

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting March 18, 2020

In order to abide by social distancing guidelines, the board meeting was relocated to the high school student lounge. Four eight foot tables were utilized to spread the board members out from each other. Administrators were situated in away from the board. Public seating was arranged to assure that audience members were six feet apart from each other. The scent of Lysol was in the air and hand sanitizer was available for anyone in attendance that wanted it.

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 pm. All board members were present.

McQueen recognized and thanked all the staff members, certified and non-certified, that were out at the school over the weekend preparing for the closure. Dowden echoed those thoughts and said he was very impressed with how smoothly it went when he came to the school on Monday afternoon to pick up his children's learning activities. He said that with the short notice and limited time, it was as efficient as could be. Principal Coffey recognized the High School Girls Basketball team on their 3rd place finish in the State. She recognized and congratulated Mrs. Swigart, Mr. Fleckenstein, and Mr. Hoenes on applying for and receiving the Ullrich Foundation Field Trip Initiative Grant. The grant was awarded to Oakland schools in the amount of \$933 to cover the costs of the junior high and high school civics classes to go to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield. Mrs. Coffey also recognized the Envirothon Teams on their recent success. Mr. Coon's FFA team took 1st out of 36 teams and Mrs. Welch's Varsity team took 3rd. Landeck Recognized Dee Ann Percy for her time and service on the board. He said there would be a formal recognition at a future board meeting. Landeck also thanked all the staff for all their hard work once the closure was announced. He also recognized the custodial staff for all the extra steps they have been taking to help disinfect the buildings. Landeck stated that staff members were saying, "What can I do to help?" He pointed out that teachers have been volunteering to deliver meals the last few days and have committed to doing so during the closure. Landeck also thanked the community for being patient with the district. He said this is whole situation is a lot of unknowns and administrators are waiting daily for guidance on different issues.

Landeck reported there were no FOIA requests since the last board meeting.

A motion was made by Walsh and seconded by McQueen to approve the consent agenda including the payment of the bills in the total amount of \$261, 945.75. Motion carried, 6 yes 0 no.

Landeck stated that per the Governor, "No school will receive any less money than they anticipated as a result of the forced closure." The State is currently working on waivers with the Federal government on waivers pertaining to Title Grants and the National School Lunch Program to assure that funds continue to flow to the schools even though programs and services are not being provided per the current guidelines of the programs. Landeck said last time he checked, the State had not sent out the most recent Transportation payment. Last time it took 3 months for the Comptroller to process the payments. This Friday would be 3 months so he hopes to receive it soon Landeck said.

Landeck said he had received certificates of insurance for the fireworks provider as well as the Oakland Fire Protection District as was required by the Agreement Regarding Use of School Facilities for the 4th of July Celebration. Roy McCammon presented an additional certificate of insurance from the helicopter company. After some brief discussion, Clifton made a motion to approve the Agreement

Regarding the Use of School Facilities as presented it. Fonner seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Landeck informed those in attendance that the district was in the process of receiving bids to remove the current football field lights and poles and install new lights. Bids are due at 1:00 Thursday. Per the bid request, the district has the right to reject any and all bids. Landeck said he has been continuing to work with Musco Lighting to minimize costs on the project as much as possible. One example would be to not use Musco's control console and to continue to use the current knife switch we have. Landeck said that could save approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 on the total costs of the project.

The district accepted 217 Inc.'s quote to replace the drain pipe on the north side of the gym. Landeck said he was working with them to find a suitable date in the near future to complete the work. He said that he is supposed to hear from them at the end of this week on 217 possibly doing the work next week during the closure.

S&K just got back to the district with a quote on fencing on the north side of the football field. Landeck shared that to remove and replace the 6 foot fence on the north side along Blevins St as well as on the east end behind the scoreboard, would be \$16,448. S&K also provided a quote to replace the short black fence and reset the post along the north sidelines. The quoted price for that was \$7,220. Landeck said the same was done to the fence on the south sidelines when the new 6 foot fence was installed on that side. McQueen and Dowden asked Landeck to find out from S&K how much the quote would be impacted if the district removed the current 6 foot fence and poles itself.

In earlier facilities discussions, it had been pointed out that it would be beneficial to install extra lighting in the area where the co-op shuttles drop-off and pick-up. Landeck said that with the time change, it is now light when the co-op shuttles are there. However, he understands that during the winter months it is very dark and that he has talked with Kevin Duzan about installing that lighting over the summer.

