

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting October 19, 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 October 19, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by President Clifton at 7:00 p.m. with members: Buckler, Butler, Clifton, Dague, Hudson, McKinney, and Percy present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Steve Brockman, Patty Stark, Carole Halloran, Donna Stewart, Kent Kull, and Roger Eddy.

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

Superintendent Landeck informed the Board that Superintendent and State Representative Roger Eddy as well as Kent Kull of Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull, LLC would be addressing the Board.

Roger Eddy, who is the State Representative of the district that Oakland will be in upon the redistricting with the 2012 election, introduced himself to the Board. He took the opportunity to discuss educational topics including; transportation funding, funding of the ROE's, the gaming bill, Senate Bill 7, Common Core Standards, and Consolidation. He touched base briefly on each of those topics. He answered a question from Hudson in regards to his thoughts on Consolidation. Eddy also answered Landeck's question in regards to the State's direction in regards to NCLB Waivers.

Kent Kull then presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2011. He presented issues that were found during the audit. These issues were repeat issues from previous audits. Kull informed the Board that these issues were addressed with the bookkeeper as well as Superintendent Landeck and to his knowledge had already been corrected. As a part of the report the District's Estimated Financial Profile Summary was presented with a score of 3.80 which has a designation of "Recognition". There were no questions from the Board in regards to the auditor's report.

A motion was made by McKinney, 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 windows were to start being installed on the week of October 24th. Discussion was held in regards to the maintenance garage. It was decided to have the garage finished by the contractors as a change order to the project. However, before any final approval is made, the Board would like to see estimated costs. Discussion took place in regards to playground equipment that was lost due to the project possibly being replaced as a part of the construction project. Landeck stated that he didn't think the funds would be approved by the State for that purpose, but he would check.

Discussion was held on using Health/Life Safety funds to purchase new cafeteria tables and benches. Landeck explained that since the architect as well as the ROE had both already approved this amendment, that Health/Life Safety Funds could be used for this purpose. If approved, the next step

would be to ask for bids for the project. A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Dague to approve the use of Health/Life Safety funds to purchase cafeteria tables and benches. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck recommended the district become members of the Illinois Energy Consortium. The EIC is a not-for-profit supplier of natural gas and electricity for school districts. Data was shared with the Board in regards to savings by joining the consortium. A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Buckler to approve a resolution authorizing membership in the Illinois Energy Consortium. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Brockman reported that he has been studying the District's ACT scores in comparison to the district average. He is in the process of studying what the District has done in the past and what we can do in the future to better prepare our students for the ACT. He informed the Board of the forming of a teacher-led committee on bullying. The first step of the committee will be to prepare a survey for students and parents to complete on bullying and/or perceived bullying and its prevalence in the district. Brockman also touched on other events that have been going on in the buildings since the last meeting.

Landeck informed the Board of a Consolidation Hearing the Lt. Governor will be hosting in Normal on the 24th of October. He stated that it is vital that the Consolidation Committee hear from small districts. Landeck informed the Board that he will be presenting the levy information at the next meeting. A deadline for funding for the proposed track program was set for January 13th. Landeck informed the Board that the District had been notified that it was awarded the David Binotti Risk Management Award. The District will be recognized at the school board convention in Chicago next month.

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

President

Vice-President