

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting November 16, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am

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

Guests Present – Superintendent Landeck, Principal Cohorst, Tedra Nelk, and Julie Findley.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted yay.

There was no public comment.

Julie Findley and Tedra Nelk provided a short report on behalf of the Oakland Education Association.

Turner shared that he thought the Veterans Day program was a huge success. Stark echoed Turner's comments. Fonner thought the PTO fundraiser was very successful and the students enjoyed the prizes they earned. Cohorst thanked all the teachers involved in the Veterans Day program. She also recognized the staff members on the district's MTSS team. Landeck recognized all the teachers that took a leadership role in the Veterans Day program.

Landeck said the district has received no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lee to approve the consent agenda including the payment of bills \$290,787.17. All members present voted yay.

Landeck reported that regular transportation and Special Ed transportation payments have been disbursed by the State Board, but yet to be received by the district. He also reported that Evidence Based Funding was being received as scheduled. Landeck reported that the district had received additional allocations in Title I, II, & IV and that he was working on amending those grants to reflect those additional funds. Landeck also shared that the district had just learned earlier in the day that it had received \$20,800 through the Elementary and Secondary Relief Digital Equity Formula Grant.

Landeck asked the board about the district abating a portion of the bond levy as it has in the past. Landeck reminded the board that in recent years it had abated \$75,000. However, revenue from the 1% sales are higher than they have ever been so as a result of that, Landeck recommended abating \$100,000 this year. He explained how abating would impact the tax rate for tax payers in the community. The board gave Landeck the green light to proceed with preparing the final levy to be approved next month with a \$100,000 abatement for Debt payments.

Landeck presented the tentative tax levy. He explained how it was hard to get an exact number because not all the counties he deals with are willing to give a useful estimate of EAV. Landeck presented two scenarios for the levy. The first scenario had what he actually thinks EAV will be and what the tax rate will be. The second scenario inflated EAV to assure the district does not under-levy and leave money on the table that is actually available to the district. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to approve the Tentative Tax Year 2022 Levy as presented. All members present voted yay.

Because the aggregate levy, the amount of money asked for, is increasing by more than 5%, Illinois School Code requires the district to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing before the levy can be approved. Landeck suggested doing it before the regularly scheduled December meeting. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Fonner set the date and time for the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday,

December 21st, at 6:45 pm in the Lake Crest library. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Lee to enter into executive session. All members present voted yay. The board went into executive session at 7:37.

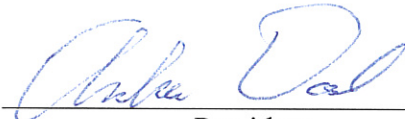
The board returned from executive session at 8:44.

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

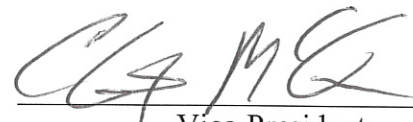
A motion was made by Dowden and seconded by Lee to terminate the employment of Pam Knitz effective November 2, 2022 due to job abandonment. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fonner to adjourn. All member present voted yay.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46.



President



Vice-President