

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting July 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Hall, Hunt, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Clifton was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Coffey, Caleb Ard, Libby Ard, Cole Crawford, Justin Goff, Goldia Lankster, Janice Hunt, Lauren Lankster, Tedra Loman, Chris Miller, Casey Pinnell, Brad Reineke, Lee Ann Royer, Katina Smith, Jered Smith, TJ Smith, and Alice Walsh.

Determining that Secretary Clifton was absent, President Dowden appointed Dee Ann Percy as Secretary Pro Tem. There were no objections.

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

Caleb Ard addressed the board about the Boys' Basketball Turkey Tournament being moved to Shiloh. He informed the board of the impact this move would have on the junior class' ability to raise funds for Prom and Senior Trip. Libby Ard spoke on the same topic and pointed out the potential negative impact the move would have on the larger community as a whole. TJ Smith wanted to know why the tournament was moved and whose decision it was. Landeck indicated that this time on the agenda was for visitors to address the board and a back and forth conversation would not occur during this part of the meeting.

Landeck reported he had received zero FOIA requests since the last meeting.

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

Landeck gave a brief financial update. He said that although a budget had been passed, that did not guarantee that general state aid payments would be paid on time. The bill that passed funding K-12 schools also stated that no funds would be distributed until the State adopted an evidence based funding formula. Although approved by both the House and Senate, the evidence based funding formula had yet to be signed into law by the governor. Landeck also stated that he anticipates the audit will show the district had over 300 days of cash on hand on July 1, 2017. Therefore, it is estimated that the district could last the whole school year without any additional funds. He also said that the district will receive local tax dollars so there is no fear of the school closing early due to the financial mess in Springfield.

Landeck gave an overview of everything the summer cleaning crew has accomplished to this point. All the classrooms, offices, computer labs, kitchen, bathrooms, and the library have been cleaned. The tile floors in both Lake Crest and the High School have been stripped, cleaned, and waxed. The crew is currently in the gym cleaning the bathrooms, locker rooms, concession area, and the gym itself. They are also stripping and waxing the gym floor. The new bleacher covers are installed and look great. The parking lots were sealed, but due to the weather they still need to come back and stripe it. Remaining

projects include; instillation of fence on west end of football field, address the lack of heat in the gym locker rooms, install a hot water heater in the Girls bathroom in the gym, install a window unit in the library, and some interior painting in Lake Crest.

Dowden asked if any additional discussion had to take place on the proposed changes to the Student Handbook. Seeing none, he asked for a motion. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Hunt to approve the Student Handbook changes for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dowden asked Hunt to start the discussion on eligibility for extra-curricular activities as he was the one that asked it be added to the agenda. Hunt said he understands there are pro's and con's to allowing homeschool students to participate in extra-curricular activities. He also said he would like to see us filling out teams with local home school students before using students from other towns.

Landeck handed out the currently policy as well as a FAQ sheet from the IHSA on the eligibility of home school students. He explained what the current policy is and options to how it could be changed if the board decided to allow home school students to participate. Mrs. Coffey explained that no LOVC schools allow home school students to participate nor does Mattoon or Charleston. Dowden asked if anyone in the audience would like to add to the discussion. No one did. Discussion continued amongst the board members and administration. In order for students that are educated completely on a home school basis to participate in IHSA activities, the school must certify the curriculum being taught as well as provide credit towards graduation for the work done at the home school. The work done must be the equivalent of five credit earning classes in school. There was discussion if those five credits could be split between home and school. Landeck was instructed to come back in August with language that permits students to participate in extra-curricular activities if they are enrolled in, attending, and passing a minimum of five credit hours at the school.

Landeck informed the board that the administration was still trying to fill the vacant HS English position as well as the vacant half-time Spanish position. Mrs. Coffey added that she had talked with a candidate for the English position and that we were simply waiting for that individual to get home from vacation to officially submit a letter of application for the position. Coffey went on to explain an online instructional option for Spanish called Proximity Learning. She said the students are face-to-face with the instructor via the computer three days a week. On the other two days, the students are doing homework or independent study. There are other districts in the area that utilize Proximity Learning and they are very happy.

Dowden announced that there was no need to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by McQueen to accept Holly Pucheta's resignation. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to approve Megan Evans as high school dance coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to approve Penny Krabel as junior high cheer coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Stark, Coffey, and Landeck presented their administrator reports.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Walsh to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President