

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting March 15, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call – Dowden, Fonner, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Lee was absent

There were approximately 20 visitors at the meeting.

Landeck informed the board that the agenda needed to be amended to include a 11.5 “Possible Action to Accept Resignation” A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to approve the agenda as amended. All members present voted yay.

Lee entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Lyndsay and JJ Tharp addressed the board about deactivating land they have in the Oakland district in order to activate that property into the Shiloh district. Jonika Nickles, Abby Warman, Alex hoel, and Braden Pardi addressed the board about the district possibly helping cover the tuition costs for them to attend LIFT in Mattoon next school year. Brian Lange and Brandi Warner addressed the board about the junior high volleyball coach.

Rachel Wright provided a report on behalf of the Oakland Education Association.

McQueen thanked Richie Weaver for helping him do some work on the long jump pit and approach. Landeck thanked everyone involved in making Read Across America Week a success. Landeck shared a quote from one of the employees that expressed that Oakland has good students that are willing to help those in need of assistance. Landeck recognized Ms. Myers and the HS Student Council for another successful blood drive.

Landeck said the district has received two FOIA requests since the last meeting. Both requests were from SmartProcure. The first was received on February 22 and asked for purchasing records from 11/17/22 to 2/22/23. The district provided it’s official response on the same day, February 22. The second request was received on February 28th and asked for directory information for all employees. The district provided it’s official response on March 2, 2023.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the consent agenda including the payment of bills \$296,136.2118. All members present voted yay.

Landeck explained the differences in the two quotes the district received for new phones. One has a much less expensive up-front costs, but has a recurring monthly charge that is approximately \$12,000 a year. The other option is substantially more costly up-front, but all the district would have after that is it’s monthly phone bill. Landeck said he recommended the on-site plan that is more up-front. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to accept the quote from Heart as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck then shared the quote from Ne-Co to have both the staff and student parking lots re-surfaced this summer. The cost to do each lot is just shy of \$50,000 so the quote was split into two separate projects. Combined, the total costs will be \$98,650; staff lot \$49,700 and student lot \$48,950. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to accept the quote from Ne-Co as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the amended 2022-2023 school calendar. He said the calendar had to be amended to account for the snow day the district had in January. Basically, everything is pushed back one day and graduation dates will remain the same. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the 2023-2024 school calendar. He gave an overview of the highlights of the calendar including starting dates, winter break, school holidays, and last days of school. A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck explained how tuition costs to elective educational programs outside of the district, remote delivery dual credit, LIFT, and health occupations, are currently paid. He said with students wanting to go to LIFT in the future, the district needs to come up with a consistent structure and system for how tuition to those programs will be paid. Landeck shared a model that started with the remote delivery dual credit and then he carried that model over to health occupations and then on to LIFT. In all three programs, students will be sharing the tuition costs with the district. Landeck explained that since this would be a policy change, the board couldn't take action at this meeting, but could next month.

Landeck, McQueen, and Fonner gave a brief overview of the most recent Tri-County Co-op Athletic Director committee meeting. They shared that all three districts were on board for one athletic director, but that would not be in place for the 2023-2024 school year. The committee decided to meet again in June to start having conversations again.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrator reports.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Lee to enter into executive session. All members present voted yay. The board went into executive session at 8:17 pm.

The board returned from executive session at 9:03 pm.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to hire Craig Banyai as an instructional aide. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Turner to offer tenure status to Emily Myers. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to offer tenure status to Susan Banyai. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lee to re-employ probationary teachers Fallon Crispin, Joseph Coulton, Mariah Wagner, Chris Kolling, Rachel Carman, Kim Conn, TJ Blake, Makenna Ratliff, Kaitlyn Stephnes, Todd Campbell, Cory Jones, and Tedra Nelk for the 2023-2024 school year. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by McQueen and seconded by Fonner to accept Maddie Hammel's letter of resignation effective at the conclusion of her contractual responsibilities for the 2022-2023 school year. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Turner to accept Taylor Dulaney's letter of resignation as junior high volleyball coach. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to adjourn. All member present voted yay.
The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.



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