

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting November 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dowden, Hall, Hunt, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Felicity Albin, Andrew Albin, Hope Brown, Nick VonLanken, April Lee, and Janice Hunt.

Landeck informed the board that the agenda needed to be amended to add, "8.4 Discussion and Possible Action on Parent Appeal of Extra-Curricular Suspension." A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Hunt to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Hope Brown of Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull presented the results of the FY18 financial audit. She indicated there were no findings and that the district received a 3.90 on its Financial Profile Summary.

Landeck recognized everyone involved in the Veteran's Day Program.

Landeck indicated he had received zero (0) FOIA request since the last board meeting.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Hunt to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$420,202.19 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dowden said that newly added agenda item 8.4 was going to be moved up in the agenda and addressed at this point. Nick VonLanken had requested to address the board in regards to the extra-curricular suspension he had recently received for being kicked out of a game. Landeck informed the board that although the consequences for being removed from an activity were spelled out in the handbook, the procedures to appeal such a suspension were not addressed. Therefore, Landeck stated that he had offered VonLanken the opportunity to address the governing body that put the suspension policy in place; the board of education. VonLanken stated his case and reasons for feeling the suspension should be removed. His case was supported by evidence collected by Principal Coffey during conversations with Kansas administration as well as a Kansas board member. A motion was made by Hunt, seconded by Walsh to overturn the extra-curricular suspension issued to Nick VonLanken. Upon roll, Clifton, Dowden, Hall, Hunt, McQueen, and Percy voted aye. Walsh abstained. Motion carried.

Landeck stated that he had met with Travis Bushue from Bushue Human Resources and Insurance Consulting to discuss the possibility of the district putting its property & casualty insurance as well as its workers compensation insurance out for bid this spring. There is basically no down-size to doing so and hopefully the district can receive lower insurance rates. If this is the district's intent, Landeck stated, the board would have to pass a resolution at the December meeting informing the current carrier of the district's intentions.

There was discussion on whether or not the district should use any of the county facility sales tax revenue to abate taxes or not. Landeck informed the board how not abating, abating \$75,000, or abating \$100,000 would impact the district's tax rate. There was also discussion on the recently released application for the ISBE Property Tax Relief Grant that the district could apply for. No final decision was made on whether or not to abate or if so, how much. Landeck stated it would be an agenda item for action in December.

There was discussion on possible facility upgrades and the priority time-wise of the projects. This discussion tied in with the abating taxes discussion because as more money is used to abate, that makes less available for facility upgrades and vice versa. Landeck, McQueen, and Dowden clarified some questions that board had the previous month on a budget for HVAC upgrades at the gym The CTS Group had provided. No decisions were made and this too will be an agenda item in December.

Principal Coffey entered the meeting at 7:50

Landeck presented the school report cards for Lake Crest, Oakland High School, and the District.

Landeck presented the tentative tax year 2018 (payable in 2019) levy. He explained that he was over-estimating EAV in case the increase is larger than what it has been in the past 5-7 years. He explained that if you underestimate the EAV, the district could possibly be leaving money on the table. Landeck stated that if he uses what he actually anticipates EAV to be, the tax rate should decrease from last year because he levied less in the Tort Fund and that the bond payments were less this year than last. Landeck informed the board that since the aggregate levy increase is less than 5.0%, there is no need to have a hearing. A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to approve the tentative tax year 2018 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was discussion on whether or not to support the City of Oakland's efforts to receive the Safe Routes to School Grant by passing a resolution stating such support. Landeck stated that his only concern was the grant stating that a sidewalk would be installed on the south side of Blevins St. He said that if this would occur, it may hamper the district's ability to install an all-weather track as has been discussed. However, Landeck said that he had talked with Mayor Bob Michaels and Michaels said that in talking with the city engineer, installation of such a sidewalk would not get in the way of a possible track. A motion was made by Hunt, seconded by Walsh to approve the resolution supporting the City of Oakland's efforts in securing the safe routes to school grant. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey and Landeck presented their administrator reports.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Hunt to hire Felicity Albin as a classroom aide. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hunt, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President