

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting August 17, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am

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

Guests Present – Jordyn Veach, Jace Canada, Eian Knoebel, Maddie Hammel, Krayton Willison, Brianna Huff, Terry Sullivan, Cameron Bradin, Katie Brading, Amanda Coffey, and Fallon Crispin

Agenda was amended to include “The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.” as an additional reason to go into executive session. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the agenda as amended. All members present voted yay.

McQueen entered at 7:02.

Cameron Braden addressed the board about bussing. His kindergarten son is taken to his grandmother’s house which is 1.2 miles from the school. Because it is not 1.5 miles or more, the school is not required to provide bussing. He said he was sure there were other parents in similar situations and he asked the board to consider doing something to help families get these students to school.

Ms. Hammel presented Jordyn Veach, Jace Canada, Eian Knoebel, and Brianna Huff who gave the annual FFA Report. They had a presentation that shared the past year’s activities.

Amanda Coffey provided the OEA communication to the board. She thanked the board, the district, Andrew Dowden, and Lance Landeck for making the staff Back to School Cookout a success. She also thanked the PTO for helping the teachers sponsor a Back to School Swim Night and for bringing in the food trucks during First Night.

Tabatha Cohorst thanked the BCL Womens Group at the Christian Church for providing lunch for our staff on the teacher institute day. She also thanked them for a \$500 check presented to Vivian Hudson to provide assistance to the districts students in need. Landeck thanked the Oakland FD for the use of their grill for the Back to School Cookout. He thanked Andrew Dowden for manning the grill during the cookout. He thanked McQueen Lumber and Birkeys for providing forklift assistance when the district has large freight deliveries. Landeck gave what he called a special shout out to Terry Sullivan and Howard Cash for everything they have done to prepare the district for the start of the school year.

Landeck said there were no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to approve the consent agenda including the payment of bills \$152,850.27. All members present voted yay.

Landeck gave a very brief overview of how Evidence Based Funding is calculated. He discussed some of the elements that determine a districts funding. He said that the district would be receiving \$830,752 in EBF as opposed to \$823,466 last year.

Landeck presented the tentative FY23 budget. He explained how ESSER funds have helped strengthen fund balances, but those same funds make it somewhat difficult in developing the budget. Depending on which ESSER grant it is, I, II, or III, the funds may be expended in FY23 or FY24 so it is hard to determine whether or not to include those expenses and the resulting revenue in this current budget. Landeck also explained why the Transportation Fund shows a \$66,000 deficit. Transportation funding is based on the previous years expenses and as last years were lower than normal, this year’s funding is lower than normal.

However, last year's funding, which was based on FY21 expenses was substantially higher. So, this year's deficit will be offset by last year's excess. Landeck said overall, he is very happy with the budget being presented.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Dowden to set the date and time of the required budget hearing for Wednesday, September 21 at 6:45 pm before the regularly scheduled meeting. All members present voted yay.

Landeck explained that the only change to the signatories with First Neighbor Bank being presented for approval is that for internal control, the bookkeeper, Valerie Bell in this case, will be removed from the main account. Otherwise, all other account signatories will remain the same as in the past. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Fonner to approve the signatory's with First Neighbor Bank as presented. All members present voted yay.

Landeck told the board the Intergovernmental Agreement with the city for the School Resource Officer is the same agreement as used in the past with the only difference being the amount the district will pay the city for the school resource officer services. This years fee is \$37,817 of which \$10,000 will be paid from Title IV funds that helps support safe schools. The remaining \$27, 817 will come from the district Tort Fund. A motion was made by McQueen and seconded by Turner to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the city of Oakland as presented. All members present voted yay.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to enter into executive session. All members present voted yay. The board went into executive session at 7:45.

The board returned from executive session at 8:20.


A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve Janet Hudson & DeeAnn Percy as co-yearbook sponsors. All member present voted yay.


A motion was made by Dowden and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to accept Lance Landeck's resignation effective at the end of the day June 30, 2023. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to adjourn. All member present voted yay.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25



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