

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting January 19, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark, and Turner present. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, and a crowd of approximately 20.

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

Kevin Fleckenstein, reading a prepared message on behalf of the OEA, addressed the board in regards to the ongoing negotiations as well. Kathy Pardi, community member and Oakland High School graduate, addressed the board in regards to the teacher negotiations as well. Dowden read an email the board received from former community board member Bob Michaels.

Turner recognized OHS senior Brayden Dare for joy and happiness Brayden displays daily as the crossing guard. Dowden asked that everyone keep Bob Michaels in their thoughts as he struggles with health issues. Lee recognized Mrs. Tillis and Mrs. Findley for the special day the 4th grade had in the library. Landeck thanked everyone that pitched in the last couple of days to help the district stay open during staff shortages. Landeck recognized Mrs. Nelk and the teachers she recruited to help pull of another successful Lake Crest Spelling Bee. Landeck recognized the winners of the spelling bee; 1st place, 7th grader Kiara Taylor, 2nd place, 8th grader Andrew West, and 3rd place, 8th grader Lani Thompson. All three will advance to the Coles County Spelling Bee to be held at Lake Crest in February.

Landeck said there was one FOIA requests since the last meeting. The request was from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. The request was received on January 18th and asked for the names and contact information for any certified staff that is retiring this year. The district provided its official response on Wednesday, January 19th.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Turnern to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$259,680.51 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the district has started to receive both regular and special education transportation payments. The first payment was actually a FY21 payment received after June 30th so it is applied to the current school year budget. An additional FY22 payment was received as well and one more has been disbursed, but not received. Landeck said he anticipates receiving the one FY21 payment and three FY22 payments so ISBE can say the districts still received four payments.

Landeck said that there is currently ten students in isolation as a result of positive tests. 12 students are quarantined. There are six staff members that are positive and two quarantined. Landeck said there are several students out while awaiting tests results. Landeck informed the board that the number of student absences on Wednesday the 19th was down a little bit from the day before when 51 of 241 (21.2%) of the students were absent. Landeck shared that although student absences were high, the struggle was

properly maintaining appropriate staffing levels. Staffing shortages were being felt in the classrooms, in the office, with the custodial staff, as well as in the kitchen.

Landeck explained that the board had to approve the Risk Management Resolution annually in order for the district to be able to utilize Tort funds for specifically identified salaries. Stark read the resolution. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to approve the Risk Management Plan as read. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:26 pm and returned from executive session at 8:59 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 Leer, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President