

# **GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JULY 20, 2023**

## ***PUBLIC HEARING – 2023/24 Budget Hearing***

A public hearing was convened at 6:45 p.m. The following Board members were in attendance by roll call, Hill, Kusiak, Jared, Booth, Lescher, Yanik. Absent: Fleming. Public comment was solicited and none was given.

\*\* At 6:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Jared 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, July 20, 2023 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  
Ed Lescher, Member  
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Ivy Fleming, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent  
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager  
Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal  
Dr. Stacie Noisey, Dr. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Mr. Blair Schoell, Divisional Administrator  
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director

Student Representative:

Julia Podgorski

## ***AUDIENCE***

Rick Dewar, Architect, Wight and Company

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of regular meeting held June 15, 2023

Minutes of closed meeting held June 15, 2023

July Bills Payable

June Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from January 20, 2022

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

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, 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, Lescher, Yanik, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Recognition and Informational Items***

### Spring Athletic Accomplishments

Dr. Sefcik asked Tom Ross, Athletic Director, to share highlights from the spring athletic season which included participation numbers, sports and levels, grade point average by sport, academic accolades by sport, and athletic accomplishments.

### Pathways Presentation

Dr. Sefcik introduced Dr. Noisey and Mr. Schoell who provided an informational presentation on the District's efforts to implement the College and Career Pathways Endorsements. The presentation included the definition of a career pathway, endorsement areas including the career clusters for each, individual plans, professional learning experiences, our current highlights and preparations, and our next steps.

### Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on RED Zone quarterly senior benefit, Back-to-School Planning: Material Pickup Days, Freshman Orientation, Freshman Five, New Teacher Orientation, and Big Dawg Mentor Training.

### Student Representative's Report

Julia Podgorski provided her first report which included information on Activities: Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Grant Band, National Art Honor Society, and Math Team; and Sports: Summer Camps, Wrestling, and Dance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Action Items***

### Village of Volo – Temporary Construction Easement

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the Village of Volo is planning to improve Fish Lake Road from north of IL 120 to Nippersink Road. It requires a temporary construction easement on our parcel

of property along Fish Lake Road. The District would provide this temporary easement as a "donation" and waiving our right to obtain an appraisal and charge the Village of Volo. Mrs. Booth wanted to share with the Board that she had heard there are some concerns and that she would like more information before considering accessing the water source for the Bulldog Athletic Complex. Mrs. Reich noted that issues with the well pumps have cost approximately \$20,000 in four years and require the Lake County Health Department to certify them each year upon start-up each season.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Temporary Construction Easement with the Village of Volo.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

#### Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik shared the Cross Country Team is requesting to travel to Peoria from September 15-16 for the Peoria Notre Dame Cross Country Invite. Approximately 35-50 student-athletes will participate with 2 coaches and one adult chaperone. The cost, approximately \$2,000, will be paid with student activity funds and students responsible for the cost of one meal.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Cross County Team overnight travel, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

#### Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Virginia Voelker, Full-time Social Studies Teacher, BA-Step 2
- Sienna Kallner, Full-time Substitute, BA-Step 0 and Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Tyler Clausen, Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach
- Tim Viscioni, Team Time Co-Coordinator

Accept the resignations from:

- Katherine Brunette, Transportation, effective June 14, 2023
- Kenny Pelaez, Assistant Soccer Coach

Notification of Family Medical Leave Act request:

- Blaine Domich, Building and Grounds, effective 5/8/2023 - 7/28/2023

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, 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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

### Site and Facility Committee Presentation

Mrs. Reich presented the weight room improvement options that were discussed at the Site and Facility Committee meeting on June 28, 2023. Mr. Schoell said how important it is that the facility supports the District's curriculum and meets the needs of the student-athletes. He provided stats of student participation in classes and athletics that use this equipment. Mrs. Reich provided the funding information. Mr. Behm, Mr. Bosworth, and Mr. Norwood visited schools recognized for their strength and conditioning facilities and developed a list of requests for the space. Mr. Rick Dewar, Architect from Wight and Company was in attendance to answer questions along with Mrs. Reich, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jared, and Mr. Schoell. The Board chose to table this item and revisit it at another meeting.

### Final 2023/24 Budget

Mrs. Reich provided the final 2023/24 budget that has been on display for the statutory 30 days.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the 2023/24 budget, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

### Purchase of Used Mini-Vans for Transportation

Mrs. Reich presented three purchase quotes from Ray Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/Ram for three used Chrysler Pacifica mini-vans. These vans would be used to transport students to and from job sites and to and from school. Job coaches and teacher assistants are in the process of school bus driver training in order to be licensed with a permit to transport students. The total estimated cost is \$116,264.78.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the purchase of three used mini-vans from Ray Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/Ram, not to exceed \$120,000.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

### National School Lunch Program

Mrs. Reich reported that as part of the Healthy Hunger Free Act of 2010, the district must analyze the price charged for school lunches each year. The Illinois State Board of Education provides a calculator to determine the amount that the lunch price must be increased based on our lunch prices and number of paid lunches served in October of 2022. In order to comply with the paid lunch equity component of the National School Lunch Program, the lunch price needs to be increased to \$3.55 per meal for all meals. The breakfast price will stay the same at \$1.50 for all breakfast meals.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Kusiak, second by Mrs. Booth to approve increasing all lunch meals to \$3.55 to comply with the National School Lunch Program lunch equity component.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

## ***OTHER BUSINESS***

Dr. Sefcik noted that we received and fulfilled five Freedom of Information Act requests. We have secured a College and Career Navigator for three days per week.

## ***CLOSED SESSION***

\*\* At 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mr. Jared 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).

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

\*\* At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mrs. Booth to end closed session and return to open session.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Fleming

Motion – **Passed**

## ***ACTION CLOSED SESSION***

No action was taken as a result of Closed Session.

## ***ADJOURN***

\*\* At 9:13 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Kusiak to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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John Jared, Secretary