

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
December 18, 2019 – 7 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 and Mr. Heuermann with Mrs. Lindsay being absent. Dr. Baele, Ms. Baughman, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Milsteadt, Tina Thornton, and Jeremy Thornton were also in attendance.
4. Communications / Presentations – Dr. Baele thanked Unland Insurance Companies for the Trefzger's cookies and Better Banks for the popcorn and toffee which was shared with the BOE and the staff.
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the November 20th, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the November Financial Report, and the November Treasurer's Report created by Oak Grove Administrative staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh and carried with all in favor.

6. December Bills

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the December bills and any other bills needed to be paid prior to the end of December 31, 2019 as well as Pay Application #3, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion carried with all ye votes.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None

8. Board of Education Hearing

- a. Mr. Bender led a Board of Education hearing that began at 7:05 p.m. to determine if Mrs. Tina Thornton would be excluded from all IESA sponsored events for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year as per Board Policy 8:30. Ms. Baughman, administration representative, presented the evidence and information from Mrs. Thornton's ejections from IESA girls basketball events. Mrs. Thornton was provided time to address the Board. The Board of Education asked clarifying questions of both sides and each side presented their closing comments with Dr. Baele making the final statement and recommendation of excluding Mrs. Thornton from IESA sponsored events for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. The hearing ended at 7:32 p.m. The Board deliberated the merit of the request versus the support of the administration. The Board also discussed the importance of the Oak Grove reputation and how future student athletes may be impacted from issues with sportsmanship and IESA regulations.
- b. Action by the Board of Education

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to refrain from excluding Mrs. Tina Thornton from all IESA sponsored events for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year with the understanding that zero tolerance will be provided Mrs. Thornton and if Mrs. Thornton is ejected again, Mrs. Thornton will be promptly and immediately excluded from all future 2019-20 IESA sponsored events with Mrs. Thornton waiving her right to a hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fehl and carried with all aye votes.

9. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele informed the Board of the quarterly meeting of CIES Health Insurance Trust held on December 13th, 2019. A report was provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield and discussion items centered on the use of the portal for efficiency of processing and payment reconciliation. Dr. Baele also informed the Board of Mrs. Beverlin's (OG Treasurer) absence due to personal matters and she will look over, approve, or provide edits necessary for the December Treasurer's report in January. Dr. Baele attended a training on Behavioral Threat Assessment at East Peoria District 86, the training provided guidance regarding standards of practice for school-based threat assessment and management as well as guidance on developing and operating school threat assessment programs. Finally, the FY2020 Round 1 School Maintenance grant information was provided and will be a priority in January to develop the District's submission for the \$50,000 matching grant.

10. Principal Report – Ms. Baughman reported no student suspensions. She reported that the gym has been filled with activity in the month of December from concerts to games, she specifically thanked Mrs. Atterberry for her work on the Christmas programs. Ms. Baughman informed the Board that volleyball and scholastic bowl have started to practice, and matches will begin in the 3rd quarter. Ms. Baughman along with two teachers attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Schaumburg on December 9th & 10th, Ms. Sego presented at the conference and involved her classroom back at Oak Grove. Genius Hour (Mrs. Marvin) held a showcase on 12/18 displaying their projects from the first semester. Finally, Ms. Baughman reported the continued use of Studio 68 for many different uses and thanked the Board for approving the space.

11. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Construction Update – Dr. Baele presented an update of the construction project, providing news of the schedule. Over break, necessary items will be abated during the first week of break and the HVAC contractor will be in during the second week of break to punch through the south wall of the gym, demo the existing south heating unit, and begin to hang the duct sock. Due to weather conditions, the asphalt will not be laid until the spring and the concrete curbing around the playground is on hold until the completion of the playground can be finalized. The glazer is being replaced on the project and it is the hope that this change will not negatively impact the schedule.
- b. Pre-School For All – Dr. Baele and the Board discussed the options of housing one or even two Regional Office of Education Pre-school For All classrooms for the 2020-21 school year. The Board was open to providing space for the PFA classrooms.

12. Old Business – Action Item

- a. Re-payment of Inter-Fund Loan

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made motion to repay the inter-fund loan in the amount of \$240,000 from the Bond and Interest (30) fund to the Education (10) fund, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Adopt Resolution of Tax Levy

ACTION: Whereas Mrs. Quine presented and motioned, with Mr. Taylor reading and seconding the resolution to adopt the tax levy 2019 (for 2020-21) and to submit the truth and taxation statement for Oak Grove School District #68 to the Peoria County Clerk. Motion carried with all aye votes with the resolution being approved.

- c. Resolution Abating General Obligation School Bonds (Alt. Rev. Source), Series 2017.

ACTION: Whereas Mrs. Quine presented and read, with Mr. Fehl making a motion to abate the taxes levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alt. Rev. Source), Series 2017. Mr. Heuermann seconded the motion which carried with all aye votes with the resolution being approved.

13. New Business – Discussion Item

- a. Mid-Year Financial Report – Dr. Baele provided the Board with the annual mid-year financial reports reflecting treasurer balances as of the end of November since 2014. Fund balances are healthy, and the District is in a strong financial position. The Board has done a wonderful job of coordinating finances over the past 6 years.
- b. Certificate of Deposit with Better Banks – Dr. Baele informed the Board of Education that a 12 month certificate of deposit has been established in the amount of \$250,000 at a rate of 2.11%. The money was transferred as the District already has the established paperwork to complete the transaction.
- c. CFST – A brief discussion was completed about the ability to use County Facility Sales Tax dollars for School Safety and if Oak Grove would be willing to be involved with asking voters for the additional half cent for such a purpose. The Board and Administration believed that there would not be enough support for this initiative at this time but would be open to discussions about the matter in the future if supported by the majority of county school districts.
- d. Board Policy Packet #102 Updates & Changes – Mr. Bender informed the Board that press policy packet #102 is currently available for review and that this is the second reading of those policies.

14. New Business – Action Item

- a. SEAPCO Hiring Survey

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the 2020-21 SEAPCO hiring survey as presented, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes.

- b. New Deposit Authorization – Peoples National Bank of Kewanee

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to authorize Dr. Loren Baele as the depositor of funds and to authorize the deposit of \$125,000 in a 23-month Certificate of Deposit and \$125,000 in a 60-month Certificate of Deposit with the Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- c. Authorize Superintendent to Develop Budget for 2020-21

ACTION: Mr. Quine made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to begin the development of the 2020-2021 budget, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

d. Kindergarten Registration Fee Reduction

ACTION: Mr. Quine made the motion to reduce by \$10 dollars the registration fee for families registering a kindergarten student in the months of February, March, and April as well as sending out information fliers to each household in the district, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Closed Session - Not Needed

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

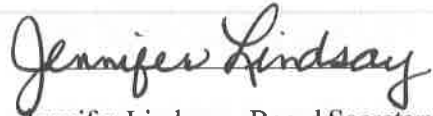
17. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business – None

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm, seconded by Mrs. Quine. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Jennifer Lindsay – Board Secretary