

# **GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

## ***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, February 17, 2022 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:

Steve Hill, President  
Kathy Kusiak, Vice President  
John Jared, Secretary  
Shelly Booth, Member  
Ivy Fleming, Member  
Ed Lescher, Member  
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent: None

Administration present:

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

## ***AUDIENCE***

Tom Ross, Athletic Director

## ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Minutes of regular meeting held January 20, 2022

Minutes of closed meeting held January 20, 2022

February Bills Payable

January Treasurer's Report

Destruction of the open and closed meeting audio recordings from August 20, 2022

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

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

Aye: Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

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

### Resolution Regarding COVID-19 Mitigation Implementation

Dr. Sefcik presented information regarding the District's priorities in maintaining in-person learning, impact of Temporary Restraining Order, conflicting guidance from ISBE, IDPH and LCHD, summary of current mitigation efforts, local COVID-19 case numbers, and a summary of conditional mitigation shifts. She provided a resolution for consideration to implement a revised Back to School Learning Plan and permit the superintendent to make any revisions necessary to comply with any current or future orders that are binding on District 124 during the 2021/22 school year.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the Conditional Mitigation Plan by signing the Resolution Authorizing Suspension of Enforcement of Certain COVID-19 Mitigation Measures and Approving Superintendent's Authority Related to Pandemic Operations for 2021-2022 School Year.

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

Aye: Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### School Board Policy 7:910 – Face Coverings

Dr. Sefcik recommended the Board suspend School Board Policy 7:910-Face Coverings indefinitely.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to suspend School Board Policy 7:190 – *Face Coverings*.

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

Aye: Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak, Jared

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Foreign Language Spring Travel Update

Dr. Sefcik reported on the difficult decision made by the administration to cancel this year's spring break trips to France and Spain. It has been determined that school-sponsored foreign travel is not safe at this time with both France and Spain having a Level 4 "Do Not Travel" Advisory in effect by the Department of State due to Terrorism, Civil Unrest, and Health. The District will assist families in resolving financial implications with the tour management company, ACIS.

### Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik presented overnight travel requests from the Grant Future Business Leaders of America chapter for State competition in Springfield, April 1-2, for 22 students, their sponsor, and a chaperone. They will depart on March 31 and return the evening of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost to the District will be \$8,212.74 and will include registration, hotel, and meals. The Softball team requested to travel to Rantoul, March 31 to April 2 to compete in 3 games. Approximately 14 players and 3 coaches for a total cost of \$3,020 that will be paid with activity funds.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the overnight travel of FBLA and the Softball Team, as presented.

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

Aye: Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Booth

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Andrew Horvath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, \$17/hr., starting 2/14/2022
- Jacob Wodrich, Full-time Substitute, BA-Step 0, starting 1/11/2022
- Lynda Gunther, Vocational Coordinator, \$60,000/yr., 2022/23 school year
- Kim Ziegler, Part-time Office, \$23/hr., starting 2/22/2022
- Sarah Hoddenback-Del Cid, Full-time Sub, including World History LOA, effective 1/24/2022, BA-Step 0 - \$227.28/day
- Tim Norwood, Full-time Teacher, MA45-Step 19, and Head Football Coach, 2022/23 school year
- Justin Strebel, Asst. Boys' Tennis Coach

Accept the retirement/resignation letters from the following:

- Lori Milbratz, Office Secretary, effective 2/25/2022
- Penny Zegler, Art Teacher, effective at the end of 2021/22 school year
- Paul Marquez, Custodian, effective 2/25/2022
- Jim Cramer, Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately

Notification of Family and Medical Leave Act request from Victoria Shifley, Instructional Coach, beginning April 4, 2022 and ending May 13, 2022.

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

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

Aye: Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Fleming

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Student Registration and Illinois Youth Survey.

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

### Preliminary 2022 Financial Profile Designation

Mrs. Reich provided the preliminary 2022 Financial Profile Designation for the District based on the 2020/21 Annual Financial Report Date. The District scored 4.00 out of 4.00, with a status of Financial Recognition.

## ***CLOSED SESSION***

\*\* At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Lescher 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); security procedures, school building safety and security 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(8).

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

Aye: Yanik, Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

- \*\* At 7:39 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: Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### ***ACTION CLOSED SESSION***

- \*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the termination of Sinthya Dayment, Bus Driver.

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

Aye: Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

- \*\* A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve a \$1,000 bonus for Craig Dewar.

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

Aye: Jared, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

- \*\* A motion was made by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Jared to approve the revised Superintendent contract.

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

Aye: Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill, Kusiak, Jared

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### ***ADJOURN***

- \*\* At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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John Jared, Secretary