

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting      November 18, 2015

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 18, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by President McKinney at 7:00 p.m. with members: Butler, Clifton, Dowden, McKinney, and McQueen present. Percy was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Clapp, Tedra Nelk, and Janice Hunt.

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

Tedra Nelk gave a brief presentation on what challenges she is addressing as the school social worker. She informed the board that the number of students classified as homeless is down from this time last year. She said this year she is dealing more with personal hygiene, cleanliness of individual students, and coping skills for social settings. When asked by the board if she was receiving the support necessary to help our students, Nelk said that everyone from the teachers, to the administration, to the board, and the community are very helpful in doing whatever is necessary to help our students.

Landeck read a card from Bill and Joyce Chandler that commended the district, students and staff, on the Veteran's Day Assembly. Landeck also recognized everyone that helped with the LOVC Choral Festival recently held in the Oakland gym.

Landeck reported that he recently completed a FOIA request from Patrick McCraney of the Better Government Association of Chicago. The request asked for the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers, the administrator contracts, and the payroll of all employees. Landeck said he responded and received confirmation of receipt of the information on the same day it was requested, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Under financial discussion, Landeck and McKinney discussed their visit with David Pistorius of First MidState in regards to possibly extending the district's debt limit. Landeck explained that this was only being discussed because of the possible tax freeze that is being discussed in Springfield. Landeck and McKinney shared the timeline of what the district would need to do if it is decide to pursue this option. Landeck shared some figures on how the bond issuance would impact homeowners. It was decided to continue discussion on the topic in December.

Landeck informed the board that enrollment in the proposed After School Activity Program was very low. Currently, there are only four students enrolled in the program. Landeck stated that for the program to be economically self-sufficient a minimum of fifteen students would need to be enrolled. He recommended

that a deadline of December 11<sup>th</sup> be set for enrollment. That would allow the board time to make a decision on the program at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Landeck presented the tentative tax year 2015 levy. Landeck said that, as he has done in the past, he over-estimated EAV to assure that the district does not lose out on any revenue that it is entitled to. His projected EAV of \$36,718,069 is an increase of 5.78%. The estimated EAV would generate approximately \$108,000 of new funds. Since that is more than 5%, Landeck explained the district must hold a truth in taxation hearing before approving the final levy. A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Dowden to approve the tentative tax year 2015 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck recommended holding the required truth in taxation hearing before the regularly scheduled December meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December. A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Walsh to set the hearing for the tax year 2015 levy on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in the Lake Crest library. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the report card for the district as well as Lake Crest and the High School. He navigated through the report card and explained to those in attendance where to find different types of information.

PRESS October 2015 – Issue 90 was presented by Landeck. He explained that this issue included, but was not limited to the following topics; requiring professional development for staff on youth suicide awareness and prevention, types of school board meetings, student health requirements, student's rights, can concussion policies. This was the first reading of these policies and no action will be taken on them until the next meeting.

Landeck informed the board of possible changes that may need to be made to administrative compensation packages because of the Affordable Care Act. There is a rule, although it is not active yet, that highly compensated employees cannot be discriminated in favor of in regards to health insurance offerings. Landeck presented a solution to the current setup that would be compliant. He recommended to the board that he continue to do more research and have the board revisit this issue during a future meeting.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Walsh to enter into executive session at 7:55pm. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:30 pm.

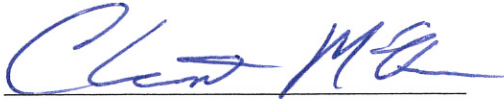
A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Butler to accept executive session minutes as read in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Clifton to accept Linsay Swigart's resignation as junior high volleyball assistant coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

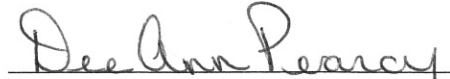
Clapp presented his administrator's reports. He also presented Mrs. Stark's report in her absence

Landeck presented his superintendent's report.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McKinney to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



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