

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting

March 16, 2022

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, Terry Sullivan, Michelle Strader, Maddie Hammel, DeeAnn Percy, Rachel Wright, and Janice Hunt.

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

Dowden read a letter from School Social Worker Tedra Nelk in support of reinstating the Director of Student Services position as it was before Mrs. Stark retired.

Michelle Strader, representing the OEA, shared information on the recent Pi Day activities. She thanked Terry Sullivan for providing pies for the teachers. She announced that the 8th grade Wax Museum will be on April 1st and all are invited. She said that the Kindergarten students had set leprechaun traps, but were not successful in capturing any. FFA will be going to a leadership conference on Saturday and that Mr. Welch and Mrs. Hammel's students had recently held their bridge bust competition.

McQueen said that another season of biddy ball had just wrapped up and he thanked Coach Kappy and Howard Cash for their cooperation throughout. Landeck provided Mrs. Cohorst's recognitions in her absence while she is attending the Women in Education Leading and Learning Conference. She thanked Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Nelk for all their work in organizing the State testing that was close to being wrapped up. She also wanted to recognize the OHS Math team and Coach Ms. Myers on their recent success at EIU Regional. Landeck thanked Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Nelk as well. He also recognized the newly inducted National Honor Society members. He thanked district bookkeeper Vaerie Bell for her work in getting the back pay from the recently completed negotiation done so quickly as well as getting all the new payroll salaries set up for the March payrolls.

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 February 27th. The request asked for all purchasing records from December 1, 2021 to present. The district provided its official response on Thursday, February 28th.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$358,960.48 as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the district was receiving Evidence Based Funding on track with the school calendar as it has received 68% of the allotted amount so far. He also explained that the district had received 3 payments in both regular transportation and special education transportation. The three payments are made up of one FY21 payment and 2 FY22 payments. Landeck said he anticipated the district would receive one more payment before the end of this fiscal year. Landeck also gave a breakdown of the amount of funds spent/received for each of the three ESSER grants. He said the district has received 86% of the ESSER I funds and has until 9/30/22 to expend the remaining 14%. The

district has received 46% of the ESSER II funds and has until 9/30/23 to expend the rest. 12% of the ESSER III funds have been spent and reimbursed and the district has until 9/30/24 to expend the remaining funds.

Landeck said there had no positive COVID cases or student or staff absences due to COVID for the last two weeks. He instructed the board that he planned to remove COVID-19 Update as a regular agenda item starting in April.

Landeck reminded the board that during the January meeting he talked about possibly removing Drivers Education as a graduation requirement. He said that the State does not require it to graduate. It is only required that high schools offer it. Occasionally, there is a student that for personal or family reasons does not want to take the class, but has to to meet the graduation requirement. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner remove Driver's Education as a graduation requirement at Oakland High School. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

As a result of removing the Driver's Education requirement for graduation, Landeck recommended changing the credit requirement for graduation from 26 ½ credits to 26. He told the board by removing this ½ credit requirement it would actually give students some flexibility in their schedules. They could now take a class or two they want to as opposed to taking a class they have to. A motion was made by Lee seconded by Dowden to change the graduation requirement at Oakland High School from 26 ½ credits to 26 credits. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the amended 21-22 school calendar. He explained that school was cancelled 5 times during January and February. Five of those six days would be made up at the end of the year. The sixth day would not be made up as there are only five Emergency Days built into the calendar. The day not made up is considered an Act of God Day. The new final day is Tuesday May, 31st for students and Wednesday, June 1st for teachers. A motion was made by Turner seconded by Fonner to approve the 2021-2022 amended school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the 2022-2023 school calendar. He gave an overview of the recommendations for the calendar made by the OEA and how those recommendations went into making the calendar. Landeck also pointed out key dates throughout the school year. A motion was made by Turner seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to change approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck stated that with the board about to take action on accepting the current school counselor's resignation, he would like the board to consider reverting that position back to how it was before Mrs. Stark retired. Landeck said he felt it was important to have someone with a special education background overseeing the special education program. This year, Mrs. Nelk, Mrs. Cohorst, and Landeck were "covering" the special education program, but that was taking away from other duties within their job description. Landeck suggested that between what a counselor would make and what is being paid to someone outside the district as a contracted IEP writer, the district would be better off to have someone that could oversee the program, help write the IEP's if a long-term sub is continued to be used, and serve as the LEA. Landeck said the board did not have to vote on it, but he did need their blessing

to post the position in a matter that reflects those responsibilities. Dowden asked if there were any reservations to moving in this direction and there were none.

Landeck gave his and Cohorst's administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:33 pm and returned from executive session at 8:45 pm.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Lee 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 Fonner to rehire Sabrina Kile as a tenured teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

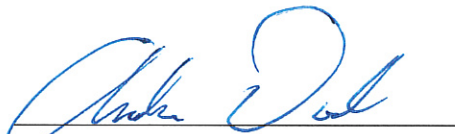
A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Dowden to rehire Emily Tillis as a tenured teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to rehire Emily Myers, Susan Banyai, Maddie Hammell, Joseph Coulton, Mariah Wagner, Chris Kolling, Rachel Carman, Kimberly Conn, TJ Blake, and Tedra Nelk as probationary teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lee, seconded by McQueen to hire Harley Barry as assistant junior high track coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to accept Kaylee Butler's letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President