

**GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MAY 19, 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, May 19, 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
Paul LaRoche, Member
Tom Lippert, Member
Jim Loris, Member

Members absent:

Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary
Ryan Kelly, Member

Administration present:

Dr. John N. Benedetti, Superintendent
Dr. Christine A. Sefcik, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. John Barbini, Principal

AUDIENCE

Randy & Derek Singleton, Jasmine Singleton, Dylan Jay, Donna Ariel Ruiz, Brittany Lippert, Joe Lake, Krish Patel, Amanda Herrick, Veronica Lukemeyer, Greg Wodzien, Erin Notriano, Eric Taubery, Mark Preidis and James Jay.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of special meeting held April 27, 2011

Minutes of regular meeting held April 27, 2011

Minutes of closed meeting held April 27, 2011

May Bills Payable

April Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from November 19, 2009

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

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Health Insurance Rates 2011/12

Dr. Sefcik reported that the District had modest claims experience in 2010/11 and were able to add to existing cash reserves. Corporate Benefit Consultants and Allied have recommended that Cooperative Districts aim to have 20-30% amount in reserve for claims since we are self insured. Dr. Sefcik recommended that rates continue at the same level as 2010/11. She provided the underwriting calculations for the rates as recommended by CBC based on 45 months of claims experience. The recommended rates are as follows:

<u>Plan B</u>	<u>Current 10/11</u>	<u>Proposed 11/12</u>
Employee	\$450.01	\$450.01
Employee+Child	\$1,186.24	\$1,186.24
Employee+Spouse	\$1,283.44	\$1,283.44
Family	\$1,506.65	\$1,506.65

<u>Plan C</u>	<u>Current 10/11</u>	<u>Proposed 11/12</u>
Employee	\$413.11	\$413.11
Employee+Child	\$1,090.83	\$1,090.83
Employee+Spouse	\$1,179.04	\$1,179.04
Family	\$1,266.34	\$1,266.34

** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Mark to approve the recommended insurance rates for 2011/12.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

Odyssey Purchase

Dr. Sefcik reminded the Board of the Odyssey presentation at last month's Board meeting by Eric Taubery. It was suggested the program be utilized for Summer Academy and the Math Workshop in 2011/12. She recommended the purchase of the Odyssey math program and staff development in the amount of \$16,155. Ongoing costs are estimated at \$4,750, however we may be able to host the software and perform updates on our local server in year two, resulting in a lower ongoing cost of \$550.

** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to authorize the purchase of the Odyssey program and staff development at a cost of \$16,155 and the resulting ongoing costs.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

Proposed Budget

Dr. Sefcik provided a draft of the 2011/12 budget for review. As state and federal funding has not been confirmed, a best estimate is detailed. She will continue to update expenditures as staffing and funding allocations are finalized for the 2011/12 school year. The budget will be on public display at the June 16, 2011 meeting.

Dr. Benedetti informed the Board that Mr. Taubery was present with several students that have achieved a special honor and deserve recognition. Mr. Taubery introduced the following students and their accomplishments:

Tech Campus

- Mark Preidis Junior
SkillsUSA EMS Program Tech Campus
2nd place Fire Fighting
- Joe Lake Senior
Student of the Program – Building Trades Skills USA 2 year competitor

FBLA – Future Business Leaders of American

2011- FBLA National competition to be held in Orlando, Florida.

- Krish Patel Senior
1st place Finance U of I – Finance Nationals
- Dylan Jay Sophomore
3rd place Intro to Tech Concepts Nationals last year
- John Von Helms Senior
4th place Business Communication MSOE – Business Mgmt /Mech Engineering
Nationals Nationals last year

FCCLA – Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

- Brittany Lippert Senior
2nd place – Fashion Display Columbia College - Fashion
- Arial Ruiz Senior
2nd place – Culinary Arts – Cookie Design CLC – Columbia College – Journalism

The Board members congratulated each student on their individual success and applauded them on their exemplary representation of Grant Community High School.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

2011 Summer Curriculum Proposals

Dr. Benedetti brought forward nine summer curriculum proposals for approval, four new courses and five revisions to existing courses. Over the summer, staff will be designing curricula to meet specific criteria. The completed projects will be presented at the August meeting for Board approval. The proposals include:

New Courses

Advanced Placement World History
Spanish III Honors
Spin
Advanced Strength and Conditioning

Existing Courses

English 11, Advanced English 11 and
Honors English 11
Spanish III
Biology
Introduction to Technology
Personal Fitness and Nutrition

** A motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. Loris to approve the nine proposals as presented.

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

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

Motion – **Passed**

Personnel

Recommend the employment of the following certified staff for the 2011-12 school year:

Thomas Foster	English	Full-time	BA15 Level Step 0
Bryan Mark	Health	Part-time	BA Level Step 0
Christopher Kostro	English	Part-time	BA15 Level Step 0
David Heasley	Math	Part-time	BA Level Step 0

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

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

Aye: Hill, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris

Nay: None

Abstain: Mark

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

Principal's Report

Dr. Barbini turned it over to Tom Oeffling who introduced Greg Wodzien, Veronica Lukemeyer and Amanda Herrick who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the success of the reading workshop software, Read 180 by Scholastic.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Benedetti reminded the Board that the Graduation ceremony will be held next Saturday, May 28 and to arrive at 10:45 a.m. for those able to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

** At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing 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); and pending litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

** At 9:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. Lippert to end closed session and return to open session.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

- ** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Mark to approve the recommended compensation for non-certified staff and administrative salaries as presented.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Lippert to hire Sharon Becker for Library Aide position.

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

Aye: Loris, Hill, Mark, LaRoche, Lippert

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Lippert to approve Matt Lukemeyer, Curt Sheets and Melissa McCart for 2011/12 coaching positions.

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

Aye: Hill, Mark, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Mark, second by Mr. LaRoche to accept the resignations of Taylor Witt and Angelica Hughes.

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. Loris, second by Mr. LaRoche to authorize the purchase of properties #1 and #3.

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

- ** A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to authorize an appraisal for property #2 in the amount of \$2,000.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris, Hill, Mark, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

ADJOURN

** At 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. LaRoche to adjourn the meeting.

Steve Hill, President

Ken Mark, Secretary Pro Tem