

GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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
Mrs. Becky Foster-Lopez, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Eric Taubery, Divisional Administrator
Mr. Tom Oeffling, Divisional Administrator
Mr. Jeremy Schmidt, Divisional Administrator

AUDIENCE

Diane Papenhouse, David Powell, Chuck Polich, Erin Notriano, Steve Avallone, Rachel Enkey, Thomas Foster, Liz Leider, Jill Schroeder, Chelsea Wolfe, Stephanie Carlson, Nicole (Clark) Frett, David Heasley, Christopher Kostro, Bryan Mark, Jonathan O'Brien, Francis Zaragoza, Danielle Kiessell.

Dr. Benedetti introduced each of the new certified staff members to the Board of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of regular meeting held July 21, 2011
Minutes of closed meeting held July 21, 2011
August Bills Payable
July Treasurer's Report
Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from February 18, 2010

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mrs. Michniewicz 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

Construction Update

Dr. Sefcik introduced Diane Papenhouse from IHC to provide the construction update. She brought them up to date on the painters, HVAC, final inspections are done for first day of class on Monday, the landscapers have begun around the field house, and final touches will be completed on the Commons. David Powell of Canon Designs informed the Board that it takes about 3 years for the detention ponds to establish and the grounds keeping staff have been informed of the care of the plants that are part of the pond.

Odyssey Licenses

Dr. Sefcik recommended the purchase of additional licenses for Language Arts, Algebra 2, English 1, 2, 3, 4 and Geometry at a cost of \$18,900. Mr. Urbaniak provided the Board with a rationale as to why the timing is right to implement these programs.

** A motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Loris to approve the purchase of the additional Odyssey licenses in the amount of \$18,900.

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

Aye: Michniewicz, Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark
Nay: None
Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

2011/12 Budget

Dr. Sefcik recommended the approval of the 2011/12 budget as presented.

** A motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. Loris to approve the 2011/12 budget.

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

Aye: Kelly, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, Michniewicz
Nay: None
Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Property Acquisition

Dr. Benedetti was pleased to recommend the purchase of the following three real estate properties. All are within the District's boundaries and will meet our needs for our transportation department and provide for the potential of future expansion as our student population continues to increase. Dr. Benedetti told the Board that he and Dr. Sefcik had investigated over 25 parcels of property over the last few years.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
Frey's Black Shadow Ranch	\$1,550,000	35 acres	December 15, 2011
Jerri Frey	\$550,000	5 acres	December 15, 2011
Jay & Jennifer Barber	\$850,000	122 Sayton Rd.	February 1, 2012

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Lippert to authorize the purchase the three properties outlined above.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Upcoming Board of Education Monthly Presentations

Dr. Benedetti provided the Board with the following list of monthly board presentations that the administration will present through November to keep members apprised of what is happening in the District. He hopes to continue to bring these programs to the Board throughout the year.

August	Summer School and Registration Week Recap
September	Curricular Modifications
October	Student Testing Data
November	Data Retreat

Student-athlete Concussion and Head Injury Legislation

Dr. Benedetti informed the Board of the recent legislation signed by Governor Quinn that requires each school to notify parents of the dangers of concussions and head injuries as well as have a signed concussion form on file for each student-athlete. School Board policy language should be developed by IASB shortly and will be presented to the Board when available for approval. Coaches and trainers have received the forms prior to their first practice.

Personnel

Dr. Benedetti made the following recommendations for employment:

- Corrine Bowles, temporary receptionist, \$10 per hour, start date 8/15/11
- Jodi Herrington, part-time food service, \$8.75 per hour, start date 8/22/11
- Kelly Mandala, part-time food service, \$8.75 per hour, start date 8/22/11
- Mary Schwanderlik, part-time food service, \$8.75 per hour, start date 8/22/11
- Michelle Garrity, part-time food service, \$8.75 per hour, start date 8/22/11
- Nicole Sprague, part-time food service, \$8.75 per hour, start date 8/22/11
- Richard Wetter, 3rd shift custodian, \$12.50 per hour, start date 8/8/11
- Carol Koren, maintenance, \$12.50 per hour, start date 9/6/11

He also recommended approval of an FMLA request for medical leave for Kimberly Frank, receptionist, beginning August 12, 2011 – ending November 4, 2011 and to accept the resignation letter from Pamela Yates, food services.

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

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Dr. Barbini asked Dr. Sefcik to report on on-site registration. All but 120 students went through this process; 80 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will need to get their ID's, planners, books and etc. on Monday. Dr. Barbini provided a handout for the numbers serviced during summer school. Mr. Urbaniak provided data on the Summer Academy and the impact for those English and math students. He also provided the Student/Parent/Staff pact called *Bulldog Partnership*. The Board heartily endorsed the *Bulldog Partnership* program to move ahead.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Benedetti indicated that a few members would not be able to make the regular Board meeting in November so he asked of an alternate date that would be better for the members. The membership agreed to change the November Board meeting date from November 17 to Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Michniewicz, second by Mr. Kelly to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9); the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); Semi-annual review of closed session minutes as mandated. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

** At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to end closed session and return to open session.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the FMLA request for Georgene VanCleve beginning August 22, 2011 and ending on September 30, 2011.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. Kelly to hire Matt Newborn for 3rd shift custodian at \$12.50 per hour.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

As required by law, a semi-annual review of closed minutes was conducted of the following closed session minutes to determine if confidentiality still exists or if confidentiality no longer exists and minutes may be released:

January 20, 2011
February 24, 2011
March 17, 2011

April 27, 2011
May 19, 2011
June 16, 2011

** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. LaRoche to keep all minutes closed due to confidentiality still exists for the above closed session minutes for the dates listed.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

** At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary