

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting November 14, 2012

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 November 14, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by President Clifton at 7:00 p.m. with members: Buckler, Butler, Dague, Hudson, McKinney, and Percy present. Also present were Supt. Landeck, Adam Clapp, Patty Stark, and Paul Hinson.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Buckler to approve the Agenda as Presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Paul Hinson, district librarian, informed the Board items pertaining to the school library. He provided the dates for the upcoming book fair. He explained the recently completed schools library grant. Hinson also shared circulation numbers for this year and how they compared to last year at this point. Hinson was asked about the conversion to the new state library system. He explained that it was in the process and that Oakland would be a part of the system located south of Interstate 80. Schools north of Interstate 80 will be a part of the other system.

Clifton offered recognition to those that organized and to those that attended the recent Family Reading Night. She was impressed with the turnout as well as the activities that were available for those that attended. Percy thanked the city for their assistance in placing rock between the Lake Crest building and the parking lot. Before the rock was put in place, whenever it would rain huge puddles would block passage between the two. Landeck also thanked those involved in the Family Reading Night. He also thanked Birkeys and Crop Production for helping to pay for the vans the volleyball team used while at the state tournament. He also thanked all of the fans that attended the tournament. Finally, he congratulated the team on a fun and successful season. Landeck also thanked all those involved in making the Veterans Day Breakfast a huge success. He also read a letter from a local veteran thanking the district for having the breakfast.

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

Landeck gave the board an update on the Lake Crest addition construction project. He indicated that there are two items remaining on the punch list that need to be completed before the project is complete. Upchurch has been in contact with Swingler Construction to get these items completed as soon as possible.

Landeck informed the Board that a meeting took place on October 30 in Arcola to discuss the 1% school facilities tax in Douglas County. Although he did not attend the meeting, Landeck had been in communication with David Pistorius of First MidState to let him know that Oakland CUSD #5 would support that pursuit of the tax. Pistorius will provide the district with the resolution that needs to be

passed in order to get the question on the ballot. There will be another meeting on January 28, 2013 to discuss strategy for passing the tax.

A motion was made by Percy, seconded by Dague to approve submission of Waiver of School Code to the ISBE and ultimately to the Illinois General Assembly. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck shared a resolution provided by First Neighbor bank that approves the individuals who have signatory power on the district's accounts. Although this was recently done in August, it had to be done again due to the change in office personnel. A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Buckler Approve the resolution provided by First Neighbor Bank authorizing those employees indicated the ability to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with First neighbor. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented to the Board the tentative tax levy. Landeck explained that the aggregate levy increase was 4.96%. This did not mean that taxes are going up, but that the district is asking for 4.96% more in funds than it received last year. The actual tax rate of the levy shows a decrease from the previous year. Because the aggregate increase is less than 5%, a hearing is not needed. The levy will be up for approval during the December meeting. A motion was made by McKinney, seconded by Clifton to approve the tentative tax levy as presented. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck shared PRESS Policy Issue 80, October 2012 with the Board. He explained the policies being introduced ranged from Board member reimbursement for training, to Board member use of personal email and text messaging, as well as web posting requirements, and social network access during the hiring process. This is the first reading and these policies will be up for approval as well during the December meeting.

Stark reported to the Board that the Freshman and Sophomores had recently completed the PLAN and EXPLORE tests. She explained that these tests are a predictor of how a student will do on the ACT. Hopefully, the district will get the results back soon enough in order to provide students with extra assistance where needed.

Landeck provided the board with financial comparisons of October 2012 to October 2013 for both revenues and expenditures. He also did the same for year-to-date 2012 and 2013 at this point in the fiscal year. He explained that revenues were up YTD due to getting more tax money after July 1 as opposed to before July 1 in the past. Also, transportation costs are up this year and Landeck explained this is due to the fact that more special education students are transported off campus this year than last. Landeck reminded the Board that nominating petitions for the upcoming School Board election can be turned in starting Monday, December 17. Landeck told the Board that he was looking at Thursday, March 28 as the make-up date for Friday, November 9 when school was cancelled due to the volleyball team being in the state finals. Landeck shared a letter with the Board from Regional Superintendent Mattingly in regard to School Board Members Day.

A motion was made by Buckler, seconded by Clifton to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.

---

President

---

Vice-President