

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

JULY 21, 2022

Public Hearing on the 2022/23 Budget was held from 6:45pm – 6:59pm

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 21, 2022 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Grant Community High School District Office, 25700 Old Grand Avenue, Ingleside, Illinois.

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:

Kathy Kusiak, Vice President
Shelly Booth, Member
Ivy Fleming, Member
Ed Lescher, Member
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President
John Jared, Secretary

Administration present:

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

Kathy Kusiak served as President Pro Tem in the absence of President Steve Hill
Bob Yanik served as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Secretary John Jared

AUDIENCE

Tom Ross, Shannon Gipson

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held June 16, 2022

Minutes of closed meeting held June 16, 2022

July Bills Payable

June Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from January 21, 2022

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, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Spring Athletic Accomplishments

Dr. Sefcik introduced Athletic Director, Tom Ross, who provided the highlights of the spring athletic season that included participation, grade point average, academic accolades by sport, and athletic accomplishments.

Hall of Fame 2022 Selections

Dr. Sefcik announced the Hall of Fame Committee recommendations for the 2022 inductees. The two nominees for induction are Howard "Bud" Scott and Roy Lucke. The family of Howard "Bud" Scott asked to defer his nomination until next year so that all family members can attend. The Board offered their congratulations to both of these deserving nominees!

Board of Education Student Representative

Dr. Sefcik recommended the Board consider the addition of a non-voting student representative to the Board. She provided information at last month's meeting that students would like more voice in matters that impact them. A Student Representative would serve as a liaison between students and the Board of Education. The proposal outlining the representative position responsibilities, limitations, selection criteria, and term was provided for review.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the Student Representative position to the Board of Education.

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

Aye: Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

College of Lake County – College and Career Navigator

Dr. Sefcik reported that in the last few years, the College of Lake County (CLC) began providing College and Career Navigators (CCN) into local high schools. She has been reviewing the positive feedback through the CLC Alliance. CCN's assist students in learning about CLC, career exploration, selecting a field of interest and program of study, assisting with first semester course selection, academic and financial planning, and helping ensure a successful transition to CLC. We will partner with CLC this school year to have a CCN on campus two days per week. They will work closely with the District's College and Career Counselor.

2022/23 Fall Play and Spring Musical

Dr. Sefcik announced the fall play and spring musical and provided a description of each. The fall play will be *The Matchmaker* and the spring musical will be *The Addams Family*.

Consolidated District Plan

Dr. Sefcik stated that as a district that receives federal funds, we are required to have the Board of Education annually approve the Consolidated District Plan. This plan incorporates reporting and accountability requirements of all federal grants.

** A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Consolidated District Plan.

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

Aye: Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Booth

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that the Cross Country Team would like to travel to Peoria from September 16 – 17 for the Peoria Notre Dame Cross Country Invite with approximately 40-50 student-athletes, two coaches and one adult chaperone. The cost of the trip will be paid with student activity funds and students will be responsible for the cost of one meal.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Booth, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the overnight travel of the Cross Country Team, as presented.

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

Aye: Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak, Booth, Fleming

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following personnel recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Diane Granatelli, Full-time Special Education Teacher, BA Step 11, 2022/23
- Stacey Mays, Full-time PE/Health Teacher, MA Step 11, 2022/23
- Michael Schneider, Full-time PE/Health Teacher, MA Step 7, 2022/23
- Christina Fischer, Full-time CIA/MTSS Administrative Assistant, \$21.02/hr., start date 8/1/2022.
- Shirley Baisden, Substitute Secretarial, \$16/hr., starting 7/25/2022
- Emily Snyder, Full-time Sub Coordinator/Main Office Support Staff, \$18.58/hr. starting 7/25/2022
- Raya Mayer, from 2nd shift custodian to building custodian/expeditor, \$17.15/hr., starting 7/25/2022
- Eric Bock, Full-time Security Guard, \$16/hr., starting 8/3/2022
- Alex Lee, Full-time Security Guard, \$17.68/hr., starting 8/3/2022
- Kimberly (Bella) Mampe, Full-time Security Guard, \$16/hr., start 8/3/2022
- Kyle Oliver, Full-time Security Guard, \$16.64/hr, starting 8/3/2022
- Charles Rowry-Williams, Full-time Security Guard, \$15/hr., starting 8/1/2022
- Abigail Bjork, 2nd Shift Custodian, \$15/hr., starting 7/11/2022
- Joe Bridge, Asst. Coach Football
- John Patrick (JP) Gizowski, Head Coach Girls' Volleyball-LOA position
- Jeff Harvey, Asst. Coach Cross Country
- Robert Janusz, Asst. Coach Boys' Soccer
- Mark Jolcover, Asst. Coach Football
- Justin Strebel, Asst. Coach Girls' Tennis

The 2022/23 Supervisions, as listed.

