

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting February 18, 2015

The Board of Education of Oakland Community Unit District #5 of Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties convened in regular session in the Lake Crest Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by President McKinney at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dague, Hudson, McKinney, McQueen, and Percy present. Butler was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Adam Clapp, Principal Patty Stark, Casey Pinnell, Rachel Wright, Andrew Dowden, and Janice Hunt.

A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Clifton to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck congratulated spelling bee winners; Kaylenn Hunt, Leo Wheeler, Caleb Ard, and Ashlei Viehland. He recognized both the high school boys' and girls' basketball teams for being the regular season champions of the Southeast Division of the LOVC. Landeck noted that the Oakland FFA was the recipient of a \$2500 grant from Randy Ellis who was selected by Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Communities Program.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by McQueen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

During the financial discussion item on the agenda, gave a brief overview of Governor Rauner's Budget Address from earlier in the day.

Landeck discussed Vision 20/20 which is a joint venture of the IASB, IASA, IPA, IASBO, and other state organizations. The organizations are asking local school boards to approve a resolution supporting Vision 20/20. Landeck explained he would like the Board to approve such a resolution at the March meeting supporting Vision 20/20.

Discussion on the Tri-County co-op was held. Topics discussed included where home games should be held, junior high athletics as a part of the co-op, student and parent/fan discipline, athletic director, and the renewal process for the co-op. The only issue Board members said they have heard is a handful of parents concerned about playing time.

Landeck presented the Board with the dates of May 21 and May 22 for junior high and high school graduation respectively. He explained how finals would be scheduled and that these days would remain set even if the district uses additional emergency days moving forward. A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by McKinney to approve the 8th grade and high school graduation dates as presented.

Landeck explained that each year when the payment on the bonds is due, the Debt Services Fund does not have enough in it to cover the payment. The district always have enough in the bank to make the payment and carry a negative balance in that particular fund until the revenue from the counties actually arrives. However, according to the auditor, the Debt Services Fund should never have a negative balance. Therefore, it is necessary to pass a resolution authorizing a transfer of fund from Working Cash to Debt Services. Action on the resolution would take place in March. No action was taken on this agenda item.

As a follow-up to discussion in January, Landeck provided updated, projected enrollment numbers at the elementary level for the start of the 2015 – 2016 school year. As a result of these numbers, Landeck said that only one class at each grade level would be necessary. Therefore, he would recommend the Board pass a resolution reducing the number of certified staff members. In this particular case, it would be an elementary teacher. Landeck indicated that he has talked with the Oakland Education Association as well as the teacher this would impact. In order to meet timelines established by *School Code*, this action would need to be done at the March meeting.

Landeck also indicated that very little interest in the librarian position for next year has been received since it was posted in early December 2014. Landeck indicated it his intention to have a certified person in that position, but if the district is unable to secure such a person, there are allowances in place to employ a non-certified person to fill the position.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by McKinney to enter into executive session at 7:42 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:33 pm.

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

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Dague to rename the administrative position currently held by Patty Stark from principal to Director of Student Services. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

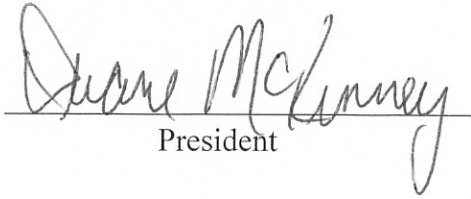
A motions was made by Dague, seconded by McQueen to approve Casey Pinnell as head high school football coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clapp reported on Tri-County Co-op accomplishments, high school Scholastic Bowl, the possibility of junior high cross-country, FCCLA accomplishments, and the recent school improvement day.

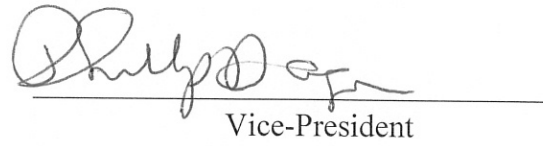
Stark reported on discussions with Lake Land Community College in regards to dual credit courses, on-going pre-registration and registration for the 2015-2016 school year, and upcoming ACT and PARCC assessments.

Landeck provided the Board with cost estimates for some possible building projects. When asked which project was highest on the priority list, Landeck indicated the tuck-point work at the gym.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Percy to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President