

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5  
OAKLAND, IL

Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
for the Purpose of Hiring Staff & Considering  
Oakland CUSD #5's Plan for Safe Return  
to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

August 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 6:30 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, and an audience of approximately 25 guests.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner, to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:37 pm and returned from executive session at 7:02 pm.

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

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to hire Barb Dudley as kitchen help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to hire Shannon Culler as an aide. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to hire Kim Conn as a teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to hire Anthony Hupp as a teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to hire Chris Kolling as a teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

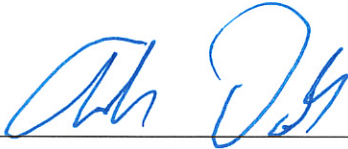
A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to hire Rachel Carman as a teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Parent Eric Tillis addressed the board about masks being mandatory, he is against that, as well as concerns about the kindergarten class size.

Landeck recommended the district follow the Governor's/ISBE mandate that masks be worn in school buildings. He explained the different consequences that could happen if the mandate is not followed. The board had a lengthy discussion on the topic. Many of the board members expressed interest in keeping the boards Return to Safe In-Person Learning the same as it was when presented in July, masks recommended, but not required. There was discussion of keeping masks optional and then addressing any concerns from the Illinois State Board of Education as they arrive.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Turner to approve Oakland CUSD #5's *Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services* that requires mask wearing in school buildings. Upon roll, Fonner, McQueen, Stark, and Turner voted yes. Dowden, Lee, and Lucas-Knoebel voted no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



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President



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