

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting February 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, Terry Sullivan, Todd Miller, Jennifer Clark, Jill Sweeney, Rachel Wright, and Janice Hunt.

Landeck informed the board that the agenda needed to be amended to add two items. "Oakland Education Association Communication to the Board," has to be added to Communications & recognition. The consent agenda was also amended to add, "Approve minutes of the special board of education meeting of February 10, 2022. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members amended voted aye. Motion carried.

Jennifer Clark, representing the OEA, informed the board of different activities that had taken place in Mrs Strader's class. She also said that a video of Mrs. Strader's 2nd grade class would be broadcast on WCIA Channel 3 starting next week..

Lee recognized Mrs. Cohorst for doing the "Kindness Blanket" project. Lee also said she thought it was very nice that the students made Valentine's Day cards for area nursing homes. Cohorst informed the board that Mr. Hupp's wife and Mrs. Conn had recently had babies.

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

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$309,450.87 as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board there was nothing out of the ordinary to report financially. He said he was happy with the fund balances. He pointed out that the \$75,000 transfer from Fund 60 to Fund 30 did not happen until February so it was not reflected on the Treasurer's Report..

Landeck said there was still no ruling on the appeal of the COVID mitigation TRO. He stated that the common opinion upon school attorneys is that districts can't be wrong on either side of the issue right now because the legality of the mitigation mandates is so murky. Landeck said that as a result of the current status of the TRO, the only organization that had any authority was ISBE and the TRO currently bars them from enforcement. The current numbers in Oakland schools, Landeck said, are one Lake Crest student and one high school student are currently quarantined.

Landeck informed the board that now that the district has had some snow days, the last day of school is going to be after Memorial Day. That being said, administration is recommending junior high graduation be on Thursday, May 26 and high school graduation be on Friday, May 27. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to approve the graduation dates as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Leen to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 7:17 pm and returned from executive session at 8:02 pm.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Turner to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Turner to hire Sarah Currie as kitchen help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to approve non-certified pay rates as presented in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.


A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Turner to approve pay adjustment for Leann Royer for teaching high school special education class. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to hire TJ Blake as the Head Football Coach. Upon roll, Dowden, Fonner, Lee, McQueen, Stark, and Turner voted aye. Lucas-Knoebel abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Turner to increase substitute teacher rate to \$100 per day effective March 1, 2022. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Fonner to accept Anthony Hupp's resignation effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President