

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
February 24, 2021 – 6 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Bender, Board President.
3. Roll Call: Those present at the meeting were Mr. Bender, Mr. Fehl, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Strausbaugh, Mr. Heuermann, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Taylor. Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, and Mrs. Martin were also in attendance.
4. Communications / Presentations
 - a. None
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the January 27th, 2021 Regular Meeting & Closed Session Minutes, the January Financial Report, the January Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fehl and carried with all in favor.
6. February Bills

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve the February bills, seconded by Mr. Quine. The motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele provided an enrollment report to the Board of Education with 269 students at Oak Grove with one out of district student attending. The Board was also informed of an effort to look at solar power collection here at Oak Grove through Future-Green which is a non-for-profit that coordinates and provides solar power agreements with school districts. Dr. Baele requested one or two board member volunteers for the strategic planning process that will take place this Spring and early Summer. Finally, Dr. Baele informed the Board of his participation in the ISAL program from April 2021 through June 2022.
9. Principal Report – Mrs. Almasi updated the Board about the winter benchmark that took place when students returned. It went well with much student growth, IAR and ISA will be pushed back later in the Spring. Mrs. Almasi is working with the School Improvement Planning (SIP) team and the group will have a presentation to the Board for the March 24th BOE meeting. She also informed the Board about the Valentine parties that took place, pre-registration for Kindergarten, and the orientation visits of our 8th graders over to LCHS. Mrs. Almasi briefly described the need for the Student Success Plan which she deferred to later in the meeting. The middle school faculty and administration met regarding the schedule which included adding learning opportunities throughout the week, it was a very positive meeting. Finally, the survey of remote learners for 4th quarter was sent out to parents, which will prompt some changes including homeroom changes at the Junior High but nothing extreme to start the 4th quarter.
10. Old Business – Discussion Items
 - a. RCDG Outbuilding Progress Update - Dr. Baele provided the latest drawings associated with the outbuilding on the Oak Grove site. On the call with RCDG, the Engineering cost

of the building was coming in much higher than anticipated so the project will be scaled back and future updates will be provided to ensure the need and cost are balanced. The Board provided comments and questions on the design and what needs to happen in the Spring to get the fields ready.

- b. Extra-Curricular Activities / Spectators Update – As of February 23rd, home spectators are being allowed to attend volleyball and basketball games. Once laid out according to the distance requirements, there are only 22 seats on the East side of the gym for fans to sit. This only allows one guest per home student. This will be how the games will go for the future until such time that guidance may change. The Board was in support of the changes and allowing the attendance at games.

11. Old Business – Action Item

- a. Copier Contract

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the 60-month lease agreement with Digital Copy systems, LLC for a not to exceed cost of \$599 per month for copy and service maintenance, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes.

12. New Business – Discussion Item

- a. Student Success Plan – 4th Quarter – Mrs. Almasi ran through her vision and plan for the Student Success Plan for 6th – 8th grade students that are at risk of potential retention at Oak Grove. The plan establishes one hour after school supervised coursework through a web-based program, as well as two hours of supervised time on Saturdays throughout the 4th quarter. Bus transportation will be provided for those that need it on both weekdays and weekends. The program is needed to determine if those at risk are prepared to meet the next grade level through completion of their current year concepts. Student, parent, and administration contracts have been established and the program will begin on March 8th. This will be a federally funded program. The Board of Education thanked Mrs. Almasi for her in-depth work on this and for providing this opportunity to our students. The Board wants to provide as many opportunities for students to complete their work and to consider retention as a last resort.
- b. 1st Look 2021-2022 Calendar – Dr. Baele provided the Board of Education the first look calendar for the next school year. Limestone Community High School shared their initial draft calendar and dates for breaks. Many questions about next year are still up in the air regarding guidance and restrictions for in-person learning. The Board questioned if there would be remote learning or remote learning planning days for the upcoming year. Dr. Baele will keep the Board up to date on changes but no information has been provided for next year and how that would look for in-person learning versus remote learning options.

13. New Business – Action Item

- a. TRS SSP Participation Agreement and Resolution

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion to approve the Supplemental Savings Plan resolution and participant agreement between Oak Grove School District 68 and the Illinois Teacher Retirement System, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion carried with all aye votes.

14. Closed Session

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made motion to enter into closed session at 6:40 pm, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Open Session

ACTION: Mr. Miller made motion to enter into open session at 7:28 pm, seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.

16. Action from Closed Session

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the 2021-2026 employment contract between Dr. Loren Baele and the Oak Grove School District #68 Board of Education with a contract effective date of July 1, 2021 and expiration date of June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh with all members voting aye.

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to employ Mr. Drew Shirley as the Girls Head Basketball coach for the 2021 season, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes contingent upon the results of his background check.

17. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business – None

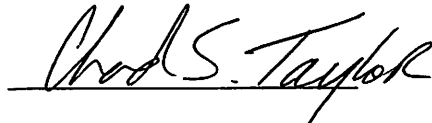
18. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business – None

19. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, seconded by Mr. Taylor. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Chad Taylor – Board Secretary