

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting November 19, 2014

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 November 19, 2014.

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

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 thanked everyone involved in the Veterans Day program. He read letters from Bill Chandler and Archie Dague complimenting the district on the program. Landeck pointed out that fall sports were wrapped up and recognized the success of the volleyball and football teams. He stated that NHS had a very successful fall blood drive. He complimented Mrs. Lee and all the students that participated in Java and Jams. He also thanked all that participated in the Channel 3 pep rally that helped to make it a success.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Clifton 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 gave updates on the state income tax, pension reform, Senate Bill 16, and minimum wage. He discussed what the district could anticipate in regards to each of those issues with the gubernatorial election now complete.

Landeck presented the tentative tax levy. He stated that although it shows an aggregate increase of 7% that does not mean taxes would increase by 7%. It simply means that he is requesting 7% more than the district actually received last year. Landeck states he needs to inflate the amounts in the levy to assure the district does not miss out on any tax revenue. There were no questions from the board in regards to the tentative tax levy. A motion was made by Dague, seconded by McQueen to approve the tentative tax levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck stated that since the aggregate levy increase exceeds 5% the district is required to hold a truth in taxation hearing. He recommend the hearing be held at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, December 17th, 2014. A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Clifton set the truth in taxation hearing for 6:45 pm on Wednesday, December 17, 2014. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck gave a presentation of the school report cards for Lake Crest, the High School, as well as the District. He stated that he was not going to read the at-a-glance reports to the board and visitors, but gave them a few minutes to look over it and ask questions if they had any. Landeck then shared some report card data for neighboring districts in order to compare data and evaluate where Oakland schools stand in relationship to other similar local districts. Landeck stated that this presentation of the school report card is required by law as is its posting on the district website.

Landeck then gave a brief presentation on the Common Core State Standards and why Oakland CUSD #5 was using them. He stated that as a part of Illinois' application for Race to the Top grant money, the State assured the Federal government that the CCSS would be implemented in all of its schools. Illinois then became a part of the PARCC assessment group to help develop tests to assess students on the CCSS.

There was discussion on Kansas participating as a part of a co-op in junior high track and field. Landeck stated that Kansas was asked to participate when track was reinstated for the 2012-2013 school year, but declined the offer. They now want to participate and have already taken action to do so. Landeck informed the board that action on this item will be on the December agenda.

A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Clifton to enter into executive session at 8:11 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 9:09 pm.

A motion was made by Percy, 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 McKinney, seconded by McQueen to approve Josh Blacker as a paid assistant football coach. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Dague to employ Linsay Swigart as assistant junior high volleyball coach. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clapp provided the principal's report.

Landeck provided the Superintendent's report.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 9:24 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President