

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting December 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, and a crowd of approximately 40.

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

Julie Findley, representing herself, addressed the board in regards to ongoing negotiations. Rachel Wright, speaking on behalf of the OEA, addressed the board in regards to the ongoing negotiations as well. Jennifer Burch, district parent, asked the board which of its members were on the negotiation team for the board. Dowden, McQueen, and Stark raised their hands. Landeck, speaking on behalf of Kent Kull from Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull gave the FY21 audit report.

Fonner said the music and band concert was great and it was great to have live music again. She also thanked the Tri-County Booster Club for the recent 8th grade night for junior high boys' basketball. Lee agreed that everyone involved did a great job with the concert. Lucas-Knoebel thanked Mrs. Cohorst for attending the Tri-County Football Award ceremony. Cohorst congratulated the teachers for collecting over \$600 for Christmas is a Child by donating to wear jeans. Landeck recognized FCCLA for distributing approximately 30 food baskets to local families for Thanksgiving. He informed the board that Mrs. Tillis' class had recently participated in the worldwide "Hour of Coding" during which students took part in coding activities. Landeck congratulated Mrs. Carmen and all the students on a successful music program.

Landeck said there was one FOIA requests since the last meeting. The district has received one FOIA requests since the last board meeting. The request was from SmartProcure. The request was received on November 25th. The request asked for all purchasing records from August 19, 2021 to present. The district provided its official response on Thursday, December 2nd.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Dowden to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$278,902.92 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board EBF money and grant reimbursements were flowing to the district. He said that the district has yet to receive any transportation funding.

Landeck said that there is currently one student out for testing positive and 8 students quarantined due to being identified as a close contact. He said all 8 students that are close contacts have a family member that has tested positive and that is where the close contact happened. Landeck shared that he felt the district has been very fortunate because a lot of schools are going to shortened schedules or fully remote learning that last few weeks here before break due to an increase in students being quarantined.

Dowden asked if there any questions in regards to the Tax Year '21 levy. There were no questions. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to approve the tax year 2021 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck explained that once the board took action to transfer funds from Capitol Projects to Bond & Interest, those funds could then be used to help make the next bond and interest payment next Spring. This would save the tax payers of the community by not having to levy as much. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to adopt a 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 2021 to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the District as read by title. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck provided the first reading of PRESS Issue 108, November 2021. He said this issue covers a lot of different policies. Many of the policies are unchanged, but footnotes or legal references are updated. Some policies impacted are, but not limited to, Board responsibilities, meeting procedures, website requirements, hiring, Erin's Law, Family and Medical Leave, student teachers, curriculum, suspension and expulsion procedures, and student records. He stated that there are introductory policies to the National Sex Education Standards and developmentally appropriate consent education curriculum. He said that ISBE has yet to create the Illinois standards and they have until August of 2022 to do so. He also said that local boards will have the authority to adopt the standards or not. He reminded everyone that this was simply the first reading of the policies in this PRESS issue and they would be presented for approval in January.

Landeck informed the board that Illinois law requires Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to offer an optional defined contribution benefit to eligible active members of the System. To comply with this law, TRS has contracted with Voya Financial to develop and offer the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan (SSP). The SSP is a 457(b) retirement plan. Districts are required by the IRS to adopt a resolution saying they will participate in the plan. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Fonner to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Teachers Retirement Supplemental Savings Plan as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:45 pm and returned from executive session at 9:17 pm.

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

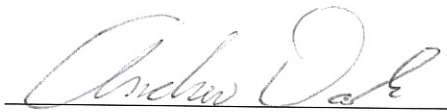
A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner to approve Amanda Apple's pay rate of \$12.50 per hour effective January 1, 2022.. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to accept Karen Goatley's letter of resignation. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Dowden to accept Mark Ambrose's letter of resignation. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Lee to hire Jim Lichauer as a custodian starting January 17, 2022. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to adjourn at 9:22 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President