

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MARCH 16, 2023

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, March 16, 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:

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

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President

Administration present:

Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Superintendent
Mrs. Beth Reich, Business Manager
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Principal
Dr. Stacie Noisey, Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Mr. Ryan Geist, Assistant Principal
Mr. Tom Ross, Athletic Director
Ms. Leslie Gillengerten, MTSS & Inclusion Coordinator

Student Representative

Nicole Kaminski

Kathy Kusiak served as President Pro Tem in the absence of President, Steve Hill

AUDIENCE

Mark Jolcover, Emmy Diana, Shannon Biundo, Isabella Zamora, Delia Gomez, Jack Polark, Christi Flaker, Katie Quirk, John Deneen, Larry Quirk, Ryel DeLeon, David Gomez, Lynda Gunther, Anthony Johnson, Michael G, Chris Polark, Laura Widenhoefer, Tairina Demos, Ayane Jasinski, Vince Jasinski, Kelly Polark, Brianna Osmon, Jim Osmon, Dawn Osmon, Connie Jasinski, Nancy Jasinski, Colleen Jasinski

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held February 16, 2023
Minutes of closed meeting held February 16, 2023
March Bills Payable
February Treasurer's Report
Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from September 16, 2021

** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Fleming 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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Recognition and Informational Items

February Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik introduced Brianna Osmon, in the presence of her family, as the February Student of the Month. She read Brianna'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 Brianna the opportunity to speak to the Board and she said thank you to the Board for selecting her for the honor. The Board and audience applauded Brianna and Dr. Sefcik presented her with a certificate to commemorate being chosen as the February Student of the Month.

March Student of the Month

Dr. Sefcik introduced Jack Polark, in the presence of his family, as the March Student of the Month. She read Jack's profile of accomplishments, which included academic achievements, extracurricular activities, service to the community, what he enjoys in his spare time, and future plans. Dr. Sefcik offered Jack the opportunity to speak to the Board and he said thank you and he feels honored to be chosen and promised to finish the school year strong. The Board and audience applauded Jack and Dr. Sefcik presented him with a certificate to commemorate being chosen as the March Student of the Month.

IHSA State Wrestling Champion

Dr. Sefcik introduced Ayane Jasinski and the Wrestling Team coaches to recognize Ayane's 1st place win and State Championship title at the IHSA State Girls' Wrestling Competition. She then asked Tom Ross, Athletic Director, to say a few words. He was honored to introduce a truly outstanding student-athlete, Ayane Jasinski. He provided some exciting stats from Ayane's season and noted that she is a junior this year so we can look forward to watching her in her senior year season. Ayane is the 8th State Wrestling Champion from GCHS and the 1st Female Champion. He then introduced the coaching staff that were in attendance. Mr. Ross then pointed to the two highway signs that will be installed at two entrances to Fox Lake with Ayane's State Championship win. Head Coach, Mark Jolcover thanked the Board for their support of the Wrestling Program at Grant and noted that it is the fastest growing girls' sport. The Board and audience applauded Ayane and her coaching team on her state wrestling championship and Mrs. Kusiak and Dr. Sefcik presented Ayane and the coaches with a certificate.

Excellence in Education Award – 3rd Quarter

Dr. Sefcik asked Principal Schmidt to introduce the winners of the Excellence in Education award for the 3rd quarter, Emmy Diana, English teacher, and Lynda Gunther, Vocational Coordinator. Mr. Schmidt read the submission from their peers that stated why each was deserving of the honor. The Board and audience applauded Emmy Diana and Lynda Gunther for being named as the 3rd Quarter Excellence in Education award winners.

Winter Athletic Accomplishments

Dr. Sefcik introduced Tom Ross, Athletic Director, who provided highlights of the winter athletic season, including participation, sport levels, GPA by sport, academic accolades by sport, athletic accomplishments, and volunteerism by sport.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports Update

Dr. Sefcik introduced Leslie Gillengerten, MTSS and Inclusion Coordinator, to highlight the MTSS framework that was implemented this school year. Highlights include an MTSS Overview, Criteria Considerations, Referral Process, Progress Monitoring, Intervention Data, Challenges, and Where We Are Going.

Proposed Legislation

Dr. Sefcik noted there were more than two hundred bills introduced this legislative session potentially impacting education. She provided a brief update on bills that made it out of committee and discussed the potential impact of the most significant changes being proposed. Some of them include: EBF funding changes, money for teacher recruitment, alternative certification pathways, electric buses mandate by year 2035, tenure, retiring teachers, TIF reform, etc.

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt presented his monthly report which included information on Professional Development, Certified Staff Evaluation, Feeder Principal Articulation, Website Host Review, 5Essentials Survey, and Music in Our Schools Performance.

