

Board of Education  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Oak Grove School  
6018 W Lancaster Rd.  
Bartonville, IL 61607  
April 28, 2021 – 6:00 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Bender, Board President, at 6:00 p.m.
3. Roll call: Board members in attendance were Mr. Bender, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fehl, Mr. Miller, Mr. Heuermann, and Mr. Strausbaugh with Mrs. Quine being absent. Others in attendance were Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, and Mr. Brian Bishop.
4. Communications & Presentations – No Communications.
5. Consent Agenda  
**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Regular and Closed Sessions, the March Financial Report, as well as the March Treasurer's Report, the motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried with all aye votes.
6. April Bills  
**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the April bills, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items: None
8. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Baele presented updated enrollment numbers with 272 students attending. Current Kindergarten numbers project 22 to 23 students next year but we are hoping for some additional students. An update on the open positions was provided to the Board of Education. At the monthly LAA meeting, the American Recovery Act (ESSER III) dollars were discussed. Some schools are extending the school year. Dr. Baele informed the group of our new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment and that we will complete a Math pilot in the upcoming year. Finally, we discussed the upcoming school board election and seating of new members. Dr. Baele informed the Board of the water conservation project tours that were provided to students on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Students were informed of the concepts behind the planter boxes and what they should expect in the near future. Students were excited about planting and learning about gardening. Key upcoming dates were provided.
9. Principal's Report: Mrs. Almasi informed the BOE that there were no suspensions this month. She reported that Kindergarten screenings are taking place at Oak Grove School to better assist with their start next year. IAR and NWEA MAP testing will take place at OGS for the upcoming few weeks along with the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). We are looking forward to the days after the assessment windows are complete so we can focus on teacher and staff appreciation, graduation, and field day on the last day of school. Mrs. Almasi let the BOE know that the Math pilot is moving forward with representation in K,2,4,6, and 8 grade levels. She also provided information about SIP day plans for staff regarding Safe Zone training on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the alternate training being provided as well. At the monthly Limestone Area Principal meeting they discussed learning gaps, summer school options, and a revised grading scale.
10. Old Business – Discussion Item(s)
  - a. Ballfields / Dugouts / Construction Finish Workday – Dr. Baele discussed with the BOE the initial plan for the construction of the dugouts and working the fields for use this

summer. It was mentioned that teams are wanting to use the facilities for practices and the fields are not in a condition for playing right now. The BOE was interested in seeking quotes on the construction of the dugouts as well as scheduling a time to prepare the fields so that they are playable soon. A date for a workday was not set and it was suggested to get quotes on the construction of the dugouts.

- b. RCDG Update – Dr. Baele discussed the current status of the outbuilding and its use in the future. The Board of Education members talked through the utilization of the space for storage, a shop area for more hands-on projects, the use of the restrooms, and concession areas. Dr. Baele will work on the utilization and construction of the space to best capture our needs for our program, storage, and use of the space outside the school day for extra-curricular or invitational style games. The District will continue to move forward with the design, construction documents, bid, and construction of this facility.
- c. ESSER II Amendment / ESSER III Allocations – Dr. Baele informed the Board of Education of the amendment to the ESSER II application approved in April 2021. This is to eliminate the HVAC component and to add the outdoor patio as an outdoor classroom. The amendment was approved by the ISBE on April 27<sup>th</sup>. ESSER III projected allocation is \$606,496 and the Board discussed using some of the money to update the main restrooms for more spacing and a better, more hygienic flow to the spaces. They also discussed the possible replacement of the boiler for forced air rooftop units to allow for better air circulation in the rooms. Some of the money could be used for the outbuilding space. A provision of ESSER III is that 20% of the funds must be used for learning loss which is \$121,299.20. More discussion will be had with the leadership team and staff on best use of these funds in the future.

