

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting April 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Clifton, Hunt, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Hall was absent. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Coffey, Director of Student Services Stark, Jim Clifton. Brian Anderson, Julie Findley, and Janice Hunt.

Hall entered the meeting at 7:01.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Hunt to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Principal Coffey recognized students Taylor Veach and Erica Butler for qualifying for the FCCLA National Conference later this year in Atlanta, GA. Coffey congratulated the OHS Envirothon Team for their recent 4th place finish at the Arthur competition. Coffey praised student Ian Knoebel for his participation in productions by the Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan.

Landeck informed the board that the district had recently been awarded a Consolidated Communications Earning for Learning Grant for \$3,300. That amount is half the costs to purchase a 25 unit mobile Chromebook lab. The lab will be housed in the JH math room. Landeck then told the board that Julie Findley, district librarian had some good news. Findley announced that she was recently informed that she had been awarded the Back to Books Grant in the amount of \$4,999. She said that the funds were to be used to purchase books for the school library.

Landeck indicated that there had been one (1) FOIA request since the March board meeting. The request was made by Michelle Mbekeani-Wiley, Staff Attorney, Community Justice Division of the Sargent Shriver National Center of Poverty Law in Chicago on April 5, 2018. Her request asked for the number of school resource officers the district has and a copy of the memorandum of understanding or any agreement we have with the police department that provides the school resource officer. The district provided it's official response that same day.

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

Landeck said the district had received its first payment of the new tiered-funding money. However, as opposed to the \$25,000 to \$40,000 Landeck had been reporting the district should receive, the total is actually on \$11,320. Landeck stated that in talking with other superintendents that was the case for almost all of them as well; less money than they were expecting.

Landeck informed the board he is working on the amended budget to be presented in May and up for final approval in June.

Landeck indicated that no parents had contacted him in regards to what day Teacher Collaboration Days should be on. Both Coffey and Stark stated that no one had contacted either of them as well. The administrative team had talked with the staff to get input from them on what day of the week would be most effective. The administrative team recommended keeping the Teacher Collaboration Days on Wednesday and the board gave their approval.

There was continued discussion from last month's meeting on school safety and school security. Dowden read a letter from Kim Brown of Paris, IL asking the board to pass a resolution encouraging the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois General Assembly to consider allowing properly trained school staff to carry firearms. After some discussion, the board did not take action on the request.

Landeck shared a copy of a contract that a district in Champaign County uses to employ a School Resource Officer from the Champaign County Sheriff's Office. There was discussion if this could happen with the Oakland Police Department as opposed to the Coles County Sheriff's Office. There was some talk if a SRO was the route the district actually wanted to go. It was asked if that money could be better spent on mental health services. Coffey said she would survey the school staff to determine their feelings on having a school resource officer in the district. Landeck indicated he would continue to talk with both Coles County and Oakland PD. No action was taken.

Landeck indicated that a board member had expressed interest in exploring having board members elected at-large as opposed to restricted by congressional townships. Landeck explained the process need to make this happen if the board so desires. He stated a resolution to put the question on the ballot would need to be approved by the board no later than August 20th. No board members expressed opposition to putting the question on the ballot. Landeck shared a deadline that would put the resolution up for approval in July. No action was taken.

Landeck presented the proposed 2018-2019 school fees and lunch prices. He said that all fees would remain the same. He indicated that K-8 lunch prices would increase by 10 cents, HS lunches by 5 cents, and adult lunches by 10 cents. These increases are in line with what the National School Lunch Program requires as a part of their reimbursement program. Landeck indicated this was the first reading or presentation of the proposed prices and action would be taken in May.

Landeck shared with the board the certified job descriptions for the 2018-2019 school year. He reminded everyone that by law, these descriptions must be approved no later than May 10th of the school year previous to the school year for which they will be utilized. A motion was made by Hunt, seconded by Walsh to approve the certified job descriptions for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Percy to enter into executive session at 7:42. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to open session at 8:20.

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

A motion was made by Hunt, seconded by Clifton hire Brian Anderson as a teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Walsh to hire Brian Anderson as the Tri-County Co-op head football coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Percy to grant tenure to hire Bryce Walsh as student summer cleaning help. Upon roll, Clifton, Dowden, Hall, Hunt, McQueen, and Percy voted aye. Walsh abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Walsh to grant tenure to hire Michael Hawkins as student summer cleaning help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to grant tenure to hire Josh Hunt as student summer cleaning help. Upon roll, Clifton, Dowden, Hall, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh voted aye. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

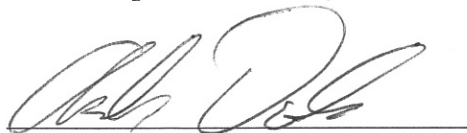
A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to approve the amended hourly pay rate for Stacy Knox as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to accept Penny Krabel's resignation. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Stark, Coffey and Landeck presented their administrator reports.

Clifton asked if we could move Administrator Reports to before Executive Session in the future. She said that since many people leave when the board enters executive session, they miss all the information the administrators present. Percy asked if the administration could look into putting a step up to the first step of the bleachers. Without one, she stated, that is a very big step up, especially for the elderly

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President