

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
OAKLAND, IL
Regular Meeting December 21, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call – Dowden, Fonner, Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, Stark and Turner, present. Lee absent.

Guests Present – Superintendent Landeck, Principal Cohorst, Kent Kull, Terry Sullivan, Rachel Wright, Linsay Swigart, Dede Childress, and Todd Campbell.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted yay.

During public comment, Kent Kull, with Mose, Yockey, Brown, & Kull provided the FY22 auditors report. Dede Childress and Linsay Swigart provided a short report on behalf of the Oakland Education Association.

Cohorst thanked Mrs. Strader for taking the lead in the elementary hallway to provide all the fun “elf” activities during the past week that had all the K-5 and even some junior high students excited. She also recognized Mrs. Banyai and Mrs. Conn for their assistance to Mrs. Findley and Mrs. Nelk in making sure all the AimsWeb testing was done and follow-up support was provided. Landeck recognized Mrs. Carman and all the students for an excellent Christmas concert. He also noted it was a very positive ending in both building to the end of the first semester.

Landeck said the district has received one FOIA requests since the last meeting. It was received from SmartProcure on November 24 and it requested all spending records from September 22, 2022 to November 24, 2022. The district provided it’s official reply on November 28, 2022.

A motion was made by Turners and seconded by Fonner to approve the consent agenda including the payment of bills \$341,061.13. All members present voted yay.

Landeck reported that as reported in November, the regular transportation and Special Ed transportation payments have been disbursed by the State-Board, but still have yet to be received by the district. He also reported that Evidence Based Funding was being received as scheduled. Landeck reported Title I and Title II amended grant applications had been returned for some minor changes.

Dowden gave an update on where the superintendent search process was. He said the board interviewed candidates during the week of December 12th. The board has narrowed the applicant pool down and second interviews will be held January 7, 2023 with the hopes of hiring the next superintendent during the January board meeting.

Landeck explained that once the board took action to transfer \$100,000 from Capitol Projects to Bond & Interest, those funds could then be used to help make the next bond and interest payment in the Spring. This would save the tax payers of the community by not having to levy as much. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Turner to adopt a Resolution (i) transferring funds from the school facility occupation tax fund of the District to the bond and interest fund of the District and (ii) abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the District as read by title. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dowden asked if there any questions in regards to the Tax Year ’22 levy. There were no questions. A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by McQueen to approve the tax year 2022 levy as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented PRESS Issue 110, October 2022. He said although the issue itself was large and had a lot of changes in it, very few of the changes were actually to policy. He noted that most of the changes were to footnotes, legal references, and cross-references to other policies. Landeck indicated that this was the first reading of these changes and no action would be needed until the January meeting.

Landeck gave a general overview of what the board and administration would need to consider in the upcoming months in regards to staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. Landeck indicated there would be approximately 12-15 students in Kindergarten, however 2 of those students would need intense supports beyond what a classroom teacher can offer. Landeck focused primarily on Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade. He said nothing had to be done tonight, but there would need to be additional discussion in January and February.

Landeck informed the board that he had been contacted by Shiloh's superintendent who said the Shiloh school board is interested in exploring the possibility of the co-op having one athletic director. Landeck said he wasn't against the idea, but hoped everyone involved understood all the different things that would need to be considered if this was done and who actually employed the athletic director. Shiloh's board had recommended two members from each of the three boards got together to discuss the possibility. Dowden took a straw poll of those present and everyone was in agreeance to send two members to such a meeting.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to enter into executive session. All members present voted yay. The board went into executive session at 6:52.

The board returned from executive session at 7:21.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel and seconded by Turner to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Dowden to accept Joseph Smith's resignation as high school cross country coach. All member present voted yay.

A motion was made by Fonner and seconded by Turner to adjourn. All member present voted yay.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.



President



Vice-President