

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting July 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Lee and Lucas-Knoebel were absent. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, Jennifer Clark, Janice Hunt, and Terry Sullivan.

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

Jennifer Clark, on behalf of the Oakland Education Association, welcomed Principal Cohorst to the district.

Landeck informed the board there had been no FOIA request since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$239,018.29 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the district did receive a tax distribution from Coles County as expected. However, the ESSER payment that the district was expecting did not arrive until July 2nd. As a result, the Ed Fund was still positive for FY21, but not as large as expected. Landeck said that he would have the tentative FY22 budget for the August meeting. He also said that he continues to work on the ARP (ESSER III) grant and hopes to have it done and submitted by the first week of August.

Landeck said that the CDC recently came out with return to school guidance and that IDPH and ISBE both adopted that guidance. Just days before that, Landeck said, the district had surveyed parents and staff in regards to their thoughts on mask wearing for the new school year. Landeck shared the data and comments from those surveys.

Landeck went on to say that as a part of the ARP (ESSER III) grant, districts are required to have a Return to In-Person Learning Plan, share the plan publicly, and provide an opportunity for public comment on the plan. Landeck said that Oakland CUSD #5's plan is very similar to area districts as many of the area superintendents worked together to develop a plan that met the CDC language, but could be customized for their own district. Landeck provided two key bullet points from the plan; 1) masks are recommended for anyone, students or staff, that is not fully vaccinated and 2) masks are required for everyone on busses regardless of vaccination status. Dowden asked what recommended meant. Landeck answered by saying if someone asked him how they could lose weight, he would recommend they change their diet and increase their exercise. However, Landeck said, that was simply a recommendation and they could decide to follow the recommendation or not follow the recommendation, it would be up to them. There were no further questions on the plan.

Landeck reminded of the recommended changes to the Student Handbook that were presented in June. He asked if there were any questions. Dowden asked if the language change to the perfect attendance policy as a local definition or more of a state-wide definition. Landeck said it was a local definition and was being presented because in the past, there have been some scenarios arise that fell in a grey area if the student had attained perfect attendance or not. This new language would clarify the definition of perfect attendance. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to approve the changes to the Student Handbook 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 McQueen to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

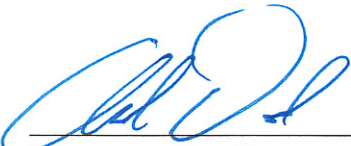
The board entered executive session at 7:19 pm and returned from executive session at 7:52 pm.

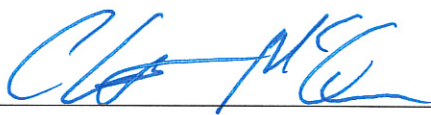
A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to approve Emily Myers as high school student council sponsor. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Fonner to hire Karen Goatley as high school cross country coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President

Vice-President