Hall of Fame award, and Mr. Kazlauskys spoke of his gratitude to Grant and the Fox Lake community and people that lead to his success. The Board and audience stood and applauded and congratulated him.

Dr. Sefcik then called upon Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Ryan Geist, who nominated Mr. Kennedy for the honor. Mr. Geist talked of Mr. Kennedy's accomplishments in competition before and since graduating Grant High School. He also spoke of the focus and drive that he had not seen before in a student athlete which served him in the sport and in the classroom. Dr. Sefcik read the Board Resolution, President Hill presented the Alumni Hall of Fame, and Mr. Kennedy spoke about his influences, family and coaches that helped him be successful. The Board and audience stood and applauded and congratulated him.

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik invited Gavin Diehl, the October Student of the Month, on stage. She introduced Gavin and detailed his accomplishments including induction into the National Honor Society where he serves as President, Honor Roll, Scholars' List, his 4.515 GPA, rank of 44 of 480 seniors, extracurriculars: Student Council, Speech Team, Chamber Singers, Anthem Singers, Barbershop Quartet, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Fall Play, and Spring Musical. He has won many honors in the arts; participated in community service opportunities, and enjoys reading, composing music, playing various instruments, and listening to music. He plans to earn a degree in Music Composition and hopes to attend Columbia College in Chicago. Dr. Sefcik presented Gavin a certificate commemorating his selection as Student of the Month for October. The audience and Board stood to congratulate and applaud him.

Dr. Sefcik announced a short break at 7:50 to allow the audience to leave if they wanted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held September 15, 2016

Minutes of closed meeting held September 15, 2016

October Bills Payable

September Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from April 30, 2015

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

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Curriculum Changes for 2017/18

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the new courses for 2017/18:

- Advanced Placement Macroeconomics
- Advanced Placement Microeconomics
- Advanced Placement Physics C
- Preparatory Mathematics
- Honors French II

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the new courses for 2017/18 as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Rising Star Continuous Improvement Plan

Dr. Sefcik presented the Rising Star Continuous Improvement Plan we were required to develop based on findings from the Focused Monitoring that was conducted. The corrective action is to address two areas of noncompliance noted last April and provide additional staff development. This plan will remedy the findings.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to approve the Rising Star Continuous Improvement Plan.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

IASB Board of Education Self-Evaluation

Dr. Sefcik provided the choice of several dates to schedule a time for Barbara Toney from the Illinois Association of School Boards to work with the Board. This is a professional development opportunity for all and the objective is to complete a self-evaluation by the end of the evening.

Winter Coaches

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the winter coaching staff.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Hunter, second by Mr. Jared to approve the winter coaches as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Nichol Mangino, Guidance Secretary, starting 10/11/2016, \$16/hr.
- Co-Curricular Sponsors 2016/17
 - Film Club – Robert Schmitt
 - Freshman Class – Kristin Borrino
 - Junior Class Co-Sponsor – Nicole Frett
 - Snow Dogs – Jeff Austin
 - Snow Dogs Assistant – Michelle Handzel
 - Sophomore Class – Erin Notriano
 - Student Council – Ashley Gaura

Accepting the resignation from Tina Wurtz, food service, effective 9/28/2016.

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Alumni Hall of Fame Induction

Dr. Sefcik recommended formal approval of the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees.

- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on:

- Residency Update
- September 30th Institute Day
- Homecoming 2016
- Student Non-Compliance with Health Records and Immunizations Requirements

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Donations

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that as Board Policy 8:80 requires that the Board officially accept any donations above \$500, we have received a donation from Baxter Healthcare of a small table-top robot, estimated to value between \$5,000 and \$10,000. This robot will be used by our Robotics Club and Technology Exploration I & II classes.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. LaRoche to accept the donation.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Facility Update

Mrs. Reich provided updates on the following:

- New Student Parking Lot
- Athletic Fields by the Field House
- Molidor Road Sports Field, including damage done to the baseball field
- 10-Year Life Safety Survey
- Small Classroom Addition

She further stated that a Site and Facility committee meeting will likely be scheduled for the end of October.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik provided the following information to the Board:

- FOIA request was received by NBC5 Chicago regarding epi-pens and was fulfilled.
- IASB resolutions and the approved certified staff contract are provided to the Board.
- The November BOE meeting agenda will contain a long-range financial discussion, which will include plans, historical data, and abatement.
- A memo was sent to parents about the safety update regarding clown sighting concerns
- She thanked the Board for their flexibility with regard to changing the Board meeting date so that the Alumni Hall of Fame induction could coincide with Homecoming.

CLOSED SESSION

It was determined that it was not necessary to go into closed session.

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

No closed session action required.

ADJOURN

** At 8:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary