

**GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 16, 2011**

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, June 16, 2011 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake. All who were present 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
Ryan Kelly, Member
Paul LaRoche, Member
Tom Lippert, Member
Jim Loris, Member

Members absent:

None

Administration present:

Dr. John N. Benedetti, Superintendent
Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. John Barbini, Principal
Mr. Greg Urbaniak, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Mrs. Becky Foster-Lopez, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

AUDIENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held May 19, 2011

Minutes of closed meeting held May 19, 2011

June Bills Payable

May Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from December 17, 2009

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

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Construction Update

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that work is underway on the summer projects. Demolition is complete on both the classroom wing as well as the commons. Contractors are beginning to pour concrete in the commons and begin masonry on the classroom wing. She provided the Board with an updated construction budget and schedule. Currently, work is very close to the scheduled timeline.

Standard & Poor's Bond Rating Update

Dr. Sefcik reported that the District was required to complete a bond rating update this year in order to provide our current credit profile to bond investors. She was happy to report that Standard & Poor's affirmed our 'AA' rating. This means a positive impact on interest rates for the District. They also stated that they expect to maintain our current rating for a minimum of two years due to our stable financial outlook.

Federal Emergency Management Agency – Snow Removal Claim

Dr. Sefcik has been working with FEMA since being notified on June 9 that they approved our claim for snow removal costs from the storm that occurred on February 2 and 3, 2011, which covers overtime costs, vehicle and equipment costs and contractor costs. We will be reimbursed \$22,783.25.

Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2011/12

Dr. Sefcik recommended adoption of the prevailing wage ordinance for the 2011/12 school year.

** A motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the 2011/12 Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Insurance Renewal

Dr. Sefcik recommended renewal of the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative insurance for property, casualty, school board legal liability, identity theft, pollution liability and student accident insurance in the amount of \$77,686. She also recommended approval of the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative workers' compensation insurance in the amount of \$91,793.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Lipper to approve the renewal of the insurance with Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative in the amount of \$77,686 for property, casualty, school board legal liability, identity theft, pollution liability and student accident insurance and also in the amount of \$91,793 for workers' compensation insurance.

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

Aye: Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

School Treasurer Bond Renewal

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the school treasurer is required to maintain a bond equal to 25% of District funds in which the treasurer has custody. She recommended the renewal of the school treasurer bond for funds totaling \$9,625,000 at a cost of \$8,663 with Arthur J. Gallagher.

** A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, second by Mr. Mark to approve the renewal of the required school treasurer bond with Arthur J. Gallagher at a cost of \$8,663.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

2011/12 Budget

Dr. Sefcik recommended that the 2011/12 budget be placed on public display at this time. A final budget will be presented to the Board at the July meeting for consideration.

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Lippert to authorize the 2011/12 budget be placed on public display.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2010/11 Student Discipline Report

Dr. Benedetti introduced Mrs. Becky Foster-Lopez who provided a presentation to the Board concerning the Pupil Personnel Services role in the Bulldog Bull's-eye with regard to improving student achievement. She went through the handout and answered questions from the Board members.

Personnel

Dr. Benedetti recommended the employment of the following staff members for 2011/12:

- Jill Schroeder Guidance Counselor Full-time MA Level Step 1
- Liz Leider Social Worker Full-time MA Level Step 0
- Nicole Clark ELL Part-time BA15 Level Step 2
- Brian Korstanje Industrial Technology Part-time BA Level Step 0
- Cliff Bosworth Teacher Assistant Full-time \$14.94 hourly
- Lori Marchese Student Services Asst. Part-time \$10.00 hourly

Accept the resignation of Tony Fragassi from bus driving.

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

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

Aye: Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Dr. Barbini reported that the summer school numbers are up from last year with 360 students enrolled for the first session and 250 students enrolled for the second session. The summer academy had 60 slots available and 48 are filled, up from less than 20 last year. NovaNet has been successful especially for the District's 5th year seniors. During the coming months he will provide the following updates: July-2010/11 goals report; August-On-site registration process; September-revisions to the Social Studies curriculum; and October-testing report on Explorer, PLAN, PSAE, ACT, etc.

Greg Urbaniak explained the Explore/PLAN student survey results and answered questions from the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Lippert commented on graduation, saying that he thought it was very well done in the field house and he received many comments from parents who enjoyed being inside. Mr. Mark also liked it commenting that it seemed more intimate while accommodating everyone that attended. Dr. Benedetti said it was worth looking into for future graduations but that some things need to be worked out.

Dr. Benedetti informed the Board of the FOIA the District received regarding our natural gas utility bills. As it was a commercial request, the District had 21 days to provide the response, though it was completed earlier.

Dr. Sefcik invited the Board members that weren't able to attend the tour prior to the meeting to tour after the meeting adjourned this evening. She also encouraged them to visit the Grant website where updates, including photos, will continue to be posted.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche 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 the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5); pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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

Aye: Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

** At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Kelly, second by Mr. LaRoche to end closed session and return to open session.

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- ** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to hire Francis Zaragoza as a part-time special education teacher and part-time teacher aid for the 2011/12 school year.

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to uphold the length of ROE for student #2010-11/04.

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

Aye: Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

- ** At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Mark to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary