

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting May 18, 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, Terry Sullivan, Maddie Hammel, Rachel Wright, McLain Schaefer, Kaylee Butler, Todd Campbell, Roy McCammon and Janice Hunt.

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

McLain Schaefer, representing Mattoon CUSD #2 gave a presentation on the district's LIFT, Leaders Innovatin for Tomorrow, program. The board did have a few questions for Mr. Schaefer. Rachel Wright gave an update from the OEA on different activities that recently took place. Activities included, but were not limited to field trips, community service day, spring band concert, and the Three Piggy Opera. Wright also announced that the OEA had recently awarded a \$300 scholarship a an Oakland HS graduating senior. Roy McCammon, representing the Oakland Fire Department, asked the board to please consider allowing the fire department to host the "4th of July" fireworks on school property again. Wright showed a video from the recent Kindergarten and 1st grade field trip to the zoo and the children's museum.

Fonner commented on the success of the recent musical and spring band concert. Cohorst thanked all the substitute teachers the district utilized during the school year especially those that served in long-term positions. Cohorst also thanked DeeAnn Percy and Amanda Coffey for providing past practice and insight into the upcoming promotion and graduation ceremonies. She also thanked the PTO for everything the organization did during Teacher Appreciation Week. Landeck thanked the junior class and their class sponsors for a successful prom. He also thanked all the adults that helped Nurse Vivian with the Kids On the Run program. The group just completed their 5K and it was well attended.

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

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$56,050.16 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck said there was no new significant financial news. He said he was working closely with bookkeeper Valerie Bell to assure all Title and ESSER expenditures were being reported to ISBE in order to assure the funds would be reimbursed before the end of the fiscal year.

There was a brief discussion on Oakland CUSD #5's participation in the Mattoon LIFT program. Landeck reminded the board that by approving the intergovernmental agreement tonight, the district was not committed to actually sending students to the program this year. Approval of the IGA simply meant both districts were willing to work together. A majority of the discussion was around the \$1000 per seat per semester tuition fee and who would be responsible for paying it. There was discussion on the district paying it, the student paying it, a combination of the two, and even students being reimbursed

upon successful completion. Landeck recommended the board not take any action until the next meeting at the earliest as this would give time for public comment if there was any on the topic. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Dowden to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Mattoon CUSD #2 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that he had been working with the superintendent of the Windsor district to fill the Director of Student Services position the two districts were looking to share. Landeck said they had interviewed three candidates and were still looking for the ideal candidate. Landeck recommended approving the intergovernmental agreement with Windsor so if the ideal candidate was found, this step in the process would already be completed. If an ideal candidate is not found, then the agreement would not be needed. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel seconded by Fonner to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Windsor CUSD #1 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck reminded everyone of the fees and lunch prices introduced at the April meeting. He informed the board that since that meeting, he did have a board member recommend that senior citizens and veterans receive a sports pass free of charge upon request. Landeck stated that he thought that was a good idea. A motion was made by Turner seconded by Lee to approve the fees and lunch prices for the 2022=2023 school year as amended. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the FY22 tentative amended budget. He cautioned the board that this amended budget being presented in May was very tentative as it is hard to determine exact revenues because of the timing of county tax distributions as well as the turnaround time for reimbursement of ESSER expenditures by the ISBE. Landeck said he anticipated the deficit currently in the Ed Fund to be much smaller or even a surplus by the end of June. However, he doesn't want to put those funds into the budget until he has a better idea if the district will be receiving the funds before July 1 or not.

Landeck reminded the board that before the amended budget could be approved, a public hearing on the budget had to be held. He recommended the hearing be held before the regularly scheduled June meeting. A motion was made by McQueen and seconded by Dowden to set the date and time for the FY22 amended budget hearing for Wednesday, June 22 at 6:45 pm in the Lake Crest library. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the date of the "4th of July" celebration at which the school grounds would be used for the fireworks show is June 25th. Landeck said he had already received the Certificate of Insurance from the Oakland Fire Department, but was still waiting for the same from the fireworks provider. A motion was made by Lee and seconded by Dowden to approve the agreement regarding the use of school facilities with the Oakland Fire Department as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck told the board that Gould Transportation Services had proposed a 2 year contract with all the rates of services frozen to be the same as this current school year. The one change to the contract would be that there would only be two regular routes before and after school as opposed to three this year. This change would be a result of the shortage of drivers. There was some discussion on how having only two routes made it longer for the students on the bus, but everyone understood there was a shortage of drivers nation-wide. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to approve the

contract with Gould Transportation Services as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck provided the first reading of PRESS Issue 109, May 2022. He stated that most of the changes in the issue were a result of routine 5 year review of policies and that most of the changes were not changes to the policies themselves, but to legal references and footnotes. Landeck said there were not controversial policies in this issue like in recent issues. He stated that topics addressed included, but were not limited to communicable and chronic infectious diseases, teaching about religions, administering and dispensing medications at school, and anaphylaxis prevention, response, and management. Landeck said this was the first reading and these changes would be up for approval in June.

Landeck stated that each year the board has to approve membership with the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). Landeck said the IESA fees are based on what activities the school participates in and each school of the co-op has to pay the fee, not just the host school. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Lee to approve IESA membership for the 2022-2023 school year. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Like the IESA, the board must also approve annual membership with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Unlike the IESA, IHSA does not usually have a membership fee or per activity fee. However, last year, this year, and next year they are implementing a membership fee based on enrollment due to loss revenues during the 2019-2020 school year. The membership fee for the upcoming year is \$250. A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Fonner to approve IHSA membership for the 2022-2023 school year. 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 8:52 pm and returned from executive session at 9:56 pm.

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

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

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Turner to hire Joseph Smith as Tri-County HS Cross Country coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Fonner to hire Madison Allen as Tri-County Dance coach. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to hire Payton Bell as temporary full-time summer cleaning help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

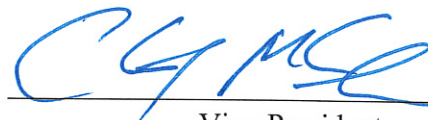
A motion was made by Lee, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to hire Brayden Dare as temporary full-time summer cleaning help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Lucas-Knoebel to hire Wyatt conner as temporary full-time summer cleaning help. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

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President

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Vice-President