

# **GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING APRIL 16, 2020**

## ***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, April 16, 2020 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting web link. 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  
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary  
Ivy Fleming, Member  
Kathy Kusiak, Member  
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:                   ♦ Paul LaRoche, Vice President  
   ♦ John Jared, Member

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

♦ Paul LaRoche and John Jared joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

## ***AUDIENCE JOINING BY WEB LINK***

Erin Notriano

## ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Minutes of regular meeting held March 16, 2020

April Bills Payable

March Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from October 18, 2018

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

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Fleming, Kusiak, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

### March Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik provided the profile for the March Student of the Month, Connor Rada, in the Board's packet to read and played the short acceptance video provided by Connor Rada.

#### April Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik provided the profile for the April Student of the Month, Frances Williams, in the Board's packet to read and played the short acceptance video provided by Frances Williams.

#### Excellence in Education Award – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Dr. Sefcik provided the announcement for the Excellence in Education Award winner for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Erin Notriano, in the Board's packet. The announcement video by Principal Schmidt was viewed and Erin Notriano, who joined the meeting via web link provided comments and thanks. The Board expressed their appreciation of her contribution to students.

#### Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Colt Foerch, move to Full-time Math Teacher, 2020/21 school year
- Amy Gunsaulus, move to Full-time Speech Pathologist, 2020/21 school year
- Mark Jolcover, Full-time Special Education Teacher, MA Step 0, 2020/21 school year
- Kristen Arndt, Full-time Special Education Teacher, MA Step 9, 2020/21
- Allison Barker, Full-time English Teacher, MA step 6, 2020/21
- Heidi McCarthy, Part-time 4/11 Art Teacher, 2020/21
- Maddie Lyon, move from .8 to .9 FTE PE Teacher, 2020/21 school year
- Dave Behm, Teacher Leader for PE, 2020/21 school year
- Bob Schmitt, Teacher Leader for English, 2020/21 school year
- Christopher Hansen, School Psychology Intern 2020/21, salary of \$15,000

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from the following:

- Jonathan Swearengen, Guitar Club, effective immediately
- Ellen Skolar, Pep Band, effective immediately
- Erin Notriano, Sophomore Class Advisor, effective immediately

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

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

Aye: Fleming, Kusiak, Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

#### Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt provided his monthly report which included information on Instructional Updates, SAT Preparation Class, Postponements and Reimagined Events/Activities.

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

#### 2020/21 Budget

Mrs. Reich reported that the 2020/21 Budget is under construction, and she is continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and the possibility of a delay in property taxes which could impact revenue. Health Insurance renewal rates should be available next month and a tentative budget will be presented next month.

#### National School Lunch Program – 2020/21 School Lunch Price

Mrs. Reich noted that as part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Act of 2010, the District must analyze the price charged for the school lunches using a paid lunch equity calculator provided by ISBE. The purpose is to comply with the law which requires that schools charge students for paid meals

at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement. By increasing our main lunch from \$2.95 to \$3.00. and the pizza meal from \$3.00 to 3.15, effective with the 2020/21 school year, we will be in compliance.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the adjustment in lunch prices as presented.

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

Aye: Kusiak, Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz, Fleming

Nay: None

Absent: LaRoche, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

♦ Paul LaRoche and John Jared joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

#### Authorization to Approve Bids and Enter into Contracts for Construction – Gym Floor and Bleacher Project

Mrs. Reich stated that bids are out for repairs to the East Gym floor and new bleachers for the West Gym. Both are part of the School Maintenance Grant that we were granted in the amount of \$50,000. The bids are due on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and in the event the work can be completed during the shutdown, the request was made to allow Mrs. Reich to enter into contracts totaling no more than \$125,000 prior to the May meeting. The final contracts will be ratified at the May meeting.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mrs. Kusiak to authorize Mrs. Reich to enter into contracts totaling no more than \$125,000. The final contracts will be brought to be ratified at the May meeting for the purpose of repairing the East Gym floor and new bleachers for the West Gym.

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

Aye: Yanik, Hill, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Fleming, Jared, Kusiak

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

#### Authorization to Approve Bids and Enter into Contracts for Construction – North Parking Lot Project

Mrs. Reich said the bidding process for the North Parking Lot project will be going out to bid shortly. In order to move forward in the event work can be completed during the shutdown, she would like authorization to accept bids and enter into a contract totaling no more than \$400,000. The final contract will be brought before the Board to ratify as soon as practicable after the bid opening, likely at the May meeting.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Fleming to authorize Mrs. Reich to go out to bid, accept bids, and enter into a contract totaling no more than \$400,000 for the North Parking Lot Project and to bring the final contract to the Board to ratify as soon as practicable.

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

Aye: Hill, Michniewicz, LaRoche, Fleming, Jared, Kusiak, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the teachers are doing a great job connecting with students in very creative ways. They are working on possible dates to reschedule prom and graduation.

The administration is watching how school funding is and will be impacted including state and federal funding and property taxes. The Governor and the State Board of Education is working on a determination on the possible extension of the school closure.

### ***CLOSED SESSION***

No closed session was held.

### ***ADJOURN***

\*\* At 7:22 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary