

OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

OAKLAND, IL

Regular Meeting            September 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Dowden at 7:00 p.m. with members: Dowden, Fonner, Lee and Lucas-Knoebel, McQueen, and Stark present. Turner was absent. Also present was Supt. Landeck, Principal Tabatha Cohorst, Terry Sullivan, Janice Hunt, Julie Findley, Linsay Swigart, Maddie Hammel, and Joe Coulton.

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

Landeck recognized board member Renee Fonner for earning Master Board Member Level 1 through the Illinois Association of School Boards. He also thanked all the staff members that stepped up and helped cover classes, recess, and lunch recently when the district was short-handed due to teachers being out. Landeck made it known that earlier in the day, a high school student purchased approximately \$25 worth of books at the Book Fair for 1<sup>st</sup> grade students that didn't have any money of their own to purchase books.

Landeck said there were two FOIA requests since the last meeting. The first was made by SmartProcure on August 24. The request was for all purchasing records from 5/14/21 through 8/24/21. The district provided it's official response on August 27. The second FOIA request was from Angel Tomis of SteepSteel, LLC. This request asked for all active leases/licenses for cell towers, rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on property owned or managed by Oakland CUSD, Illinois along with 24 months of associated payment histories. The district provided it's official response that same day.

A motion was made by Fonner, seconded by Dowden to approve the Consent Agenda including the payment of bills in the total amount of \$344,269.54 as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that the auditors had been in the district earlier in the week and initial reports on the FY21 audit are very positive. Landeck stated that ISBE has still yet to provide allotments for regular or special education transportation.

Landeck shared with the board the most recent guidance from IDPH and ISBE in regards to what qualifies close contacts in school settings. He also shared that through the most recent Executive Order, schools now had the authority to exclude students because of testing positive for COVID or being classified as a close contact. Landeck said that Oakland would continue to do what it has done all school year and let the county health departments be the ones that exclude the student from attending school.

Dowden asked if there were any additional questions or comments on the FY22 budget that were not asked or made during the public hearing. There were none. A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Lee to approve FY22 budget as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefit Report. He stated that by law, the report had to be approved by the Board and then displayed on the district web-site. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Dowden to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary & Benefit Report as presented. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Landeck informed the board that although the board approved signatories last month, First Neighbor Bank had informed him that the board needed to approve the Resolution of Lodge, Association or Other Similar Organization for their files. A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Lee to approve the Resolution of Lodge, Association or Other Similar Organization as read. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cohorst and Landeck gave their administrative reports.

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Fonner to enter into executive session. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 8:00 pm and returned from executive session at 8:32 pm.


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

A motion was made by Lucas-Knoebel, seconded by Dowden to accept Laura Walsh's resignation. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Lee to approve Julie Findley as homebound instructor. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dowden, seconded by Lee to hire Tracy Garmon as a contracted IEP manager. Upon roll, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McQueen, seconded by Fonner to adjourn at 8:36 pm. Upon voice vote, all members present voted aye. Motion Carried.



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Board Member



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Vice-President