Landeck announced that Duzan was in the process of installing LED light panels down the entire length of the north Lake Crest Hallway. He only has a couple more to install and the change has already made a huge difference in that hallway. The lighting is much brighter and a cleaner light that just opens up the hallway. Landeck said he hopes to continue to change-out current fluorescent light fixtures to LED panels as possible.

Landeck shared an estimate of \$434,156 for the remodeling of and expansion of the current locker rooms. He reminded everyone that last month, the number he was being provided at that time was approximately \$400,000, but he thought that number could possibly be brought down to approximately \$325,000. He said that is not possible. Even with the \$434,156, CTS is saying it could be plus or minus 20% which would be a range of \$347,000 to \$521,000. Landeck said there was no way it would be \$347,000, but he was also confident it wouldn't be \$521,000. Through his different conversations with different representatives from CTS he is anticipating \$375,000 to just over \$400,000. However, the district cannot get a more precise cost with approving this agreement to move forward. The agreement states that the district will pay CTS \$18,586 for the professional services to provide construction drawings. Landeck stated this would cover the costs for services that need to be completed to get a more precise costs on the project before the district decides whether or not to move forward. A motion was made by Clifton and it was seconded by Dowden to approve the agreement with CTS for the professional services to provide construction drawings. The motion passed 6-0.

Each year, the IHSA requires board action for their high school's membership in the organization. Dowden asked for a motion to approve IHSA membership for the 2020-2021 school year. Walsh made that motion and Turner seconded it. After a roll call vote, the motion passed 6-0.

Landeck learned that at Shiloh's board meeting Monday night, they voted 4-3 to not co-op junior high boys and girls basketball and 7-0 to add high school Scholastic Bowl to the Tri-County Co-op. Because of their action, there was no need for the Oakland board to take any action on adding those sports to the co-op. There was also no need to take action on the coaches that would have been impacted if those sports were added to the co-op. There was brief discussion, with no final decision made, how this impacts the Oakland and Kansas junior high activities as well as the 5th and 6th grade participants at those two schools.

Landeck explained that per the collective bargaining agreement with the Oakland Education Association, he must seek suggestions from the association on the next school years calendar. Also per the agreement, before taking action on a calendar, he must share those suggestions with the board. After sending out a draft or proposal calendar to the staff, Landeck said he received many suggestions from association members in regards to the start of school, winter break, spring break, and emergency days. Landeck shared some of those suggestions. He told the board that based on those suggestions, he then developed the calendar he was presenting tonight. The highlights of that calendar are as follows; teachers starting on August 13 and students starting on August 17, off Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for both Fall Break and Spring Break, Students in attendance on December 21 and 22 before winter break and teacher returning on January 6 for teachers institute and students on January 7, the last scheduled student attendance day if no emergency days are used would be May 18 and for teachers it would be May 19, the five emergency days are at the end of the calendar. Landeck added that this calendar has 86 days in the first semester and 89 days in the second semester. Dowden made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented and McQueen seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

All three administrators gave their reports.

At 8:15, Fonner made a motion to go into executive session. Turner seconded it and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The board returned from executive session at 9:33 pm.

A motion to approve executive session minutes as read in executive session as made by Fonner and seconded by Turner. The motion passed 6-0.

Dowden asked for a motion to employ Brian Anderson, Jeremy Hoenes, Sabrina Kile, Elvira Stark, Emily Tillis, Emily Myers, and Susan Banyai for the 2020-2021 school year. Walsh made that motion and Turner seconded it. It passed 6-0.

It was moved by Clifton, seconded by Walsh to grant tenure to Jonathan Welch. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Dowden, seconded by Fonner to grant tenure to Kari Frey. Motion carried 6-0.

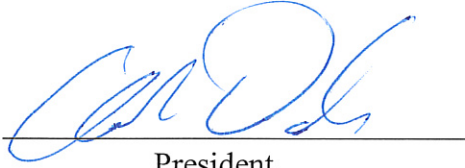
It was moved by Fonner, seconded by Clifton to hire Julie Findley as a homebound instructor. Motion carried 6-0.

Before taking action to appoint someone to the vacant board seat, Dowden informed the audience that it was a very tough decision. He said that either one of the applicants would have been a good choice. He

went on to say that whichever one did not get appointed should seriously consider running for the board in the spring of 2021. It was moved by Turner and seconded by Fonner to appoint Niki Stark to the vacant seat on the Oakland CUSD #5 Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0.

Per school code, Stark took the Illinois Association of School Board's oath of office. The current board members took the oath along with her.

It was moved by Fonner, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 9:42 pm. Motion carried 6-0.



President



Vice-President