11. Old Business – Action Item(s)

- a. Oak Grove 2021-24 School Improvement Plan

**ACTION:** Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the 2021-2024 Oak Grove School Improvement Plan as presented by Mrs. Almasi and the School Improvement Committee, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- b. Accept County Clerk Canvass of Votes / Declare Election Results

**ACTION:** Mr. Heuermann made the motion to accept the results of the April 2021 consolidated election and proclaim Matt Bender, Jeff Miller, Adam Strausbaugh, and Chad Taylor as elected members of the Oak Grove Board of Education, Mr. Fehl seconded. The motion carried with all aye votes. (Mr. Taylor for a 2-year unexpired term, the other three members are for 4-year terms.)

12. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business: None

13. Adjournment Sine Die to Reorganize

**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to adjourn sine die to reorganize Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all in favor.

14. Reorganization

- a. Establish pro-tem offices of President and Secretary

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to appoint Matt Bender as president pro-tem and Chad Taylor as secretary pro-tem, Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Call to Order; Mr. Bender called the meeting of the new Board of Education to order at 6:39.



- c. Roll Call – Present were Mr. Fehl, Mr. Miller, Mr. Bender, Mr. Heuermann, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Strausbaugh. One seat is vacant.

15. Election of Officers

- a. Elect President - Mr. Bender was nominated as President of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Bender will serve as Board of Education President.

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion to close nominations for the office of President of the Board, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Elect Vice President – Mr. Miller was nominated as Vice President of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Miller will serve as Board of Education Vice President.

**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to close nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- c. Elect Secretary. Mr. Taylor was nominated as Secretary of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Taylor will serve as Board of Education Secretary.

**ACTION:** Mr. Heuermann made the motion to close nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion carried with all aye votes.

16. Appointments

- a. Treasurer – Karen Beverlin

**ACTION:** Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to appoint Karen Beverlin as the District Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Legal Services – Miller, Hall, & Triggs

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion to appoint Miller, Hall, and Triggs as the Board of Education Legal Counsel, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

17. Designate Date, Time, and Place of Regular Meetings

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to accept the meeting times, dates, and locations for regular monthly board of education meetings for the 2021 – 2022 year, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion carried with all aye votes.

18. Adopt All Existing Policies, Rules, Regulations, and Contractual Obligations of the Previous Board of Education.

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion to adopt all existing policies, rules, regulations, and contractual obligations of the previous Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

19. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

None

20. New Business – Action Item(s)

- a. IESA Participation / Authorization

**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to continue participation in the IESA activities for the 2021-2022 seasons, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.

b. Gorenz & Associates Annual Audit Engagement

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to engage Gorenz & Associates to complete the FY21 financial audit and to assist the district in the completion of the CYEFR report at a total cost of \$9,020, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all aye votes.

c. Peoria Metro / CIES Consolidated Remodel

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the office remodel cost including alternate one and exterior door replacement of \$19,810 by Peoria Metro and \$1750 for electrical work to be completed by CIES, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.

d. Learning Landscape Construction

**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the time and material cost associated with the completion of the learning landscapes patio and estate wall as per grant requirements and to authorize the administration to coordinate and finalize the payment for the outdoor classroom construction with CJL Landscaping, LLC, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

e. Peoria County Food Cooperative

**ACTION:** Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve the participation resolution and \$350 payment to the Regional Office of Education as an active member of the Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2021-22 fiscal year, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.

21. Closed Session

**ACTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion at 6:56 to enter into closed session to discuss student discipline, litigation, personnel matters, or the selection of a person to fill a public office, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.

22. Return to Open Session

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion at 8:14 to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

23. Action from Closed Session

a. Appointment of a Board Member

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made motion to appoint Jennifer Quine to the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all aye votes.

b. 2021-22 Principal Contract

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made motion to employ Mr. Brian Bishop as the 2021-2022 Oak Grove Principal on a 210-day contract with a base salary of \$70,000, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.

24. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business: None

25. Motion for Adjournment

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to adjourn at 8:19 seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh.  
Motion carried with all aye votes.

Matthew R. Bender

Board President – Matthew Bender

Chad E. Taylor

Board Secretary – Chad Taylor