

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting March 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 March 18, 2015.

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

McKinney indicated the need to elect a Secretary Pro-Tempore in the absence of Secretary Hudson. McKinney nominated Clifton and asked if there were any other nominations. Seeing none, he called the nomination of Clifton as Secretary Pro-Tempore to a vote. By a voice vote, Clifton was elected to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore in the absence of elected board secretary Hudson for this meeting.

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

Dague recognized and thanked those responsible for the success of the Fall & Winter Sports Banquet that was recently held at Shiloh HS. Landeck read a "Thank You" card from the Wayne Smithson family. He mentioned that the recent NHS Donor's Luncheon was a big success. Recent National Honor Society inductees; Seth Ethington, Johnna Roberts, Emily Royer, Vanessa Zimmerman, and Michael Hudson were recognized. Landeck also thanked everyone responsible for putting together the sports banquet. He concluded by mentioning that the 8th grade volleyball team would be playing in the State Finals this weekend at Auburn High School.

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

During the financial discussion item on the agenda, Landeck mentioned that the district still had not received the 2nd mandated categorical payments from the State that had been disbursed in December. He stated that he anticipates it by the end of March. He said that he has been hearing that this may be the last categorical payment the district receives during FY15.

McKinney asked if there were any questions in regards to the Vision 20/20 resolution. There were no questions, but Landeck reminded everyone that this had been discussed last month as informational only and was now being presented for passage. A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Percy to approve the Vision 20/20 Resolution as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck reminded the Board why it was necessary to transfer funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Services Fund. He also stated that he would work with Heartland Bank to see if there was any way they could change the due date of the spring payment to a sometime after the district receives the first tax payment from the Counties. McKinney asked if there were any questions in regards to the inter-fund loan transfer. There were none. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by McKinney to approve the resolution authorizing inter-fund loans from the working cash fund to the debt services fund as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

McKinney asked if there were any questions in regards to the administrative recommendation to reduce the teaching staff by way of an honorable dismissal of a probationary teacher. There were no questions, but McQueen, as a reminder, wanted everyone in attendance to know this action was being based solely on anticipated enrollment numbers for next fall. He asked, "If for some reason numbers are up and a second teacher at a grade level is necessary, would we do that?" Landeck replied with, "Since this position was added three years ago at the kindergarten level, it has been the intention of the board and the administration to keep class sizes as small as possible in grades K-2. Therefore, if numbers dictate that we do need an additional teacher, one would be pursued and this individual would be the first person we would call." A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Percy to approve the resolution authorizing reduction in force and honorable dismissal of full-time probationary teacher Danielle Brown as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck shared a copy of the proposed 2015-2016 school year calendar. He explained how because of the structure of the specific dates, there was not much flexibility in how the calendar could be created. He pointed out specific dates such as first and last day of student attendance and winter break. A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Clifton to approve the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Clifton to enter into executive session at 7:18 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 7:57 pm.

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

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Dague to grant tenure status to Lindsey Ames and Blake Doehring. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motions was made by Clifton, seconded by Butler to employ Tedra Nelk, Melissa Wheeler, Julie Findley, Courtney Kerley, Kevin Fleckenstein, Annie Shiley, Kenneth Pierson, April Lee, William Sewell, Holy Puchetta, Elizabeth McMahan, and Lindsay Swigart for the 2015-2016 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clapp provided a wrap-up on the winter sports and a preview on the spring sports. He indicated that he had taken an interest survey of junior high students that would be interested in cross-country. 4 students in grades 6-8 expressed interest. He also indicated that in talking with Shiloh and Kansas, neither of those

districts were interested in participating. He recognized the students and staff involved in the 8th grade wax museum.

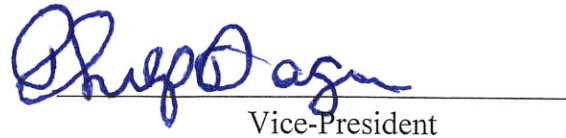
Stark reported that Freshman Orientation for this year's 8th grade students had to be rescheduled as well as the ACT for the juniors. She reported that the district was in the middle of PARCC testing.

Landeck informed the Board that representatives from CTS would be on-site in the district to look at possible facility improvements. He also asked the Board for a straw poll of those interested in the district continuing to donate \$1000 per year to the city for the recycling bin located at the school. All those in attendance supported continuing the donation.

A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President