

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting June 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, and Stark present. McQueen and Turner were absent. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Cohorst, Jennifer Clark, Michelle Strader, Todd Miller, Rachel Wright, Cory Jones, Makenna Ratliff, Logan Ratliff, Rachel Wright, and Janice Hunt.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Lee, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members amended voted aye. Motion carried.

During public comment, no one addressed the board.

Michelle Strader, representing the Oakland Education Association, shared during its communication to the board that there was a Field Day with snow cones on the last day of school. It was also shared that Ms. Hammel had recently taken a group of students to the FFA State Convention in Springfield and that many teachers were participating in professional development opportunities over the summer.

Lucas-Knoebel Fonner thanked Mrs. Hammel for taking the FFA student to Springfield. She also shared that the motivational speaker she heard the day she was there was excellent. Fonner thanked all the teachers and staff members that took students on field trips at the end of the year. Cohorst commented that teacher Emily Myers was on the Washington DC trip that included a couple of Oakland HS students. Landeck congratulated the Oakland HS Class of 2022 on their recent graduation. He thanked the PTO as well as the Oakland Fire on the success of the recent musical and spring band concert. Cohorst thanked all the substitute teachers the district utilized during the school year especially those that served in long-term positions. Cohorst also thanked DeeAnn Percy and Amanda Coffey for providing past practice and insight into the upcoming promotion and graduation ceremonies. She also thanked the PTO for everything the organization did during Teacher Appreciation Week. Landeck thanked the junior class and their class sponsors for a successful prom. He also thanked all the adults that helped Nurse Vivian with the Kids On the Run program. The group just completed their 5K and it was well attended.

Landeck said there was one FOIA requests since the last meeting. The request was from SmartProcure and it was received by the district on May 28. The request asked for purchasing information from 2/24/22 to 5/28/22. The district provided it's official response on June 2.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lee to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$244,940.63 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck said most of the financial news he has was shared during the amended budget hearing. He stated that now that the amended budget is done, he will start working on the FY23 budget for presentation in August and approval in September.

Landeck asked if there were any additional comments or questions on the amended budget that were not asked during the hearing. There were none. A motion was made by Dowden and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the FY22 amended budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cohorst provided an overview of proposed changes to the *Student Handbook* for the upcoming school year. She explained that some of the changes were for clarification purposes, some are recommended by the IPA Model Student Handbook service the district subscribes to, and some are required by law to be in the handbook. There was some short discussion on some of the language. This was the first reading of the proposed changes and they will be up for approval in July.

Landeck informed the board that the joint annual conference is November 17-20. He asked board members to let him know if they planned on going by July 7 so he could get the district's registration in.

Landeck reminded the board that in May he had informed them that property and casualty insurance and the workers compensation insurance for the district through PSIC was increasing by 13.58% from \$42,240 to \$47,976 for the upcoming school year. Landeck said that PSIC requires the board to approve the renewal. A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lee to approve insurance renewal with PSIC as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck shared the meeting dates for FY23. He explained that there would need to be an organizational meeting after the election in April of 2023. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Dowden to approve the FY23 meeting dates and times as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

McQueen entered the meeting at 7:53.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lee to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 7:54 pm and returned from executive session at 8:54 pm.

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

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to hire Makena Ratliff as a teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Dowden to hire Cory Jones as a school counselor for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to hire Theresa Sisk Allen as Tri-County Golf coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Lee to approve non-certified staff pay rate for FY 23 as presented in executive session.. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to adjourn at 8:58 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.


Acting President


Vice-President
Board Member