

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting            January 20, 2016

The Board of Education of Oakland Community Unit District #5 of Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties convened in regular session in the Lake Crest Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. on January 20, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by President McKinney at 7:00 p.m. with members: Butler, Clifton, Dowden, McKinney, McQueen, and Percy present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Principal Clapp, Bill Lair, Steve Killion, Ryan Petty, and Larry Niegowski.

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

Ryan Petty addressed the board about his desire for the district to start a junior high and high school cross-country program. He indicated that he had addressed the Kansas Board of Education before coming to this meeting. He indicated he would be willing to help the program get started in any way possible. McKinney indicated the Board could not do anything tonight since it was not on the agenda, but that it would consider it at a future meeting.

Landeck recognized Mrs. Welch and her biology students for a lesson on DNA extraction he had recently observed. Landeck mentioned that Mrs. Welch hopes to do more in the area of DNA and possibly do a electrophoresis lab.

Landeck reported that he recently completed two FOIA request. The first was from Patty Birk of Champaign requesting information in regards to risk management,/insurance consulting and property/casualty insurance. The request was dated December 29, 2015 and Landeck indicated that he had replied on January 4, 2016. The second request was from Trey Cobb on behalf of Once Chance Illinois out of Chicago. It asked if the district had a gifted and talented program. Landeck stated that said he answered no to that questions the questions that followed were not applicable. That request was received on January 11, 2016 and was completed on January 12, 2016.

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

Under financial discussion, Landeck informed the board that the district had received its first FY16 categorical payments. These payments were disbursed in late September and took approximately 3 months for the district to receive. A second payment was disbursed in late December. If the 3 month cycle holds true, Landeck said, the district should receive its next categorical payments in March. He stated that would match the number of payments he budgeted for. Optimistically, the district would receive one more payment before June 30th, but with the lack of a State budget, nothing is guaranteed.

Discussion on possibly issuing working cash bonds was the next item on the agenda. The board members that spoke said they were reluctant to issue bonds and raise taxes based on what might happen in Springfield. Landeck indicated that he was simply informing the board of their options and understood

their concern of raising taxes. McKinney asked if there was a motion to declare the intention of issuing working cash bonds and no one made the motion. The agenda item died due to the lack of a motion.

Landeck informed the board that the IRS had recently loosened their stance on some requirements associated with the Affordable Care Act. He indicated that this was important because they very well could loosen their stance in regards to the discrimination clause of the act as well. Based on the recent IRS actions and the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming Presidential election, Landeck recommended the board do nothing with administrative salary packages at this time. McKinney asked if there was a motion to reconfigure administrative benefit packages. Hearing none, the item died due to the lack of a motion.

Landeck told the board that Midwest Transit Equipment was able to secure a 2013 multi-functional school activity bus for the district to purchase. The purchase price is \$34,500 and an additional \$255 for title and registration will be due at delivery. The district has an option to have upgraded exterior lettering for \$425-\$475. The uncertainty of the exact costs for that was due to the fact that the districts requires three colors as opposed to two that most districts require. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Walsh to purchase a 2013 Starcraft multi-functional school activity bus from Midwest Transit Equipment as presented. Upon roll, Butler, Clifton, Dowden, McKinney, McQueen, and Walsh voted aye. Percy voted nay. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the districts Risk Management Plan. He said there were no changes to the plan as it was presented and approved last year. He reminded the board that the plan must be approved annually in order for the district to use Tort Funds to help pay some salaries. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Dowden to approve the risk management plan as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that if they intended to utilize a performance contractor for future projects, the first step would be to post a request for proposals based on qualifications for the board to select a firm for the district to do future work with. The RFP would need to appear on the State's Capitol Development Board's website for 30 days. After those 30 days, the board will select a performance contractor from the proposals submitted. Landeck did say in order to meet the 30 day posting requirement, the board would have to take action later in the meeting to change the February meeting day. A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Butler to submit a request for proposals for an energy performance contracting project. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck indicated that when Shiloh joined the Tri-County co-op, it was agreed that the co-op would be renewed before February 1st every two years. Clapp expressed to the board how he felt the co-op was working to this point. He highlighted the positive aspects of the co-op as well as areas where the three principals are working together to make improvements. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Walsh to renew the Tri-County co-op agreement as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck stated, as he had mentioned earlier in the meeting, that the February meeting would need to be pushed back one week to meet the posting requirements of the Capitol Development Board. A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Clifton to reschedule the February 2016 regular monthly meeting to February 24, 2016. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Walsh to enter into executive session at 7:42pm. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board left executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:30 pm.

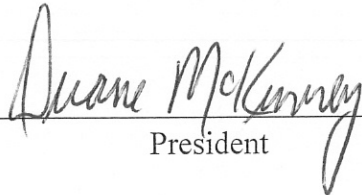
A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by McQueen to accept executive session minutes as read in executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

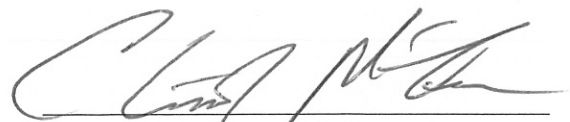
A motion was made by Walsh, seconded by Clifton to Marla Crouch's letter of resignation effective March 31, 2016. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Clapp presented his administrator's reports. He also presented Mrs. Stark's report in her absence

Landeck presented his superintendent's report.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Walsh to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

  
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