

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

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, August 20, 2026 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call, the following Members were found to be present:

Mrs. Kathy Kusiak, President
Mr. John Jared, Vice President
Mrs. Shelly Booth, Secretary
Mrs. Laurie Hembrey, Member
Mr. Ed Lescher, Member
Mr. Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Mrs. Ivy Fleming, Member

Administration present:

Mrs. Veronica Lukemeyer, Divisional Administrator
Dr. Nathan Miller, Asst. Principal for Student Operations
Dr. Stacie Noisey, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Dr. Jeremy N. Schmidt, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager
Mr. Blair Schoell, Principal
Mrs. Tina Sonders, Director of Special Education
Mr. Eric Taubery, Divisional Administrator
Ms. Katherine Wishau, Students Support Coordinator

Student Representative:

Bartek Chrupek

AUDIENCE

Lindsay Clarke
Jesse James
Michael James
Tammy James
Samantha La Vine
Amelia Quint
Benjamin Quint
Michael Werner

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held July 16, 2026

August Bills Payable

July Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from February 20, 2025

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

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

Aye: Booth, Hembrey, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Jared

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Recognition and Informational Items

New Faculty Introductions

Dr. Schmidt asked Mr. Schoell to lead the introduction of new faculty members. Mr. Schoell advised that he was very excited for this group of new teachers and to see their growth over the next few years. Each of the introductions included their education, experience and interests. Veronica Lukemeyer introduced Lindsay Clarke, Nathan Miller introduced Samantha La Vine, Blair Schoell introduced Benjamin Quint, Stacie Noisey introduced Katie Wishau, and Mike Werner introduced Jesses James. President Kathy Kusiak presented each new faculty member with a gift of GCHS spirit wear.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Schmidt advised that as of August 13, 2026 our current enrollment numbers.

Grade 9: 425

Grade 10: 396

Grade 11: 426

Grade 12: 479

Total 1726

Dr. Schmidt also advised that as of our 6th day enrollment which was on August 19, 2026 our total was up a bit to 1732.

Summer Curriculum Work

Dr. Schmidt welcomed the Board of Education to review the memo that Dr. Noisey provided which outlined summer curriculum work. He advised that 62 teachers from 11 departments worked on 33 course revisions.

College of Lake County Partnership Updates

Dr. Schmidt advised of revised agreements that define the respective roles and responsibilities of both the high school and the college regarding College and Career Navigator support and dual credit instruction.

Principal's Report

Mr. Schoell presented his monthly report which included information on Parent University – High School 101, professional development, pep assembly, college and career readiness, fall athletics, school safety plan and teacher evaluations.

Student Representative's Report

Bartek Chrupek provided his report which included information on the senior sunrise, freshman orientation, freshman 5 schedule, NLCC leadership conference, pep rally and provided a student highlight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Action Items

PreACT Testing Contract

Dr. Schmidt recommended the approval of the PreACT testing contract as presented.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the PreACT testing contract as presented.

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

Aye: Booth, Hembrey, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Jared

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

Exceptional Learners Collaborative IGA

Dr. Schmidt recommended the approval of the Exceptional Learners Collaborative Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Hembrey, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Exceptional Learners' Collaborative and Grant Community High School District 124 as presented.

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

Aye: Hembrey, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Jared, Booth

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

CLC College and Career Navigator IGA

Dr. Schmidt recommended the approval of the CLC College and Career Navigator Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the College and Career Navigator with the College of Lake County as presented.

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

Aye: Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Hembrey

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Schmidt made the following personnel recommendations:

Recommend the employment of the following individual(s):

- Nicholas Blencoe, Asst. Football Coach, effective immediately
- Victor Delgadillo, Asst. Football Coach, effective immediately
- Michael Gaughan, Head Girls' Wrestling Coach, effective immediately

- Linda Jacobs, Sub Bus Driver, \$30.86/hr., starting October 5, 2026
- Anthony Johnson, Fall Event Coordinator, effective immediately
- Brian Kennedy, School Bus Driver, \$26.80/hr., starting August 3, 2026
- Robert Koske, Bus Driver (15 hrs per week), \$33.80/hr., starting August 3, 2026
- Jon Schaap, Asst. Boys' Volleyball Coach, effective immediately
- Calista Warmowski, Asst. Girls Wrestling Coach, effective immediately

Recommend the position change for the following individual:

- Jesse James, Asst. Baseball Coach, .5 to 1.0, effective immediately
- Jacob Wodrich, Asst Baseball Coach, .5 to 1.0, effective immediately

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from the following individual(s):

- Chris Carlson, Girl's Asst. Soccer Coach, effective immediately
- Raya Mayer, Custodian, effective August 7, 2026
- Jammie Meyer, Girl's Asst. Soccer Coach, effective immediately

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

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

Aye: Yanik, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Hembrey, Lescher

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Evidence Based Funding

Beth Reich advised the Board of Education that the state has released the EBF numbers and we are staying in Tier 1. She advised that our budgeted amount was just over \$187,000 more than what we are receiving. The amended budget will be presented to the Board in the winter, the change in EBF will be included and we will work to close the gap that this has created.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Schmidt informed the Board that one Freedom of Information Act request was received and fulfilled.

Dr. Schmidt advised the Board that he was informed by the ROE that they certified the CSFT question to the County Clerk and the CSFT question will appear on the November 3, 2026 election ballot. The Board was advised that staff and Board members cannot advocate for or against the question, they can only state factual information.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Booth, second by Mr. Lescher to go into closed session for the purpose of semi-annual review of closed session minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21), student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); Other matters relating to individual students 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(10); 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: Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Hembrey, Lescher, Yanik

Nay: None
Absent: Fleming
Motion – **Passed**

** At 8:32 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to end closed session and return to open session.

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

Aye: Jared, Booth, Hembrey, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak
Nay: None
Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION CLOSED SESSION

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to authorize opening the following closed session minutes: January 15, 2026, February 19, 2026, March 19, 2026, April 16, 2026, May 21, 2026 and June 18, 2026.

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

Aye: Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Jared, Booth
Nay: None
Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

** A motion was made by Mrs. Hembrey, second by Mr. Yanik to approve additional compensation for the individuals who had a significant role in the Qmlativ conversion.

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

Aye: Yanik, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Hembrey, Lescher,
Nay: None
Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

** At 8:34 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Kathy Kusiak, President

Shelly Booth, Secretary