

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING – Tax Levy

A public hearing was convened at 6:45 p.m. The following Board members were in attendance by roll call: Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik – Absent: Booth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Public comment was solicited and none was given.

** At 6:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the public hearing.

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, December 15, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Members absent:

◆ Shelly Booth, Member

Administration present:

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

◆ Mrs. Booth arrived at 7:37 p.m.

AUDIENCE

O'Dowd Family, A. Gardinier

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held November 17, 2022
Minutes of closed meeting held November 17, 2022
December Bills Payable
November Treasurer's Report
Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from June 17, 2021

** 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, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Booth

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Recognition and Informational Items

Student Recognition

Dr. Sefcik introduced Emily O'Dowd, in the presence of her family, as the December Student of the Month. She read Emily's profile of accomplishments, which included academic achievements, extracurricular activities, service to the community, what she enjoys in her spare time, and future plans. Dr. Sefcik offered Emily the opportunity to speak to the Board and she thanked the Board and said it was a huge honor for her. The Board and audience applauded Emily and Dr. Sefcik presented her with a certificate to commemorate being chosen as the December Student of the Month.

New Course Proposals for 2024/25

Dr. Sefcik detailed the presentation that provided the highlights of the dual credit course proposals for consideration for the 2024/25 school year. The information included details of the seven new dual credit courses, the teacher qualifications, the process and considerations, and the next steps.

Fall Athletic Accomplishments

Dr. Sefcik asked Tom Ross, Athletic Director, to share the highlights from our fall athletic programs including participation and levels, participation by sport, GPA by sport, academic accolades, and athletic accomplishments.

New Athletic Proposals

Dr. Sefcik turned it over again to Mr. Ross to inform the Board about adding additional levels and corresponding coaches for girls' volleyball and boys' lacrosse athletic programs. He said due to the high level of interest and the number of athletes that needed to be cut, additional levels would meet the demand of the increased interest and involvement.

School Board Policy Modifications – First Reading

Dr. Sefcik referred to the listing of school board policy modifications and the supporting information that have been recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards and legal counsel. Due to the large number of policies, this is only a first reading.

Joint Conference Session Debrief

Dr. Sefcik asked the Board if they wanted to share information from the Joint Conference. Dr. Sefcik shared she attended the session on amplifying student voices, Mrs. Kusiak shared the equity work and Trust Edge workshop, and Mr. Lescher and Mr. Yanik said they were disappointed that they couldn't get into the security meeting, which was held in a small room. They arrived early and the room was already full and overflow went into the hallway. Both were very interested in the security topic due to recent events.

◆ Mrs. Booth arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Semester 1 Final Exams, Feeder School Articulations and Eighth Grade Placements, Bridging Student Transitions to High School, and Performing Arts Society. Mr. Schmidt also added the parent/teacher conferences were very well attended.

Student Representative's Report

Nicole Kaminski gave her monthly Student Representative's Report on activities being undertaken by National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Club, and Sophomore Class Council. She also reported that in her Intro to Teaching class, the students were very impressed with Mrs. Reich's talk and with the guest speaker from WW Grainger who provided great information about finding your path in life and your profession.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Action Items

School Board Policy Modification

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that School Board Policy 7:70 - *Attendance and Truancy*, has a submission deadline of January 13, 2023, to the Illinois State Board of Education. The District was unable to receive a sample of the IASB policy until the most recent PRESS update. She recommended a waiver of the first reading due to the timeline to meet the submission date. The Board said they were ready to approve the revision.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the revised policy 7:70 – *Attendance and Truancy*.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Athletic Proposals

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of an additional level and corresponding coach for the girls' volleyball program, effective the 2023/24 school year, and an additional level and corresponding coach for the boys' lacrosse program, effective immediately, to accommodate student-athlete interest.

** A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the athletic proposals, as presented.

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 Trip Requests

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board the foreign language department is requesting to reschedule foreign language trips that were not able to take place since 2019. French faculty, students, and chaperones will travel to France from March 22 – 30, 2024 to experience the language and culture. The approximate cost of the trip is \$4,223. The Spanish faculty, students, and chaperones will travel to Spain from March 22 – 31, 2024 to experience the language and culture. The approximate cost of this trip is \$4,322. All families will be required to purchase the Ultimate Plus insurance. Copies of both proposed itineraries were provided.

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Kusiak to approve the foreign language trips, 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**

Overnight Trip Requests

Dr. Sefcik reported on the two overnight trip requests: 1) the Math Team is requesting to travel to a regional competition from February 24-25, 2023. The majority of trip costs will be paid with activity funds, with the exception of chaperone and fuel costs. 2) the Speech Team is requesting to travel to a sectional competition from February 10-11, 2023. The majority of the trip cost will be paid with activity funds, with the exception of entry fees, chaperone, and fuel costs. Both will be held in the DeKalb area with the specific location to be determined.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the overnight trips, 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**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Kay Ann Blaszczyk, Full-time Substitute, \$230 per day, starting 12/6/2022
- Mikeely Taylan, Paraprofessional, \$17.05/hr., starting 12/12/2022
- Tiffany Beaudry, on-call Food Service Sub, \$15.00/hr. starting TBD
- Nicole DiMaggio, Asst. Cheer Coach
- Nicole Maurer, BDIPS Paraprofessional, \$19.94/hr., starting 12/19/2022
- Renee Murrin, Bus Driver, \$20.54/hr., effective 12/13/2022
- Jason Montemayor, Asst. Wrestling Coach

Accept the resignation from the following:

- Dan Young, Football coach, effective immediately

Wage adjustment for Richard Wetter from \$19.40/hr. to \$20.90/hr., effective 12/19/2022

** A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, 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, Lescher

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Final 2022 Tax Levy

Mrs. Reich reported she presented the tentative 2022 Certificate of Tax Levy along with the Resolutions at last month's Board meeting. There have been no changes to what was previously presented and she recommended approval of the 2022 Final Tax levy.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the final 2022 Tax Levy and accompanying resolutions.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Coaching and Activities Meeting

Mrs. Reich reminded the Board that last month she presented the results of the Coaching and Sponsor meeting that is held with the union each year. There was a request that was discovered after the recommendation was made last month that was missed. The committee reconvened and discussed an additional dance coach. The data supports the addition of a .50 Assistant Dance coach for 2022/23 and the coach/athlete ratio will be reviewed after the season is over.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Kusiak to approve the addition of a .50 Assistant Dance Coach for the 2022/23 season, with the coach/athlete ratios reviewed upon season completion.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board two FOIA requests were received and fulfilled.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 8:08 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

John Jared, Secretary