

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting November 16, 2011

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 16, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by President Clifton at 7:03 p.m. with members: Buckler, Butler, Clifton, Dague, Hudson, McKinney, and Percy present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Steve Brockman, Patty Stark, and Paul Hinson.

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

Paul Hinson, librarian for Oakland CUSD #5, gave a presentation to the Board on the Library Grant. He explained that as a part of the grant, he had to give an annual presentation to the Board. Hinson told the Board that the grant process this year was more streamlined compared to past grant applications. The Library Grant is not a large grant, Hinson explained. It comes out to about \$.75/student. However, in the past it has actually been less than that. The last grant the district received, the 2009 grant, was for \$209. Mr. Hinson went on to explain the future of the library systems in the State of Illinois.

Superintendent Landeck shared a thank you card received from Annie Eadie whose junior high son passed away in October. Ms Eadie helps with the district's preschool screening. A letter for School Board Members Day from the Regional Office of Education was also shared with the Board. Regional Superintendent Mattingly wanted to express her gratitude and appreciation for the Board member's dedication and commitment to the Oakland School District.

President Clifton commented that she had been receiving rave reviews from parents and students on the assemblies being brought into the district. She specifically mentioned the Yamma Ensemble and the play Whose Afraid of the Big Bad Wolfe.

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

Landeck gave the board an update on the Lake Crest addition construction project. He informed them that the bleachers were completely installed. There did seem to be some "rubbing" as they are moved in and out. This was shared with Upchurch and they are going to have the general contractor address the issue. Upchurch has provided some drawings to finish the maintenance garage. The drawings will be presented to Swingers and they will be asked for a RFP. The drawings provide to; finish the bathroom, insulate and finish the walls, provide exposed air lines throughout the building, connect a water line from the football field to the concession stand, install three infrared gas heaters, and install lighting, switches, and outlets. The RFP will be shared with the Board before any decision to move forward is made.

Superintendent Landeck presented the Tentative Tax Levy as is required by law. The Tentative Levy includes an increase that exceeds 5% therefore a Truth in Taxation Hearing is required. Landeck explained that this does not mean taxes are being raised by more than 5%. It means the district is simply levying, or asking for, more than 5% in actual dollars. This increase is due to an expected increase of between 5-7% in EAV. A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Butler to approve the 2011 Tentative Tax Levy as presented and schedule a Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 6:45 PM. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck introduced PRESS Policy Issue 77. It included 3 new policies, 2 new administrative procedures, and a new exhibit. Landeck explained 3 of the 6 items pertained to head injuries and concussions. The district is already in compliance with the IHSA rules which this new policy is modeled after. This is considered the 1st reading of the policy and it will be brought to the Board again in December for adoption.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Buckler to enter executive session at 7:36. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dague, seconded by Buckler to leave executive session at 8:36. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Brockman reported that the anti-bullying committee of staff members was about to introduce it's survey for the rest of the staff to complete. This survey will determine the staff's perception of bullying in the district and its frequency. The survey will also be made available to students and parents in the near future. These surveys are a way to determine the next step for the district as it continues to address bullying. Brockman also informed the Board that Oakland HS alums Glenna Taylor and Beverly Hunt are organizing an all-class reunion for Oakland High School alums before the high school is demolished next summer. They are targeting Memorial Day weekend and are looking for more volunteers to assist in the planning of the reunion.

Landeck informed the Board of a Consolidation Hearing he attended in Normal. Most of the speakers that addressed the commission stated that they were not necessarily for or against consolidation, but that it should be a local decision and not forced on them. Landeck also provided the Board with a follow-up on the Fall Veto Session in Springfield. He said that it looked as if there was going to be a bill to use Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax to fund the Regional Office's of Education. Landeck also stated that it did not look good for Public School Transportation funds to be reinstated to the budget. Landeck closed by saying that the district was setting a deadline of December 15 to receive donations for the track program. This deadline was due to the logistics of preparing for the season if the funds were there.

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

President

Vice-President