

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting March 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dowden, Fonner, McQueen, Stark, Turner, and Walsh present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Amanda Coffey, and an audience of approximately 20.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Oakland High School seniors Jenna Rekart, Kaylen Hunt, and Ashlei Viehland addressed the board about the possibility of the senior trip being an overnight trip. Rod Viehland, Ashlei's father, Tammy Hemrich, mother of senior Camden Hemrich, and Heidi Knoebel, mother of senior Owen Knoebel, all spoke to the board in support of the senior trip being overnight. Heidi Knoebel also spoke to the board about quarantine inconsistencies between counties. Roy McCammon addressed the board on behalf of the Oakland Fire Department about using school grounds for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

Following public comment, a motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner, to amend the agenda and add an 8.2 under "New Business" to discuss and possible take action on the senior trip. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey recognized Lake Crest 7<sup>th</sup> grader Damian Elswick for his success in the Regional Spelling Bee in Decatur. Of 21 participants, he made it to the final six. Landeck announced that the Oakland High School Art Club will be the recipient of a \$2,500 grant from the America's Farmers Grow Communities funded by Bayer. Landeck recognized the high school girls basketball team for finishing the season with a 10-1 record and being ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the final statewide rankings.

Landeck informed the board there had been one FOIA request since the last meeting. It was from SmartProcure and it was received on March 9<sup>th</sup>. They requested all purchasing records from November 30, 2020 to present. Landeck said the district provided it's official response on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Walsh to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$262,549.19 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck gave a brief financial update.

Landeck provided the board with a COVID update. He shared there is currently 1 positive high school student and 17 high school students quarantined due to close contact. The board had a lengthy discussion in regards to the inconsistencies between neighboring county health departments policies on the length of quarantines for asymptomatic, close contact students. The board discussed making it 10 days for all students regardless of which county they live in. Landeck suggest that before taking any

action that Dowden talk with the district's attorney to get his advice. Dowden said after talking with the attorney he would decide whether or not to call a special meeting to discuss this topic further.

Landeck reminded the board that in February, a language change to the Student Attendance policy was introduced and had it's first reading. Administration is recommending the language be changed to indicate that this is for 6-12 grade students only. Dowden asked if there were any questions or comments in regards to the language change. There were none. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Walsh to approve the change in the language for the Student Attendance policy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the 2021-2022 school calendar. He informed the board that per the collective bargaining agreement with the Oakland Education Association, the superintendent must ask the association for recommendations on the calendar and share those recommendations with the board. Landeck said the association made three recommendations and all three were incorporated into the calendar. Landeck provided a brief overview of the calendar pointing out some important dates. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to adopt the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board had a discussion allowing the senior trip to be an overnight trip. They discussed how it used to be in the past until the late 1980's. The board asked Coffey and Landeck their opinions on the subject. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Walsh to allow the senior trip to be overnight. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey shared Director of Student Services Director Stark's report in her absence. Coffey and Landeck also gave their reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 9:05 pm and returned from executive session at 9:36 pm.

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


A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to employ William Ludwig as a teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Clifton to grant Alyssa Childress a leave of absence as junior high track coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Walsh to hire DeeAnn Percy as junior high track coach on an interim basis. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Fonner to approve Ezra Smithson as a volunteer assistant track coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 9:46 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present and on the phone voted aye. Motion Carried.



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