

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting            September 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, Stark, and Turner present. McQueen was absent. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Cohorst, Maddie Hammel, Brianne Turner, Terry Sullivan, Dr. Kyle Thompson, Dr. Zak Standerfer, Rachel Wriugh, and Janice Hunt.

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

Dr. Thompson and Dr. Standerfer, representing ROE #11, addressed the board in regards to superintendent search services the regional office offers. Parent, Brianne Turner addressed the board about a safety concern she has in regards to where the bus drops off her daughter and another student.

Maddie Hammel, representing the Oakland Education Association, reported of different activities going on in different classes, that Mr. Sullivan read to the classes, the PTO fundraiser is in progress, and that FFA members made a college trip.

Cohorst thanked John Kent from Country Financial for their recent donation to the school. She recognized Ms. Wagner and the Culinary Occupation students for the Sip-N-Study program. Landeck congratulated Renee Fonner for receiving the ROE's "Friends of Education Award." Dowden thanked Fonner for letting him know that the ROE does superintendent searches.

Landeck said there was one FOIA requests since the last meeting. The request was received on August 31 from SmartProcure and it requested directory information for all employees. The district provided it's official response on September 1.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Turner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$370,376.55 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the auditors have already started working on the audit. They have asked the district, particularly Valerie, to be available on September 27<sup>th</sup> when they will have their whole staff dedicated to our audit, although still remotely. They do plan on being onsite for one day during the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Landeck said he doesn't anticipate having the report until the November meeting at the earliest.

Landeck asked if there were any last minute questions about the FY23 budget. There were no additional questions. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lee to approve the FY23 budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that he had sent out a survey in regards to and looked into the different options for providing bussing for students that live closer than 1.5 miles to the school. The survey showed that if the district provided the bussing free of charge, approximately 40 students would take

advantage of it. If families had to pay a fee for the in-town service that number would only be about 12 students. Landeck said that Gould Transportation told him if the district were to provide the service, it would cost approximately \$4,000 per month or \$40,000 per school year. If the district let Gould's provide the service on a contractual basis with families, Gould's would need at least 50 students riding the bus each month in order for them to break even. There was a discussion on the district providing the service free of charge and it was agreed that \$40,000 per year was too much when the district is not reimbursed for those riders.

Landeck presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefit Report. He stated that by law, the report had to be approved by the Board and then displayed on the district web-site. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turnerto approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefit Report as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board had additional questions for Dr. Thompson and Dr. Standerfer based on what the two shared during public comment. They shared how their superintendent search worked, a possible timeline, and what schools they have helped in the past. Dr. Thompson said the service would be free of charge unless the board wanted to do a community survey then there would be a \$1,000 charge. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to direct Dr. Kyle Thompson, representing Regional Office 11, to oversee the superintendent search. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the board with a proposed memorandum of understanding with the Oakland Education Association that addressed who would be responsible for a recently charged 13<sup>th</sup> monthly payment from the Egyptian Trust Area Schools Employment Benefit Trust. Because the collective bargaining agreement has language how monthly payments are handled, if the board wanted to cover 100% of the costs associated with this 13<sup>th</sup> monthly payment, a MOU is necessary. Landeck shared that the OEA had already approved it. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Lee to approve the MOU regarding benefits with the OEA as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck then presented the board with a second proposed memorandum of understanding with the Oakland Education Association in response to the Illinois General Assembly PA 102-0252. The new law states that tenured teachers need to be evaluated a minimum of once every three years. This is a change to the old law and the current collective bargaining agreement that says at least once every two years. Because the CBA is contradictory to the law, the MOU is necessary. Landeck said that the OEA had already approved the MOU. A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lee to approve the MOU regarding evaluations with the OEA as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

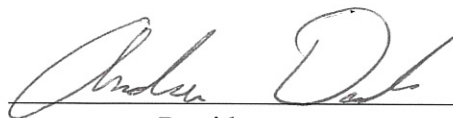
A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 8:16 pm and returned from executive session at 8:27 pm.

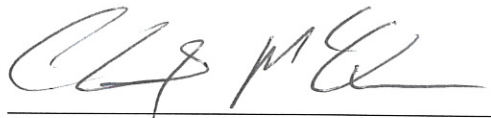
A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lee to hire Melissa Burgess as part-time kitchen help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President