

Board of Education  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Oak Grove School  
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.  
Bartonville, IL 61607  
January 27, 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. Taylor, Mr. Fehl, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Strausbaugh, Mr. Heuermann and Mr. Miller. Dr. Baele and Mrs. Almasi were also in attendance. The families of Jack Ledeboer and Sara Winkle attended for the presentations of the meeting.
4. Communications / Presentations
  - a. Mr. Jack Ledeboer was nominated by Mrs. Schindler for the Soaring Eagle Award. Mrs. Schindler stated, "Jack has been a member of the Oak Grove Student Council since he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. His platform always revolves around what he thinks is best for Oak Grove, and he's not afraid to take a leadership role. This year, Jack came up with the idea for Oak Grove's drive-thru trick or treating event. Thanks to Jack's willingness to implement a new tradition at Oak Grove, our students, teachers, and the community had the chance to celebrate Halloween safely." Mr. Ledeboer was presented the Soaring Eagle Award by Board of Education President, Mr. Matthew Bender. The Board of Education congratulated Jack for being a Soaring Eagle!
  - b. Ms. Sara Winkle was nominated by Ms. Sams for the Soaring Eagle Award. Ms. Sams has been very impressed with Mrs. Winkle's approach to remote learning. She did an excellent job and Ms. Sams is proud of her work ethic and dedication to her schoolwork. This is Sara's second Soaring Eagle award as she was presented the SEA in 2018 for winning the Spelling Bee as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Ms. Winkle was presented the Soaring Eagle Award by Board of Education President, Mr. Matthew Bender. The Board of Education congratulated Sara on her second award and looks for great things from her in the future!
  - c. Mrs. Sherry Stobaugh was announced as the 2020 Oak Grove support staff "Best of the Nest" award recipient. This is the inaugural award for the support staff. Since the implementation of the stay-at-home order in March of 2020, Mrs. Stobaugh has taken on the additional responsibilities of State reporting. From attendance, busing, assisting teachers with grades, and coordination of it all within the Student Information System (SIS), Sherry has been excellent. There is no job that Mrs. Stobaugh can't handle, if she doesn't know, she will find out. She is a great asset to Oak Grove and we are all thankful for her dedicated work as well as her caring heart! Dr. Baele informed the Board that the administration will select another "Best of the Nest" staff member in the Spring 2022 for the 2021 year. The Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Stobaugh and thanked her for her service to the District!
5. Consent Agenda

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the December 16th, 2020 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the December Financial Report, the December Treasurer's Report, and policies associated with Press Plus Packet #106. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all in favor.

6. January Bills & Additional Bill

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to approve the January bills and an additional bill to Sportscon, LLC in the amount of \$5,840, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion carried with all aye votes.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None

8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele presented the latest enrollment for the school including the number of in person and remote learners. The District is currently maintaining a student enrollment of 270 students, inclusive of the PK classroom and home-base special education students. Administration covered teacher's classrooms as they went to get their first round of vaccinations through the PCCHD. All staff are encouraged to get the vaccination. The CIV-IASA Zoom meeting took place on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Legal counsel for IASA provided superintendents information on vaccinations, contracts, sports, and legislative updates. Finally, a big thank you to the Oak Grove Boosters for their purchase of the new scoring table for the Heath Gymnasium. This will be another great addition to the continued upgrades in our main gym. Upcoming events and dates were presented to the BOE.

9. Principal Report – Mrs. Almasi reported one 10-day student out of school suspension. She also reported that the three weeks of remote learning were successful, and our students were engaged, with two students receiving Subway lunches for being highly engaged students during remote learning. For those that need extra support, time is being provided by Mrs. Almasi over lunch periods to make up work that needs to be completed. The administration will look at more options for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter credit recovery programs in order to ensure students are ready for the next grade. The January 15th SIP day was a very productive one centered on the development of our school improvement plan. Dr. Courtney Orzel led the staff in a dynamic presentation that helped us understand why we need school improvement plans. Miss Chapin, Oak Grove Guidance Counselor, presented to the staff on resources and best practices. Ms. Chapin began her work at Oak Grove in the beginning of January and is already making an impact. Finally, Mrs. Almasi reported that activities will safely begin again at Oak Grove, even if in a limited capacity.

10. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Return to In-Person Learning Update – A brief discussion on the return to in-person learning was presented, including updated numbers from Mrs. Almasi on the decision to enact remote learning. It will be important for the staff and students to continue to be mindful of the expectations when coming back to school. The Board provided input on the impact of remote learning and support for the administration and staff in the third and fourth quarters.
- b. Extra-Curricular / Athletics Update – At long last, some activities are being allowed to take place at Oak Grove School. Boys' basketball and girls' volleyball are first up along with Scholastic Bowl practices. Additionally, girls' basketball will shift to the spring along with track and field. The IESA has provided guidance that limits the number of spectators so no fans will be allowed and streaming will be setup for the presentation of games to the public. The BOE had good discussion on the health and safety of our students and spectators.
- c. Building Committee Update – Mr. Taylor presented the information discussed at the building committee meeting that took place prior to the regular meeting. This spring we will need to complete the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) project, build dugouts for the softball and baseball fields, work through the design and potential construction of our outbuilding, and look to find funding for the renovation of our main restrooms. Mr. Taylor wanted to express thanks to the Boosters for their purchase of the scoring table.

11. Old Business – Action Item

- a. None

12. New Business – Discussion Item

- a. None

13. New Business – Action Item

- a. Internet Service Provider Contract

**ACTION:** Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the contract with Stratus Networks for a five-year agreement as the District Internet Service Provider providing 500 MB of service at a pre-discount cost of \$1,545, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed with all aye votes.

- b. River City Design Group – Schematic Design

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made the motion to approve the schematic design proposal from River City Design Group in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion passed with all aye votes.

14. Closed Session

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made motion to enter into closed session at 6:43 pm, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Open Session

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made motion to enter into open session at 7:37 pm, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all aye votes.

16. Action from Closed Session

- a. Notice to Remedy Resolution

**ACTION:** Mr. Miller made the motion to pass the Notice to Remedy resolution to Mrs. Carrie Schindler, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes.

- b. Superintendent Contract

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to table the Superintendent's contract, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes.

- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian Hire

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to hire Troy Williamson as the second shift custodian at Oak Grove School with a starting hourly wage of \$15 an hour, with a retroactive start date of 1/19/2021, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion passed with all aye votes.

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

18. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business – Dr. Baele reminded the Board to complete their statement of economic interest on-line this year. He also presented a quick update to the Board about his recent attendance at the Village Board meeting related to the TIF district.

19. Motion for Adjournment

**ACTION:** Mr. Heuermann made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, seconded by Mr. Fehl.  
All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Matthew R. Bender

Matthew Bender – Board President

Chad Taylor

Chad Taylor – Board Secretary