

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
July 22, 2020 – 6 pm

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

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the June 24th Public Hearing, June 24th Regular and Closed Sessions, the June Financial Report, June Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all in favor.

6. July Bills

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the July bills including Peoria Metro Pay Application #10, Peoria Metro Pay Application #11, River City Design Group Design Invoice #11, Change Order #6, Peoria Metro Pay Application #1 (Floor Project), River City Design Fee #3, Change Order #2, and pay application differences to Peoria Metro for the sum of \$17610, as well as any bills remaining through July 31, 2020 seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion carried with all aye votes with Mrs. Lindsay abstaining.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report / Principal Report – Dr. Baele provided an update to the Board of Education on the state of return to school plans and conference call he attended up to the BOE meeting. There is a large discrepancy between school plans. Dr. Baele also gave the BOE a construction and building update, including the status of ESSER funds being used in association with the COVID-19 response. The financial audit is being done electronically up to this point and Gorenz and Associates will let the district know if an on-site audit is necessary for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Dr. Baele presented Mrs. Almasi to the Board of Education and she introduced herself to the members. Important dates were then discussed.
9. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. The administration led the Board through the Return to School Plan, seeking comments and discussion from the Board on ideas and thoughts. Mrs. Almasi reviewed the results of the parental survey with the Board. Mrs. Quine excused herself from the meeting at 7:40 to attend to a personal matter. Discussion from Board members centered on the capacity of the school and keeping safe distances for students, the mandatory face coverings mandate was reinforced, and it was determined that it would be advantageous to identify how many students would be attending face to face and how many would be remote if offered. Next steps were discussed including a timeline for the next version of the plan. The Board thanked the administration and teachers who have volunteered their time to work on the plan.

10. Old Business – Action Items

- a. None

11. New Business – Discussion Item

- a. Fiscal Year End / Construction Closeout - Dr. Baele reviewed the financial tracking document for the capital projects fund and the Operations & Maintenance funds for the two construction projects being completed. Un-audited fund balances were also discussed based on the fiscal year end.
- b. Special Meeting / Resolution to Reopen - Dr. Baele discussed possible special meeting times, it was determined that a special meeting will be needed to discuss the return to school plan in greater detail. This meeting was set for August 12th. A possible resolution to re-open was also reviewed.

12. New Business – Action Item

- a. .5 FTE Technology Position Job Description and Position

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the Oak Grove School Technology Job Description and to authorize the superintendent to see a half-time certified or qualified long-term substitute for employment in the position, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes.

- b. .5 FTE School Counselor Job Description & Position

ACTION: Mrs. Lindsay made the motion to approve the Oak Grove School Counselor Job Description and to authorize the superintendent to seek a half-time certified or retired counselor for employment in the position, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- c. 2020 – 2023 Transportation Contract & Rate Sheet

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to table the 2020-2023 agreement with First Student for transportation services until reviewed by the District's attorney and agreed changes accepted by First Student, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes.

13. Closed Session

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion at 8:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh to enter into closed session to discuss student discipline, litigation, personal matters, as well as to perform the semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Motion carried with all aye votes.

14. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion at 8:55 pm, seconded by Mr. Heuermann to return to open session. Motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Action from Closed Session

a. Art Position

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Mr. Heuermann to remove from the table the full-time employment of the candidate for the Oak Grove School Art Teacher and to repost the position as a part-time opening for the 2020 – 21 school year. Motion carried with all aye votes.

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

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

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to adjourn at 6:33 pm, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Jennifer Lindsay – Board Secretary

