

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5  
OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting August 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Clifton, Dowden, Fonner, McQueen, Stark, and Walsh present. Turner was present via telephone. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Coffey, Director of Student Services Patty Stark, Terry Sullivan, William Sewell, and Rachel Wright.

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

P. Stark thanked DeeAnn and Valerie in the office for all their help preparing the schedules for the new school year. Coffey thanked the faculty and staff for adjusting to the learning curves the new year was presenting. Landeck thanked all staff including custodians, kitchen staff, support staff, teachers, and administrators for all the hard work put in to preparing for the new year. Dowden thanked those involved for identifying areas for improvement and making adjustments to plans as necessary.

Landeck informed the board there had been 0 FOIA request since the last board meeting.

A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Clifton to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$390,435.83 as presented. Upon roll, all members present and on the phone voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck noted that the district had received a second tax distribution from Coles County and the first distribution from both Douglas and Edgar Counties.

Landeck stated that he had been told that the locker room project would be substantially complete on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. He did make the board aware of an issue with the waste line coming from the boy's bathroom in the front lobby. The clay tile was broken and it needed to be repaired.

Landeck said the first three days of school were great. He said everyone was cooperative and patient with the changes and new procedures. Almost all day Monday and the first half of the day Tuesday were spent working out technology issues for both in-person students and remote by choice students. By today, Wednesday, Landeck said a lot of the technology kinks were worked out and today was the first day that seemed somewhat like a normal day. Landeck announced that although the original plan was to distribute Chromebooks to 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, Chromebooks have now been distributed to students in grades, 5, 4, and 3 as well. This was done to prepare in case the district has to go full-remote. He said they thought it would be good for the students to get used to the Chromebooks and learn how to use them with their teachers as opposed to trying to figure it all out remotely. Landeck made a point to say that just because grades 3-12 now have Chromebooks, the role of the teacher is in no way diminished. The Chromebooks are simply another resource like a textbook. Landeck shared that grades K-5 are provided mask breaks where they can go outside and take off their mask as long as they social distance. In grades 6-12, he said, teachers are taking students outside for class when possible.

Landeck presented the tentative FY21 budget. He said at first glance it looks as if there is a substantial deficit overall, but we knew that was going to happen as a result of the facility projects going on. There are funds in reserve for these projects. The budget represents a 1.5% decrease in revenues and a 1% increase in

expenditures when compared to the end of Fy20. Landeck pointed out that Activity Funds now have to be represented on the district budget form. He said they are listed as a part of the Education Fund and in his mind it misrepresents district funds because activity funds are severely restricted as to how they can be used. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Walsh to approve the tentative FY21 budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present and on the phone voted aye. Motion carried.

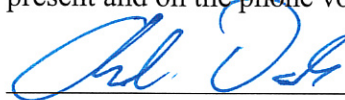
Landeck reminded the board that by law, the tentative budget had to be on public display for 30 days before it could be approved. Because of that, the September meeting has to be pushed back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Also, the board is required to hold a hearing on said budget. Landeck recommended the hearing be held before the regularly scheduled meeting in September. A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Fonner to set the date and time for the public hearing on the FY21 budget for 6:45 pm on September 23 in the Lake Crest library. Upon roll, all members present and on the phone voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck provided the first reading of PRESS Issue 104 June 2020. He said there is only one new policy and it refers to sharing online student data. He said most of the PRESS issue is simply updating exhibits, and administrative procedures. He said topics in the issue include, but are not limited to meeting quorums and Open Meetings Act and student records. Landeck said no action would be taken until next month.


Each year, the board approves the signatories on the different accounts held with First Neighbor Bank. Landeck stated that Shirley Willison and he can sign on the "big account." Valerie Bell and he can sign on the Imprest Fund. Coffey, P. Stark, and Bell can sign on activity accounts.

Stark, Coffey, and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present and on the phone voted aye. Motion Carried.



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