

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting December 16, 2015

The Board of Education of Oakland Community Unit District #5 of Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties convened in regular session in the Lake Crest Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President McQueen at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Butler, Clifton, and McKinney were absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Clapp, Director of Student Services Stark, Mandy Hanner, and Janice Hunt.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Walsh to appoint Dee Ann Percy secretary pro-tem. Upon roll, Dowden, McQueen, and Walsh voted aye. Percy abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Dowden to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck congratulated Mrs. Lee and all the students involved in the Christmas concert. Clint McQueen recognized the City for their assistance in installing a drain between the Lake Crest parking lot and the High School parking lot. McQueen, Walsh, and Dowden discussed the breakout sessions they attended at the School Board Conference.

Landeck reported that he recently completed a FOIA request from Patrick McCraney of the Better Government Association of Chicago. The request asked for the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers, the administrator contracts, and the payroll of all employees. Landeck said he responded and received confirmation of receipt of the information on the same day it was requested, November 9th.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Under financial discussion, Landeck indicated that the district was still waiting for the categorical payments that were disbursed in September. He stated that in the recent past it has taken around 3 months for those payments to arrive. The end of December would be 3 months from when these payments were disbursed. Landeck also shared that although the State does not have a budget, over 90% of all State spending is still taking place. He mentioned that vendors are willing to continue to do business with the State because they receive between 13%-18% interest on any late payments from the State per the contracts.

Landeck informed the board that enrollment in the proposed After School Activity Program was too low to warrant moving forward with the program. Only four students were currently enrolled and Landeck said that it would take at least 15 to move forward. There was discussion on the future of the program. It was decided to try again at registration in August to see if enough interest could be generated to warrant having the program next school year.

McQueen asked if there was any additional discussion or questions in regards to the proposed levy. There was none. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Walsh to approve the tax year 2015 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the Board that President McKinney, who was absent, asked that any discussion and possible action on the issuance of bonds be tabled until more of the Board members were in attendance. The four board members in attendance agreed and no discussion took place.

At the November meeting, administrative benefit packages in regards to the Affordable Care Act were discussed. The question was asked if the funds spent for administrative insurance benefits were simply put into salary and insurance payments for administrators were paid the same as described in the teacher's contract, how that would impact TRS payments made on behalf of the administrators. Landeck said that would increase costs to the district would be approximately \$4,300 this year. However, he noted if this rule would become affective, the IRS penalty would be approximately \$4,500 per day. Again, due to the low number of Board members in attendance, this topic was tabled until next month.

Landeck gave a brief overview on fees associated with classes that students can earn dual credit through. He explained why students have to pay the dual credit fee for accounting, music, and entrepreneurship, but not for health occupations. The district pays the fee for the health occupation students because it receives a grant that helps to offset those costs.

Landeck recommended the Board hire Crystal Buckler as JH Head Volleyball Coach and Michelle Miller as JH Assistant Volleyball Coach. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by McQueen to hire Crystal Buckler as JH Head Volleyball Coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by McQueen to hire Michelle Miller as JH Assistant Volleyball Coach. Upon roll vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.


Clapp presented his administrator's reports. Stark gave an overview of the PARCC scores in her report.

Landeck presented his superintendent's report.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President