

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting December 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dowden, Hunt, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Hall was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Amanda Coffey, Director of Student Services Patty Stark, Linsay Swigart, and Janice Hunt.

Landeck informed the board that the agenda needed to be amended to add, "and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students" as a reason for going into executive session. A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden, to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Coffey thanked Brian Anderson, Jenny Kapraun-Veach, and Ethan Brewer for the recent improvements to the weight room. Landeck thanked Kapraun-Veach for recent donations to the district. He also noted that the recent Christmas concert was very successful and that everyone involved did a great job..

Landeck indicated he had received only the FOIA request since the last board meeting. The request, made by SmartProcure requested any and all purchases made by the district from September 1, 2018 to the present. The district provided it's official response on November 19th and received receipt of arrival from the requestor that same day.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Dowden to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$286,021.52 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck gave a brief financial update. He said the evidence based funding was coming in as scheduled. The district was still waiting for it's first FY19 transportation payments. Landeck shared that he heard we would receive it in January and that we would probably receive only one of the three remaining payments before the end of the fiscal year.

Landeck informed the board that he had already started the ground work to put the district property and casualty insurance as well as it's workers compensation insurance out for bid this Spring. Per the current carrier's by-laws, the board must adopt a resolution before January 1 stating their intent to do so. A motion was made by Pearcy and seconded by Walsh to adopt Resolution Giving Notice to PSIC that Oakland CUSD #5 will Withdraw from the Cooperative at the End of the Current School Year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck stated that he had made no changes to the tentative levy that was approved in November. He once again went over what he anticipated EAV to be and how that would impact the tax rate. He shared figures with and without abatement depending on what the board decided to do. A motion was made by

McQueen and seconded by Walsh to approve the tax year 2018 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on whether or not the district should abate any taxes and if so, how much. Dowden shared a plan he had developed that recommending moving \$75,000 from the Site and Construction, or Capitol Projects Fund, to the Bond & Interest Fund and then use that \$75,000 to abate the taxes revenue to pay off the existing bond. Dowden's plan explained a combination of abatement and facility upgrades, but he would discuss that under the appropriate agenda item. There was discussion on Dowden's suggestion. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to adopt Resolution (i) transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of the District to the bond and interest fund of the District and (ii) abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2018 to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the District. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion then moved to facility upgrades. Dowden shared the rest of his plan that involved transferring a certain amount from the Working Cash Fund to the O&M fund to help finance some facility upgrades in the near future. He recommend the district go ahead with parking lot upkeep, resurfacing of the gym floor, and new football field bleachers as Landeck had discussed in the past. Dowden recommended that the board should also give Landeck permission to move forward with getting more precise numbers on a new HVAC system, including air conditioning, for the gym and that work be done this summer. There was discussion on that idea. The discussion generated some questions, but no real opposition. The board directed Landeck to talk with CTS and bring back a proposal for HVAC, including air conditioning, that they can evaluate for possible approval.

Landeck sought approval from the board to apply for the newly created ISBE Property Tax Relief Grant. Landeck reminded the board that is was a long shot for the district to receive the grant because it is so far down on the list of priority for districts to receive the grant. However, Landeck also said you don't have a chance to receive it unless you apply. If received, the district would get almost three quarters of the money used to abate reimbursed by the State. The board directed Landeck to apply for the grant.

Coffey, Stark, and Landeck presented their administrator reports.

A motion was made by Walsh and seconded by Hunt to enter into executive session at 8:03 pm. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 8:10 pm.

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

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Walsh to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President