

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MARCH 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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 19, 2020 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake. All those in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07, issued on March 16, 2020, suspends the Open Meetings Act provisions relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body. Specifically, the Governor’s Order: (1) suspends the requirement in Section 2.01 that “members of a public body must be physically present;” and (2) suspends the limitations in Section 7 on when remote participation is allowed. This executive Order is effective the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster proclamation, which is 30 days from its issuance on March 9, 2020.”

- Illinois Attorney General, *Guidance to Public Bodies on the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

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

Steve Hill, President
Paul LaRoche, Vice President
Ivy Fleming, Member
John Jared, Member (present, remote access)
Kathy Kusiak, Member (present, remote access)
Bob Yanik, Member

Members absent:

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary

Administration present:

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

AUDIENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held February 20, 2020

March Bills Payable

February Treasurer’s Report

- ** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

March Student of the Month

Information was provided, no discussion.

Excellence in Education Award – 3rd Quarter

Information was provided, no discussion.

Athletic Highlights – Winter Season

Information was provided, no discussion

Northern Lake County Conference Highlights

Information was provided, no discussion.

E-Learning

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of a one-year subscription to The Master Teacher for support staff and specialists to utilize for professional development opportunities at a cost of \$1,078.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the one-year subscription to The Master Teacher for \$1,078.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

College of Lake County Feedback Reports

Information was provided, no discussion.

Student Club

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the Computer Science Club as an official club for 2020/21. Pilot clubs for 2020/21 will be American Sign Language, Anime, Canine Connections, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the Computer Science Club as an official club for 2020/21 as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

IHSA Membership 2020/21

Dr. Sefcik requested approval to continue our membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2020/21 school term. As such, we will abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the Association.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to approve membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2020/21 school term.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Overnight Travel

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval, if no restrictions, of the overnight travel for the following:

- Cheerleading, to attend National Cheerleaders Association Ultimate Speed Camp at Carthage College, July 14-16, 2020, for approximately 48 athletes and 3 coaches. The camp fee is paid by athletes with the exception of one meal paid with activity funds.
- Dance Team, to attend the Universal Dance Association Camp, at either Wheaton College-June 9-12 or Northern Illinois University-June 11-14, for approximately 35 athletes and 2 coaches. The camp is paid by athletes and supplemented with fundraising, if needed.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the overnight travel as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-time, Non-tenured Teachers

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-time, Non-tenured Teachers.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Part-time, Non-tenured Teachers, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Resolution for the Honorable Reduction of Certain Non-Tenured Teachers

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the Resolution for the Honorable Reduction of Certain Non-Tenured Teachers.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming, second by Mr. Yanik to approve the Resolution for the Honorable Reduction of Certain Non-Tenured Teachers, as presented.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Dr. Sefcik requested approval of the Revised Personnel Report, which included:

Recommend the employment of the following individuals:

- Vicki Shifley, Full-time Instructional Coach, beginning 2020/21
- Teacher Leaders:
 - Beth Thomas, Social Studies
 - Chris Carlson, Fine Arts, Business, Tech., Foreign Language, FCS
 - Bryan Talbot, Mathematics
 - Lori Lev, Science
- Leonard Grodoski, ELA Interventionist, beginning 2020/21
- Rebecca Doud, Math Interventionist, beginning 2020/21
- Kurt Rous, Assistant Football Coach
- Carl Uphoff, Assistant Football Coach

- Lenny Grodoski, Assistant Football Coach
- Austin Spohr, Assistant Lacrosse Coach
- Emily Troemel, Assistant Track Coach
- Kimberly Nelson, Food Service, \$10/hr., starting March 2, 2020

Recommend accepting the resignation letters from:

- Audrey Hutchings, English Teacher, effective end of 2019/20 school year
- Karen Durlak, Attendance Secretary, effective end of 2019/20 school year
- Robyn Schenning, School Nurse, effective end of 2019/20 school year
- Nicole DeMaggio, Assistant Cheerleading Coach, end of 2019/20 season
- Kevin Geist, Girls' Basketball Coach, effective end of 2019/20 season
- Meghan Crowley, JV Dance Coach, effective end of 2019/20 season
- Tiffany Beaudry, Food Service, effective 3/26/20

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

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

Aye: Fleming, Jared, Kusiak, Yanik, Hill, LaRoche
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Mr. Schmidt's report was provided, no discussion.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

ENERNOC Demand Response Agreement

Information was provided, no discussion.

2019/20 Tentative Amended Budget

Mrs. Reich requested approval to place the 2019/20 amended budget on public display for the statutory requirement of 30 days.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to authorize the placement of the 2019/20 amended budget on public display for 30 days.

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

Aye: Jared, Kusiak, Yanik, Hill, LaRoche, Fleming
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

GCHS Concession Building Cannon Design Letter of Authorization

Mrs. Reich requested approval of the Letter of Authorization with Cannon Design for the GCHS Concession Building. The preliminary drawings will be based on their per hour fee and presented to the Site and Facility Committee for approval. Cannon will propose a fixed fee which the per hour fee total will be subtracted from.

** A motion was made by Mr. Yanik, second by Mrs. Fleming to approve the Cannon Design Letter of Authorization for the GCHS Concession Building.

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

Aye: Kusiak, Yanik, Hill, LaRoche, Fleming, Jared
Nay: None
Absent: Michniewicz

Motion – **Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Sefcik reported that five FOIA's were received.

The Foreign Language trip letter went out and Mr. Schmidt has been negotiating with the Travel Company.

The staff will be on a skeleton crew. On a daily basis on campus we will have: one administrator, a support staff member posted at the front office, a technology team member, and two maintenance/custodial staff working 8am-3pm.

Dr. Sefcik will continue to monitor the Governor's press conferences for updates with regard to recommendations and directives.

Mrs. Fleming extended her thanks for the good job the district is doing. She said how proud she is of the district's efforts and the other Board members agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURN

** At 7:08 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Yanik to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Paul LaRoche, Secretary Pro Tem