

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting June 23, 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 Amanda Coffey, Director of Student Services Patty Stark, Joseph Coulton, Todd Miller, Jennifer Clark, Janice Hunt, and Terry Sullivan.

A motion was made by Dowden, 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, wished Mrs. Stark well on her retirement. Clark also expressed that she was looking forward to Mrs. Coffey rejoining the teaching staff. Joseph Coulton introduced himself. Roy McCammon, representing the Oakland Fire Department, confirmed that the department could still use the school grounds for the upcoming "4th of July" celebration. McCammon also made sure if the event was canceled due to weather they could use the facilities the following weekend.

Principal Coffey recognized Owen Knoebel for earning his State Degree at the recent FFA State Conference. Coffey also recognized Grace Hopper for recently breaking to school records in track.

Landeck informed the board there had been one FOIA request since the last meeting. It was made by SmartProcure and they asked for all purchasing records between 2/18/21 and 5/19/21. The request was received by the district on May 19 and provided its official response on May 26.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$260,528.93 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck discussed ESSER III and how the district intended to use the funds from the grant. He said that he had a webinar coming up that should better explain how the grant funds can be used.

Landeck informed the board that schools state-wide are still waiting for guidance from ISBE and IDPH on what restrictions schools may have in August. Currently, guidance is contradictory as basketball players in the gym do not have to wear masks, but students in summer school have to. Administrators are asking that school guidelines in Phase V match that currently in place for almost all the rest of the State.

Landeck asked if there were any additional questions on the FY21 amended budget that were not asked during the hearing and there were none. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Dowden to approve the amended FY21 budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey presented proposed Student Handbook changes for the upcoming school year. She explained that most of the proposed changes were provided by the Illinois Principals Association Model Student Handbook service. The changes were being recommended to get handbook policies in-line with recent changes to the Illinois School Code. This was the first reading for these policies and no action will be taken until July.

Landeck presented PRESS Issue 107 June 2021. He explained that of the 26 revisions in this issue, 14 are associated with Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures and most of those 14 are updates to cross references to other policies, footnotes, and administrative procedures. This was the first reading for these policies and no action will be taken until July.

Discussion was held on the Joint Annual Conference, better known as the “school board conference.” Dowden explained the benefits of the conference for the newer members of the board. Landeck told the board members if there were interested in attending to let him know as soon as possible so he can get the registration for the district as a whole in.

Landeck informed the board that he had met with Oakland Chief of Police, Ethan Brewer, to discuss the school resource officer position. The city has already hired Hayley Lewis as an officer. She is currently going through the mandatory trainings for a school resource officer and would be assigned to the position if the district agrees to continue the program. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Turner, seconded by Dowden to approve the SRO agreement with the City of Oakland as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck reminded the board that in May he had informed them that property and casualty insurance for the district through PSIC was increasing by 11% from \$29,730 to \$33,006 for the upcoming school year. With that same renewal, the workers compensation insurance was going to increase by 65%. The district, with the assistance of Bushue HR, sought other workers compensation quotes that weren't so high. The best quote came back from Illinois Public Risk Fund, IPRF, they came back with what equates to an increase of 35% up to \$9,234. Bushue's informed Landeck that the large increases are across the board for workers compensation insurance. A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to approve insurance renewal with PSIC and IPRF as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck recommended renewing the contract with Alesia Grigg for school pyshcology services. Landeck explained that the terms of the contract were the same as this past school year. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Dowdento approve the contract with Alesia Grigg as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck recommended approving a contract with Jeanne Unzicker for speech services. Landeck explained that the terms of the contract were the same as this past school. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to approve the contract with Jeanne Unzicker as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey, Stark, and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:50 pm and returned from executive session at 8:52 pm.

A motion was made by Fonner, 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 Turner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to accept Amanda Coffey's resignation as principal. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Dowden to hire Amanda Coffey as a teacher. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to hire Joseph Coulton as a teacher for the 21-22 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to accept Ethan Brewer's resignation as assistant football coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.


A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to hire Jamie Hudson, Kent Kibler, TJ Blake, and Jerad Pollock as assistant football coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner to approve Isaac Ambrose as a volunteer assistant football coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to hire Howard Cash as maintenance director. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to accept Elvi Stark's resignation as teacher. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President