Student Representative's Report

Nicole Kaminski provided her report which included information on Canine Connections Club, Jazz Band, National Art Honors Society, Sign Language Club, Snowball Event, Bulldog Buddies, Events and Sports, Grant's Got Talent, and Principal Advisory's Council. She was excited to announce that she has chosen to attend Florida Atlantic University to pursue an education degree.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Kusiak recognized Shannon Biundo to provide her public comment. Ms. Biundo wanted to share the softball team and parent concerns about the area around the softball field. She prefaced her comments with her high praise for the district and the sports programs. She said that parents had a concern with the lack of porta potties and that the field is not handicapped accessible with a paved walkway, primarily for use by grandparents in wheelchairs or using walkers. The student-athlete concerns were the lack of a press box and equipment boxes. Mrs. Kusiak thanked Ms. Biundo for addressing the Board and they would take her information under consideration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Action Items

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Fox Lake & Grant Community High School District 124 – School Resource Officer Contract

Dr. Sefcik reported that the District has been in discussion with the Village of Fox Lake regarding the renewal of our School Resource Officer (SRO) contract. The current contract was drafted in 2017 and has been rolled over on a year-to-year basis. The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement provided for review and potential approval reflects the District reimbursing the Village of Fox Lake for the actual cost of the SRO's salary and expands the SRO's presence during summer school. The term of the agreement is three years, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026 with the contract rolling over on an annual basis unless notice is otherwise provided.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the three-year Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Fox Lake and Grant Community High School District 124, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

April Board Meeting Date Change

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that due to the upcoming election on April 4th, it is necessary to consider a change to our April Board of Education meeting date. The last day for the county clerk to certify the election results is Tuesday, April 25th. Within 40 days after the election, or by May 14th, the Board shall certify the results, organize the Board, and fix a time and place for regular meetings. Neither of our current April or May meeting dates work with this required timeline. She recommended changing our April meeting date from April 20, 2023 to April 27, 2023, in order to be able to complete the Board reorganization in the required timeframe.

- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Booth, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the change of the April Board meeting date from April 20, 2023 to April 27, 2023.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

IHSA Membership

Dr. Sefcik recommended the Board approve membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2023/24 school term. Renewing our membership, we will adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the IHSA.

- ** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Jared to approve the renewal of our membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2023/24 school term.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that four members of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter qualified for the State competition and conference in Springfield. Travel is requested for students, sponsor and adult aide from April 13-15 with a District cost of \$2,5597.68.

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Jared, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve travel for FCCLA for State competition, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Dismissal of Permanent Substitute Teachers and Reduction of Assignment

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Dismissal of Permanent Substitute Teachers and Reduction of Assignment.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Lescher to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Dismissal of Permanent Substitute Teachers and Reduction of Assignment, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time First, Second, and Third-Year Non-Tenured Teachers

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time First, Second, and Third-Year Non-Tenured Teachers.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Booth to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time First, Second, and Third-Year Non-Tenured Teachers, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik made the following employment recommendations:

Employment of the following individuals:

- Katelynn Esteb, Security, \$16/hr., starting March 16, 2023
- Noah Hawke, Security, \$16/hr, starting March 8, 2023
- Ryan Tevaga, Paraprofessional, \$15.30/hr, starting February 27, 2023
- Annette Centeno, Food Service, part-time to full time, \$15.50/hr. starting February 22, 2023
- Stacy Collins, Asst. Badminton Coach
- Leonard Grodoski, Asst. Lacrosse Coach
- Lauren Becmer, Asst. Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Madison Nourigat, Asst. Softball Coach
- Addison Hammock, Asst. Softball Coach
- Leah Falster, Asst. Boys' Volleyball Coach

Accepting the resignation/retirement letters from the following individuals:

- Derek Singleton, Custodian, resign effective 3/14/2023
- Nicole DiMaggio, Asst. Varsity Cheerleading Coach, resign effective 2/22/2023
- Sarah Pasko, Food Service, resign effective 2/10/2023
- Mark Robson, Athletic Trainer, retiring effective 5/31/2023

Notification of FMLA request from Rachel Lesiak, beginning 8/11/2023 and ending November 6, 2023.

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Architect Master Agreement with Wight and Co.

Mrs. Reich informed the Board that the District requested proposals for architectural services with our Site and Facility Committee. In November, the recommendation was Wight and Co. as the architect of record for the district. Negotiations and legal review of the master agreement are complete and she recommends approval of the Agreement between Grant Community High School and Wight & Company.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Booth, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the agreement between GCHS and Wight & Company as architect of record for the district, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Hill

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported that one Freedom of Information Act request was received and fulfilled.

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 8:27 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lescher, second by Mr. Jared to adjourn the meeting.

Kathy Kusiak, President Pro Tem

John Jared, Secretary