

# GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOVEMBER 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 Tuesday, November 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:

Ken Mark, Vice President  
Paul LaRoche, Member  
Tom Lippert, Member  
Jim Loris, Member

Members absent:

Steve Hill, President  
Ruth Michniewicz, Secretary  
Ryan Kelly, Member

Administration present:

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

## **AUDIENCE**

Erin Notriano, Dan Benes, Sheryl Dempsey, Marcy Wax, Rich Free, Jeremy Schmidt, Tom Oeffling, Eric Taubery of GCHS and Michelle Standridge and Matt Beverly of IFT.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of regular meeting held October 20, 2011

Minutes of closed meeting held October 20, 2011

November Bills Payable

October Treasurer's Report

Destruction of closed meeting audio recording from May 20, 2010

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

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

Aye: LaRoche, Lippert, Loris, Mark

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

Dr. Benedetti announced that the agenda would be adjusted to present Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) and Senate Bill 7. He introduced Lynn Himes of Law Firm, Scariano, Himes and Petrarca. Mr. Himes introduced Trisha Olson who would assist with the presentation of the information. Ms. Olson handed out an outline of the PERA and Senate Bill 7 highlights. She and Mr. Himes went through the items in the handout and answered questions from the Board members and those present in the audience.

## ***BUSINESS AFFAIRS***

### 2011 Tax Levy

Dr. Sefcik presented the draft of the 2001 Certificate of Tax Levy. She pointed out that the equalized assessed value did decline again, from \$1,027,840,542 in 2010 to \$1,026,784,828. The bill she reported on did not pass. She will present the final levy and accompanying resolutions to the Board at the December meeting.

### Tax Abatement Resolution

Dr. Sefcik reminded the Board of the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the balance of \$142,921 in the Debt Service fund from recently retired bond issues. She recommended the Board authorize these dollars to reduce existing bond issues thereby reducing, slightly, the local tax burden.

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. LaRoche, second by Mr. Loris to authorize abating debt service on the Series 2008 building bonds in the amount of \$142,921.

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

Aye: Lippert, Loris, Mark, LaRoche

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

### Construction Expenditures

Dr. Sefcik reported that with the closing out of contracts on the summer projects, she gave out the updated construction budget that reflects the decreases to contracts for unused allowances. With construction complete and the purchase price for land known, it is reported that the District has approximately \$1.5 million remaining to develop the property the District purchased.

### Telecommunications Update

Dr. Sefcik updated the Board on the telecommunications planning. On October 31, she along with Tom Furlan, Curt Sheets and Fox Bluff Corporation met with representatives from MITEL, ShoreTel and CISCO equipment to determine the technology, features and services that would best serve the District's needs. An RFP is in development and soon will be finalized and publicly advertised. She will then narrow the proposals to a few finalists, interview and present a recommendation to the Board for approval, likely in February, with the replacement work completed in summer, 2012.

### Partners4Results Data Management System

Dr. Sefcik discussed that at last month's meeting, Greg Urbaniak outlined the need for a data management system to store the various student performance data that is being generated. A small committee was formed to investigate some data management options. After reviewing and visiting schools that utilize these programs, it was determined that Partners4Results was the most comprehensive and customizable program available. The information has been provided tonight and next month Greg will be available to answer any questions from the Board. A recommendation for approval will be presented at the December meeting.

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

### Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) and Senate Bill 7

This presentation and discussion was moved up on the agenda after the Consent Agenda vote.

### 2013-14 New Course Proposals

Dr. Benedetti reported due to the Common Core Standards implemented in Illinois, more time is needed to prepare and align courses with the new standards. He recommended the Board approve the following 2013-14 course additions, modifications and deletions:

#### New Courses

Honors World History  
Drawing II

#### Modified Courses

AP US History  
AP World History  
World History  
Drawing I

#### Deleted Courses

Advanced Drawing

\*\* A motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. LaRoche to approve the 2013-14 Course proposals as presented.

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

Aye: Loris, Mark, LaRoche, Lippert

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

### Personnel

Dr. Benedetti recommended the following personnel items:

- The employment of Linda Jacobs, bus driver at \$13.60 per hour, starting 10/21/2011
- FMLA request from Marcey Senkiw. She requested an intermittent leave to include two separate medical leaves.
- Accept the resignation letter from Barbara Acuff, food services, effective end of day on December 20, 2011.

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

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

Aye: Mark, LaRoche, Lippert, Loris

Nay: None

Absent: Hill, Michniewicz, Kelly

Motion – **Passed**

### Principal's Report

Dr. Barbini was not present; there was no monthly report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Benedetti pointed out the envelopes to the Board that contained their conference badges and itinerary for the upcoming weekend.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not find it necessary to convene a closed session.

***ADJOURN***

\*\* At 8:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Lippert, second by Mr. Loris to adjourn the meeting.

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Ken Mark, President Pro Tem

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Paul LaRoche, Secretary Pro Tem