

# GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2011

## **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, December 15, 2011 and called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of Grant Community High School, 285 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake. All who were present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Steve Hill, President  
Ken Mark, Vice President  
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary  
Ryan Kelly, Member  
Paul LaRoche, Member  
Tom Lippert, Member  
Jim Loris, Member

Members absent:

None

Administration present:

Dr. John N. Benedetti, Superintendent  
Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. John Barbini, Principal  
Mr. Greg Urbaniak, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

## **AUDIENCE**

Diane Lojdl, Mike Lojdl and Dave Lawson

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of regular meeting held November 15, 2011

December Bills Payable

November Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from June 17, 2010

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

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

### 2011 Tax Levy

Dr. Sefcik recommended approval of the 2011 tax levy, the resolution to spread a tax levy for 2011, the resolution to levy certain special taxes for special education IMRF purposes for 2011, and the resolution to levy for working cash fund purposes for 2011. She said there have been no changes from what was presented last month.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Lippert to approve the 2011 tax levy and resolutions presented.

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Bus Lease

Dr. Sefcik presented the proposal to lease from Midwest Transit Equipment for (18) 2013 International school busses at a cost of \$11,480 each. This is an increase of \$211.00 per bus from 2011/12 pricing. Price includes the removal and re-installation of 2 security cameras and two-way radio with antenna in each bus, complete chassis and body warranty, towing warranty, safety inspection, lettering, title/plate fees and delivery to school.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, second by Mrs. Michniewicz to authorize the lease agreement with Midwest Transit Equipment for (18) 2013 International school busses at a cost of \$11,480 each.

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

Aye: Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Partners4Results

Dr. Sefcik provided the Board with a full packet of information and she asked Greg Urbaniak to report on his interviews with the Partners4Results company representatives and a few of the high school districts that have been using this system. He outlined the main advantages of the program that it (1) can be customized for our use; (2) standard and local assessments can be gathered in one program; (3) interventions by student can be viewed by any teacher of that student and; (4) final exams can be analyzed quickly, usually within 1 day. He was very excited about the flexibility and power the program offers. Mr. Urbaniak answered questions from the Board.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the purchase of the data management package and services offered by Partners4Results for the one-time setup fee of \$10,000.00 and the purchase of a two-year contract estimated at \$11,250 annually, based on an annual license fee of \$6.00 per student.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Copy Machines

Dr. Sefcik informed the Board that individual leases on several copy machines will be up in the next few months. She has been working with the technology staff to review the needs and locations of new copiers. She will provide a recommendation at the January meeting.

### Breakfast Program

Dr. Sefcik reported on the expansion of the District's food service program to include free and reduced-price breakfasts. Each month since the introduction of the program, there has been a steady increase in the number of students that have been served. Communication to parents and students of the importance and availability of a healthy breakfast will continue.

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

### Driver Education Fee

Dr. Benedetti reported that the District's 5-year Driver Education waiver expires on June 30, 2012. As there was no one present at the public hearing and therefore no objections in person or in writing, he recommended the Board approve the submission of the waiver to the State Board of Education and Illinois General Assembly for consideration and action allowing the District to increase the Driver Education fee from \$50 to \$250.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, second by Mr. Mark to approve the submission of the District's Driver Education Fee waiver to the State Board and Illinois General Assembly for consideration and action.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris. Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Personnel

Dr. Benedetti recommended Brian Kibitlewski as the 2012 Summer School Director with a salary determined by the current collective bargaining agreement.

\*\* A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Loris to approve the personnel recommendation as presented.

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

Aye: Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

### Principal's Report

Dr. Barbini presented his monthly report which included information on the implementation of the new school dance policy. It will be reviewed prior to each dance with students, is available on the website and will become a permanent addition to the student handbook beginning next year. He reported that 121 NovaNet classes have been successfully taken by students. He turned it over to Greg Urbaniak to discuss the articulation meeting data that is being shared with our feeder schools and how well they have received this information. Hand-outs were provided.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Benedetti reported that the Board is invited to the Technology Campus open house. He also said at the January meeting, there would be a principal recommendation and proposal for boys' bowling. Dr. Sefcik let the Board know that the Frey property closing went smoothly and was completed without difficulty.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

\*\* At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. Loris 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); student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); pending litigation 5 ICLS 120/2(c)(11); and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5).

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

Aye: Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

\*\* At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Kelly, second by Lippert to end closed session and return to open session.

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

Aye: Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

## **ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to approve the following coaching positions:

- Boys Assistant Tennis – Shea Wintersteen
- Boys Head Soccer – Bryan Mark
- Girls Head Tennis – Shea Wintersteen

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Abstain: Mark

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Mark to approve the employment of Kristy Maravilla, food services, at \$8.75 per hour, beginning December 13, 2011.

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

Aye: Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Lippert to expel student #2011-12/01 for the remainder of this school year and the first semester of the 2012/13 school year.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz, Kelly

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

## ***ADJOURN***

\*\* At 9:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Lippert to adjourn the meeting.

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Steve Hill, President

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Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary