

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting April 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call – Dowden, Fonner, Lucas-Knoebel, Lee, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present.

In addition to Superintendent Landeck and Principal Cohorst, there were approximately 20 visitors at the meeting.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted yay.

Roy McCammon, representing the Fourth of July Celebration group, asked the board to please consider allowing the “4th of July” fireworks and activities to be held on school property again. This year’s celebration will be held on June 8.

Linsay Swigart provided a report on behalf of the Oakland Education Association.

Lee thanks the school for allowing the 3rd-5th grade classes to go to the Little Theatre on the Square to see Seussical. She also recognized SRO Lewis who brought in a colleague to speak to the Kids on the Run about cyberbullying. Lee pointed out that the band had just ordered and received new t-shirt. McQueen thanked Mrs. Carman for offering before school band to the 5th grade beginning band members. Lucas-Knoebel thanked the school as well for allowing the elementary students to attend Suessical in Sullivan as her son was in the cast. Cohorst thanked Mr. Jones for all his work during state testing as well as PSAT and SAT. She also recognized Mrs. Swigart for the wax museum. Landeck congratulated the students and Mrs. Swigart on another successful wax museum. He thanked Howard Cash and Terry Sullivan for helping restore things “back to normal” after the power was out in Oakland for over five hours. Landeck thanked Dowden for his years of service to the district as this was Dowden’s last board meeting.

Landeck said the district has received no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the consent agenda including the payment of bills \$363,982.80. All members present voted yay.

Landeck provided an update on the Site & Construction (1% sales tax) fund. He provided the starting balance for the current fiscal year and what he expects the fund balance to be at the end of this year even after abating \$100,000 to Bonds and Interest. Landeck also provided some early numbers on what he anticipates for property tax revenue based on what EAV was set at.

Landeck reminded the board of the fees for LIFT, dual credit and Health Occupations that were discussed in March. He recommended the district charge \$50 per credit hour for the Lake Land College remote delivery dual credit class. He also recommend health occupations students pay \$550 total which would be split up at \$275 per semester. The district would pick up the remaining \$650. Because LIFT varies between credit hours and certification, it is hard to apply a per credit hour costs. He recommended that students in LIFT pay \$275 per semester, but in this case the district would pick up the remaining \$725 per semester. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Turner to approve the fees for LIFT, dual credit, and Health Occupations as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck shared the letter the board had directed him to write that states the district’s position on Lyndsay and JJ Tharp’s request to deactivate property from the district in order to annex the same property into the Shiloh district. The letter to the Regional Board of Trustees stated that the Oakland CUSD #5 Board of Education was taking a neutral position on the request. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner

to approve the statement to the Regional Board of Trustees as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck gave a preview of the fees and lunch prices he is recommending for the 2023-2024 school year. He recommends Lake Crest registration fees increase by \$5 from \$85 to \$90. He said they had been \$85 since the 19-20 school year. High School registration fees would remain \$125. Landeck said that although the district is in the CEP meal program and all students receive free breakfast and lunch, he is recommending increasing the lunch prices so in case the district does go back to charging for meals, the prices reflect the current rate. He is recommending K-8 and HS lunches each go up five cents although families will not pay for meals. Landeck said that activity fees and the prices for athletic passes will stay the same as last year. This was simply a presentation of the fees and prices and they will be on the agenda next month for possible action.

Landeck reminded the board that per school code, the board must approve certified job descriptions each year by May 10th. These job descriptions are not for hiring purposes, but in case the board has to do a reduction in force in the upcoming school year. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lee to approve the certified job descriptions for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck recommended the board approve the contract with speech/language pathologist Jeanne Unzicker for SLP services for the 2023-2024 school year. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve contract with Jeanne Unzicker as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck provided an overview of the FY24 District Consolidated Plan. He explained that before the district could start the FY24 Title and IDEA Grant Application, it had to submit this District Consolidated Plan. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to approve the FY24 Consolidated District Plan as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck provided an overview of PRESS Issue 111, March 2023. He explained the trailer bill to Faith's Law and how it impacted districts. This was the first reading of these policies and no action would be taken until next month.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrator reports.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Turner to enter into executive session. All members present voted yay. The board went into executive session at 7:40 pm.

The board returned from executive session at 8:14 pm.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. All member present voted yay. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to hire Kendall Huffman as principal starting July 1, 2023. All member present voted yay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Lee to hire Alison Smith as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, and Stark voted yay. Turner abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by McQueen to hire Eleni Key as the school nurse starting with the 2023-2024 school year. Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, and Stark voted yay. Turner abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Turner to hire Caden Logan, Jeremiah Evans, Karsten Willison, and Gabe Turner as temporary full-time summer cleaning help. All member present voted yay. Motion carried.

