

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting August 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee and Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, and an audience of approximately 18-20 visitors.

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

Michelle Strader informed the board of a movie night hosted by the Oakland Education Association. Eric Tillis addressed the board with concerns as to why so many teachers had left the district since the end of the last school year. Todd Miller stated that he shared the concerns Tillis expressed. Prudy Wynn told the board they need to think down the road and do the right thing so the school is here ten years from now. Dowden read a letter from Amy Turner with concerns about the number of teachers leaving and the size of the kindergarten class. Clay Dennison expressed concerns about the size of the kindergarten class as well.

McQueen stated that he had heard the Movie Night was a well-received event. Lee said she thought First Night went well and well attended. Landeck thanked the women of the Oakland Christian Church for providing lunch on the teacher's institute day and for cheering on the students as they entered the building on the first day of attendance.

Landeck said there were no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$164,239.11 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck said he was still working on the ESSER III grant. The district has starting ordering textbooks and intends to use ESSER III funds to pay for them. ISBE has yet to provide allotments for regular or special education transportation.

Landeck shared with the board that he's been asked when the Governor, IDPH, or ISBE might re-evaluate the mask mandate. Landeck said he has not heard of any date or timeline for the mandate to be re-evaluated.

Landeck presented the tentative FY22 budget. He explained that this budget did not include any of the ESSER III money on either the revenue or the expenditure side. He said that as those funds are used, they will be entered into an amended budget. He pointed out that the Ed Fund shows a surplus of approximately \$115,000, but to keep in mind that the district received an ESSER I payment on July 1 for expenditures made in FY21. Landeck said because of all the uncertainty, the budget will definitely have

to be amended in June. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the tentative FY22 budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck explained that the tentative budget had to be on display for 30 days and then the board had to hold a public hearing before approving the budget. Landeck recommended the hearing be held before the September 22nd regular meeting. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to set the hearing for the FY22 budget for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 as 6:45 pm in the Lake Crest library. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Each year, the board approves the signatories on the different accounts held with First Neighbor Bank. Landeck stated that Shirley Willison and he can sign on the "big account." Valerie Bell and he can sign on the Imprest Fund. Cohorst and Bell can sign on activity accounts. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner approve the signatories with First Neighbor Bank as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:44 pm and returned from executive session at 8:34 pm.

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

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Lee to approve Tony and Brooke Kile as co-coaches for high school golf. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to hire Tedra Nelk as a social worker for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turnern to reassign Chris Kolling to the newly created kindergarten position. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President