Accept the resignations from the following:

- Frank Gurgone, Industrial Technology Teacher, effective 7/7/2022
- Maddie Lyon, PE/Health Teacher, effective 6/20/2022
- Ross Purchatzke, PE/Health Teacher, effective 7/5/2022
- James Buss, BDIPS Aide, effective 7/7/2022
- Sherly Kizhakkadathu, Security, effective 6/30/2022
- Jessica Dart, Asst. Coach Softball, effective 6/14/2022
- Emmy Diana, Speech Coach, effective 7/5/2022
- Nikki Frett, Coach Softball, effective 7/14/2022

- Ross Purchatzke, Asst. Coach Football, effective 7/5/2022
- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Booth, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Yanik, Kusiak, Booth, Fleming, Lescher
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Schedule Change Requests, Summer Instructional Work, Back-to-School Planning, which includes material pickup days, freshman orientation, freshman five, new teacher orientation, and Big Dawg mentor training.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Unaudited Summary of Year End 2021/22

Mrs. Reich provided an unaudited summary of fiscal year 2021/22. She said the district ended the year, as a whole, in a better position than expected, but higher than expected deficits in O&M and Transportation.

Final 2022/23 Budget

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that the 2022/23 budget has been updated from the tentative budget with all the new employees that have been hired, increased the federal ESSER grand funds, and trimmed expenses extensively. The budget has gone through its statutory 30 days on public display.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Final 2022/23 Budget.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Kusiak, Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

Treasurer's Bond for 2022/23

Mrs. Reich reported that the districts treasurer is required by law to be bonded for 25% of the greatest sum of monies they will have custody of. The bond must be approved by the Board and filed with the Regional Office of Education. The renewal of the bond is for \$9,700,000 and the cost has decreased from last year to \$9,215.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the Treasurer's Bond for 2022/23.
Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:
Aye: Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak
Nay: None
Absent: Hill, Jared
Motion – **Passed**

National School Lunch Program

Mrs. Reich reminded the Board that for the past two years, the District qualified for waivers with the United States Department of Agriculture. The waiver allowed the district to provide pickup lunches during the first year and offer free lunch to all students during the second year during the

pandemic. This waiver was not offered this year by the USDA so we will go back to the National School Lunch Program in 2022/23.

National School Lunch Program – 2022/23 School Lunch Price

Mrs. Reich said that as part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Act of 2010, each year, the district must analyze the price we charge for school lunches using an equity calculator provided by ISBE. The purpose is to comply with the law that requires 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. The calculator averages our lunch price since we have 9 different meals that range in price from \$3.00 to \$3.50. She provided a document that outlined the change in meals with implementation of Quest Food Management Service.

** A motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the school lunch price at \$3.50 per meal for all lunch meals and \$1.50 for all breakfast meals.

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

Aye: Booth, Fleming, Lescher, Yanik, Kusiak

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Jared

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported that a FOIA was received and fulfilled.

Dr. Sefcik shared when the call went out for help for mental health professionals after the Highland Park shooting, our staff stepped up in a big way. Eight of our psychologists, social workers and counselors volunteered between one and five days at a variety of Highland Park schools. They counseled toddlers to grandparents. In addition to compensation, Dr. Sefcik sent each of them a Harry & David basket to show our gratitude for volunteering during their summer for a community in need.

Dr. Sefcik is coordinating a Lake County Superintendent effort to provide baskets for Keely and Cooper Roberts. Donations have been coming in and baskets will be delivered on Monday.

Dr. Sefcik shared she will be participating in an ISBE safety meeting and a ROE safety committee to discuss school safety needs.

The District received a draft of the revised IASB school board policy manual today (7/21). Kris and Christy will review closely and communicate with the IASB rep. The policy manual will be presented to the Board this fall.

Equity will be an agenda item for next month. Dr. Sefcik would like to update the Board on ongoing equity efforts, for both students and staff.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

Kathy Kusiak, President Pro Tem

Bob Yanik, Secretary Pro Tem