

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting December 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dowden, Fonner, McQueen, Percy, and Walsh present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, William Sewell, Linsay Swigart, Jennifer Clark, Terry Sullivan, Roy McCammon, Dan Herrington, and Janice Hunt.

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

Principal Amanda Coffey and Director of Student Services Patty Stark entered the meeting at 7:02

Dowden informed the board of the upcoming IASB Trends in Collective Bargaining workshop to be held in Springfield. He stated that he would be going and any board member interested in joining him should register. McQueen said that he enjoyed the Winter Music Concert and he had received good feedback on the new setup this year. Stark thanked Tedra Nelk, School Social Worker, for all her help on the recently completed winter benchmark testing.

Landeck informed the board that he had received 2 FOIA request since the last board meeting. The first was from Dr. Robert Kramer of Gilman, IL. Dr. Kramer requested the educational and professional background of all licensed staff. Landeck said the board made it's official response to this request on December 6th. The second FOIA request was from Bethany Simpson of SmartProcure. That request asked for details of all purchasing records from 8-30-19 to present. Landeck indicated he had two days to meet the deadline for responding and that the district would meet that deadline.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Dowden to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$259,847.25 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that Evidence Based Funding money was coming into the district as scheduled. However, the district has yet to receive transportation funds that were disbursed by ISBE in late September.

Dowden said the board would discuss agenda item 7.3 before 7.2 because if the board were to take action on 7.3, it would impact 7.2. Item 7.2 was discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution that would transfer funds in order to agate a portion of the tax. Landeck explained that because there is unknown on a possible tax freeze, his recommendation to the board this year was to not abate taxes. He stated that his fear is that if the board does abate and the tax rate is lowered as a result of that, then if the tax freeze goes into effect, the district would be frozen at a lower rate. The board agreed and discussion ended with no motion being made.

Dowden asked if there were any questions that were not asked in the hearing in regards to the Tax Year 2019 levy and there were none. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Walsh to approve the Tax Year 2019 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board and those in attendance that he had talked with both the district's insurance carrier and the district's attorney about school property being used for the 4th of July Celebration as well as the fireworks. Both parties said this happens at many districts and they are both ok with it as long as all parties involved sign a written space agreement stating that the district will be held harmless and indemnified for any bodily injury or property injury. The district would also have to receive certificates of insurance naming them as additional insured on a primary and non-contributory basis. Discussion turned to what actual events would be held on school property. Landeck recommended the car show and the fireworks. McCammon, representing the fire department, stated they were hoping that one of the school sponsored groups might be able to host a breakfast on school property as an opportunity for a fund raiser. After some discussion, it was decided to table the matter and Landeck and the fire department would continue to have talks to figure out the details before legal paperwork is drawn up.

Landeck said that it was time for the board to start having very preliminary discussions about facilities projects for the summer of 2020. It was shared that a few of the board members had talked with a representative from a lighting company at the school board conference in Chicago about the football field lights. Dowden suggested replacing the rest of the fence around the football field that has not already been replaced. Landeck said he would like to see something done with the locker rooms at the gym. He invited the board members to walk through them as he thinks they are embarrassing to the district. Clifton suggested the bathrooms in the lobby of the gym be considered as well. It was also suggested that possibly some new and improved lighting in front of the gym would be beneficial. Landeck informed the board of the ISBE's School Maintenance Project Grant, a matching grant of up to \$50,000. However, the applications for this grant give priority to emergency projects and health/life safety projects.

Coffey, Stark, and Landeck gave their reports.


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

The board entered executive session at 7:40 pm


The board returned from executive session at 8:03 pm.

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

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President