

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
November 18, 2020
Immediately Following Public Hearing

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mr. Bender called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
1. Motion to Previous Roll:

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to previous attendance roll call from the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes. Those present at the meeting were Mr. Bender, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Heuermann, with Mr. Fehl and Mr. Strausbaugh being absent. Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Milsteadt, and Mrs. Padilla were also in attendance.

3. Communications / Presentations – None
4. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the October 28th Regular and Closed Session Meetings, the October Financial Report, and the October Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all aye votes.

5. November Bills

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the November bills and any bills that come due by November 30, 2020, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

6. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
7. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele presented the current enrollment of the district at 266 students with 4 students being served out of district. Dr. Baele provided an update to the Board on the most recent LAA meeting that took place on November 5th, multiple topics were discussed ranging from sub-coverage, sports participation, the Oak Grove counseling position, COVID related items, and student failure rates. Dr. Baele also informed the BOE on the latest ICV – IASA meeting that took place over Zoom on November the 12th. Dr. Thomas Bertrand presented information on leadership in a global pandemic. A legislative update was provided to the group by the Diane Robertson, IASA Field Representative, who did not paint a pretty picture of the financial forecast related to school funding. With the failure of the fair tax, the education sector should expect cutbacks and decreased aid in the future.
8. Principal Report – Mrs. Almasi had one student discipline case to report to the Board of Education. She reported on the Halloween activities, including the parade and Monster Mash dances that took place at OG. The October School-Improvement activities were discussed such as the needs assessment report and a professional development opportunity using JamBoard by Ms. Sego. A canned food drive was taking place in conjunction with LCHS Student Council. The second remote learning planning day was taken on 11/13/20, the teachers used this day to plan for remote and in-person learning for the time up to Winter break. Mrs. Almasi also

informed the BOE of the positive behavior refresher that took place at the start of the second quarter, with 89% of our students having 90% positive behavior feedback on the pop-up day. Great job Eagles!

9. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Oak Grove Transition Plan / Winter Break Quarantine – Dr. Baele provided information from the Peoria County Health Department on the growing case counts for COVID 19 within Peoria County. With this information, the Board members discussed the options for the school district between Thanksgiving and Winter Break. Mr. Bender asked for input from the teachers in the audience who wanted to keep pressing on with in-person learning as long as possible. Mr. Bender also asked Mrs. Almasi for her point of view. Although she is worried about guidance being followed during holiday breaks, she informed the Board that she wanted to keep moving forward as long as we are safe and are able to keep substitutes filling in when needed. The need to discuss the two weeks after winter break was determined to be necessary at the next BOE meeting in December. Mr. Bender thanked all for their input.

10. Old Business – Action Item

- a. 2020-21 IESA Basketball Participation

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to table the decision to cancel the boys and girls basketball seasons for the 2020-21 school year, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes. Discussion centered on potentially having alternative activities such as one on one coaching sign-ups and skill work.

- b. 2020-2021 Amended School Calendar

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adopt the 2020-21 amended school calendar changes as presented, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes. Discussion centered on the elimination of Casmir Pulaski day as a day off of school.

11. New Business – Discussion Item

- a. Press Packet #106 – First Reading – Mr. Bender informed the BOE members that IASB Press Packet #106 was available for their review within their IASB log-in area and that this constituted the first reading of the associated press policies. He stated to contact Dr. Baele with any questions or concerns regarding the policies in PP 106.

12. New Business – Action Item

- a. Waiver Approval / Narrative

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the waiver application to waive 105 ILCS/10-20.12(a) of the school code, charging \$0 for pupils of employees who live outside the school district and to receive state funding for these students, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Lanyard Replacement Cost – Student Handbook Update

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve a \$2 lanyard replacement fee for those that need a lanyard and ID holder replacement, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion carried with all aye votes. Discussion centered around the need for the lanyards to properly self-certify students prior to arriving to school.

- c. Chromebook Case Replacement Cost – Student Handbook Update

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve a \$20 fee for those that need to replace a Chromebook case. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all aye votes.

d. Tentative Levy

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve scenario A of the tentative tax levy which reflects a 4.5% increase in restricted levies but a lower levy in unrestricted levy funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all aye votes.

e. Loss Factor Resolution

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the loss factor resolution reflecting a 2% loss factor on the 2020 Bond and Interest Levy (for 2020-21). The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all aye votes.

13. Closed Session

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion at 7:05 pm to enter into closed session to discuss student discipline, litigation, and personnel matters, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes.

14. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 7:33 pm to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all in favor.

15. Action from Closed Session

a. Semi-Annual Review of Minutes

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the semi-annual review of closed session minutes for May 2020 to October 2020 and to keep the closed session minutes closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all aye votes.

b. Destruction of Verbatim Voice Recordings

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the destruction of verbatim voice recordings of closed session minutes from June 28, 2018 to June 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all aye votes.

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

17. Presentation from Board Members on Non-Agenda Business - None.

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Chad Taylor – Board Secretary

