

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting April 20, 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 Cohorst, Kaitlyn Stephens, Levi Happ, Tina Stephens, Linsay Swigart, Kevin Fleckenstein, Terry Sullivan, Maddie Hammel, DeeAnn Percy, Rachel Wright, and Janice Hunt.

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

No one took advantage of addressing the board during public comment.

Linsay Swigart, representing the OEA, shared what different classes throughout the district had been doing since the last board meeting. Activities included, but were not limited to the 1st grade delivering blankets to Oaks Manor, National Honor Society delivering blankets to a homeless shelter in Mattoon, Rachel Wright receiving the ROE Excellence in Education Award, the Math team having success at their recent competition, and the junior high 3rd quarter rewards trip.

Fonner congratulated Mrs. Swigart and all the 8th grade students on an successful Wax Museum. Cohorst thanked Allen Nelk for his donation of basketballs for recess. Cohorst recognized and thanked Tedra Nelk for all of her work coordinating and over-seeing the special education program this year.

Landeck said there were no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$310,103.55 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the ISBE had recently discovered an error in the EBF formula and that the district would be receiving a total of \$53.10 that it had been shortened as a result of the error. Landeck said he continues to be happy with the fund balances and the overall total of all fund balances. Landeck compared the current fund balances to what they were at this time of the year last year. Landeck informed the board he will have the tentative amended budget to present at the May board meeting.

Landeck presented the proposed registration fees and lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year. He reminded the board that Lake Crest and Oakland HS fees were both increased by \$5 each last year. Because of that he was proposing they stay the same for 22-23, \$85 for LC and \$125 for OHS. Landeck explained that school meals would no longer be free for everyone like they had been for the last two school years. Even though they were free in 20-21 and 21-22, the district had continued to increase meal prices to meet ISBE requirements. Landeck said he was proposing a 5 cent increase in LC lunches, HS lunches, and adult lunches. Breakfast and milk prices would remain the same. Landeck also shared that he was proposing athletic passes increase by \$5 each except for the LC individual. This was the

first presentation of the fees and there was no action taken. The fees and lunch prices will be on the May agenda for approval.

Landeck reminded the board that per school code, the board must approve certified job descriptions each year by May 10th. These job descriptions are not for hiring purposes, but in case the board has to do a reduction in force in the upcoming school year. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Dowden to approve the certified job descriptions for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that current contract school psychologist Alesia Grigg, although already retired, was retiring completely at the end of this current school year. Landeck and Cohorst met with another retired school psychologist, Kay Gates, to serve in that role for the district. A motion was made by Lee seconded by Fonner to approve the contract with Kay Gates for school psychology services as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck said that current speech language pathologist Jeanne Unzicker, also retired, is willing to continue to provide SLP services for the district. Landeck said that the district had been paying \$60/hour for SPL services since the 15-16 school year. Landeck recommended changing that to \$66 per hour. A motion was made by McQueenr seconded by Dowden to approve the contract with Jeanne Unzicker for speech pathology services as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

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

The board entered executive session at 7:46 pm and returned from executive session at 8:21 pm.

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

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Fonner to hire Kaitlyn Stephens as a teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

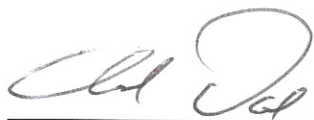
A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Lee to accept Karen Goatley's resignation as Tri-County HS Cross Country coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to accept Megan Evans' resignation as Tri-County Dance coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to accept Mr. Welch's notification of retirement effective upon the completion of the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Turner, seconded by Lee to approve a one-time \$500 bonus for all individuals that were employed as a full-time employee with the district on any day between December 27, 2021 and February 17, 2022. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



President



Vice-President