

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JULY 15, 2021

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, July 15, 2021 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
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Ed Lescher, Member

Administration present:

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Steve Hill took his Oath of Office.

AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held June 17, 2021

Minutes of closed meeting held June 17, 2021

July Bills Payable

June Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from January 16, 2020

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

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Back to School 2021/22 Learning Plans

Dr. Sefcik reported that on July 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois State Board of Education issued updated public health guidance for COVID-10 prevention in schools. With this new information the District is finalizing our Back to School Learning Plan. She presented the Back to School Learning Plan that included an overview of key takeaways regarding: vaccinations, mitigations, screening testing, prevention strategies, Schoology use, academic resources, SEL support, attendance and re-engagement efforts, grading/exams, food service, and transportation. The District will follow the recommended guidance with masking optional for those that are fully vaccinated; and individuals not fully unvaccinated should continue to mask. Mask wearing will be on the honor system, and the focus will be on teaching and learning rather than mask enforcement.

Deep Equity Partnership

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the District is planning to partner with Fox Lake Grade School District 114 and Grayslake Community High School District 127 for Corwin's Deep Equity School Leadership Team. This is a multi-year process. The leadership training, taking place in year one, will include all three districts. Year two, which will include the student component, will include Grant and Grayslake only. Deep Equity training is an evidence-based process that has been shown to have a measurable, positive impact on student outcomes.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Kusiak to approve participating in Corwin's Deep Equity School Leadership Team training and partnering with Fox Lake Grade School District 114 and Grayslake Community High School District 127, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

Bilingual Liaison Partnership

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of a shared Bilingual Parent Liaison, partnering with Gavin School District 37 and Fox Lake Grade School District 114. She provided a draft of the job description for the position that will be finalized soon. With a growing population of English Learners in our districts and additional statutory requirements with this program, we seek to jointly employ a shared bilingual parent liaison to supplement current administrative efforts. Gavin and Fox Lake would each receive 2 days per week and contribute 40% of the position costs each and Grant would be allocated 1 day per week for 20% of the position costs.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Jared to approve the shared Bilingual Parent Liaison with Gavin SD 37 and Fox Lake SD 114, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

School Board Policy Modifications – First Reading

Dr. Sefcik recommended revisions to the following School Board Policies based upon direction from the Illinois Association of School Boards and legal counsel:

1:30 School District Philosophy

2:10 School District Governance

2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship

- 5:10 General Personnel: Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
6:145 Migrant Students
6:160 English Learners
6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
6:260 Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools
8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the School Board Policy revisions, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Frank Gurgone, Full-time Technology Education Teacher, BA+15-Step 12, 2021/22 school year
- Kayla Rutkowski, Full-time Art Teacher, BA-Step 0
- James Buss, BDIPS Teacher Aide, \$16.07/hr., 2021/22 school year
- Vanessa Boss, Attendance Office Administrative Assistant, \$15/hr., beginning August 11
- Jessica Strom, Main Office Receptionist, \$16.50/hr., tentative start date July 19
- Alexandria Peterson, Student Services Administrative Assistant, \$17.50/hr. beginning July 19, 2021
- Virginia Voelker, Full-time Building Substitute, BA-Step 0, 2021/22 school year

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from the following:

- Janet Contreras, Student Services Secretary, effective June 22, 2011
- Ryan Frank, Lacrosse Coach, effective immediately
- Kali Williams, Cheer Coach, effective immediately

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Summer Instructional Work, Back-to-School Planning including: Material Pickup Days, Freshman Orientation, and Being a Bulldog.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Unaudited Summary of Year End 2020/21

Mrs. Reich provided an unaudited summary of fiscal year end 2020/21. She noted that the year ended in a better position than expected due to an additional property tax payment that came through on June 30th.

Final 2021/22 Budget

Mrs. Reich presented the final 2021/22 budget. She updated the tentative budget with all new hires, adjusted the federal ESSER grant funds, and trimmed expenses extensively. The budget has been on public display for the required 30 days.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the final 2021/22 budget, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Lescher

Motion – **Passed**

Fees

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that each year school fees are reviewed. These fees charged to families offset the cost of items supplied by the District for all students. Examples of items included in these fees are textbooks, workbooks, consumables, supplies, library resources, copying costs, etc. She supplied the Board with a listing of fees from comparable districts. She does not recommend increasing fees at this time.

National School Lunch Program

Mrs. Reich stated the District typically participates in the National School Lunch Program which allows families who qualify to receive either reduced pricing or completely free lunches. This past year, however, we qualified for a special waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture which allowed us to provide free meals to all students. We qualify again this year for that waiver under a program called Seamless Summer Option, and will again serve lunches to all students at no cost. Each meal served is claimed and the federal government reimburses the district \$4.3175 per meal. This will be the final year we will qualify with the USDA and plan to go back to the National School Lunch Program in the 2022/23 school year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik said the District received and fulfilled a Freedom of Information Act request.

Dr. Sefcik clarified that the Booster Club members are an extension of our staff, so will be under the same mitigation requirements. However, they may open fully for the 21/22 school year with mitigations in place.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

John Jared, Secretary