

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5  
OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting      November 18, 2013

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, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by President McKinney at 7:00 p.m. with members: Butler, Dague, Hudson, McKinney, McQueen, and Percy present. Clifton was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Adam Clapp, Patty Stark, Paul Hinson, and Janice Hunt.

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

Paul Hinson gave a report on the library as well as the School Library Grant. Per the grant, he is required to report to the Board once a year on the library and how the grant is being used. Hinson stated that this year's grant has been filed. He explained how the State had not been sending the proper amount so last year, we received two payments; the regular payment as well as a payment to make-up for the previous low payments.

Landeck recognized all the students that participated in the Veterans Day activities. He gave special mention to the English IV class that interviewed veterans and then gave speeches based on those interviews.

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

Landeck stated that he didn't have any new information in regards to finances. He said that General State Aid is coming in as it should. However, that is the only revenue, outside of \$150 from the State Free Lunch & Breakfast Program, the district has received from the State. Payments in a handful of categoricals were vouchered on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, but the money has not been disbursed to the district yet.

Dague, McKinney, and Landeck shared information they obtained from a meeting with an ISBE consultant on school district reorganization. McKinney stated that although the State offers incentives, they are not truly incentives that would encourage a district to reorganize. Landeck said the incentives were more of tool to ensure that districts did not lose money by reorganizing. Both McKinney and Dague stated that if the state truly wanted smaller districts to reorganize, the funds made available would be a true incentive not just a means of not losing money.

Landeck discussed the ISBE School Energy Efficiency Grant Application. He explained that the likelihood of the district being awarded the grant was not very good. However, he said, you don't know for sure unless you apply. If awarded this grant, the district would replace all the original single pane windows in the Lake Crest building. As well as add air-conditioning to the classrooms that do not currently have it. Costs for this project would be just below \$350,000. The Energy Efficiency Grant

would pay for half of the project up to \$250,000. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Butler to approve the ISBE Energy Efficiency Grant Application as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck then discussed the ISBE School Maintenance Grant Application. He stated that because of the amount of money the State has made available for this grant, any district that applies will receive the funds. Because this grant is much smaller, 50/50 up to \$50,000, the district would only be able to replace a handful of windows in the Lake Crest building. The windows identified to be replaced if the district only receives the School Maintenance Grant would be the windows along the south wall. The costs to do this project would be approximately \$155,000 with the State paying for \$50,000 of the costs. The district would make their matching responsibilities with funds remaining from the high school building project. Landeck stated that if the district receives the Energy Efficiency Grant, it would not be eligible for the School Maintenance Grant. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Percy to approve the the ISBE School Maintenance Grant Application as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the Board that he had met with the Superintendents from Charleston School District and Mattoon School District to discuss the 15 Facility Sales Tax. Landeck stated that last time Coles County had this tax on the ballot, only 3 other counties in the state had it in place. Now, schools in fifteen counties are receiving funds from this tax and about 12-15 will have it on the ballot this time around. Landeck reminded the Board what items are exempt from this 1% tax. He said at the moment discussions were purely exploratory. However, in order for the question to be on the Ballot in the spring of 2014, a resolution would need to be passed no later than the December Board meeting.

Landeck presented the tentative 2013 tax levy. He said that in talking with the county assessors from the three counties, he anticipates EAV to increase by approximately 5%. However, because that is an estimate he does not want to error on the low side and lose out on potential revenue to the district. Therefore, the tentative levy actually shows an increase in EAV of just over 5.6% or \$1.8 million. This would generate \$83,800 in revenue over last year. Landeck reminded everyone this is an estimate and final numbers are not known until each county determines actual EAV for the district. A motion was made by Dague, seconded by McQueen to approve the tentative tax levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clifton entered the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Landeck explained that because the tentative tax levy has an aggregate levy increase of more than 5%, the district must hold a Truth In Taxation Hearing. Landeck stated that he recommend holding that hearing before the regularly scheduled December meeting. A motion was made by Butler, seconded by Clifton to approve the date and time for the Truth In Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the Lake Crest Library. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the Board the Illinois Energy Consortium, IEC, which the district is a part would be changing their electricity supplier starting on July 1, 2014. Because of this change, the district needed to renew it membership with IEC with NextEra as the electric supplier. The district has an option to do a

1, 2, or 3 year membership. Landeck recommended to only signing for a one year membership at this time. A one year agreement would give him time to evaluate NextEra as the electric supplier in regards to savings before doing something long term. A motion was made by Dague, seconded by McQueen to approve a 1 year membership and participation agreement with the Illinois Energy Consortium. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Percy to enter into executive session at 7:43 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 9:00 pm.

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

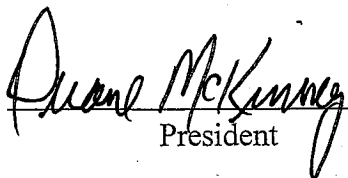
A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Clifton to approve Melanie Clapp as junior high girls' assistant volleyball coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hudson, seconded by McKinney to reassign Jeremy Hudson from volunteer assistant high school boys' basketball coach to assistant high school boys' basketball coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

Clapp gave an overview of recent activities at both Lake Crest and the high school. Stark presented the scores from the Plan and Explore tests the freshman and sophomores took earlier in the fall.

Landeck informed the Board of new rules that impact special education and school nurses that are scheduled to take effect in 2016. He also informed the Board that he had met with representatives from Loman/Ray Insurance to see what the firm had to offer in regards to health insurance. Landeck stated they had approached him and he felt that he at least owed it to them to see what they had to offer.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by McKinney to adjourn at 9:19 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

  
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