

Board of Education  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
Oak Grove East Elementary  
4812 Pfeiffer Road  
January 13, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order; The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Bender at 6:00 p.m.
3. Roll call: Members in attendance were Mr. Bender, Mr. Gruber, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Sanders, & Mr. Taylor. Absent member was Mr. Erik Fehl. Others in attendance included: Mr. Baele, Mr. Bill James, Mrs. Karen Atterberry, Mrs. Alison Dobbins, Mr. Mike Stobaugh, Mrs. Diane Oedewaldt, Mr. Dave Oedewaldt, Ms Ann Oedewaldt, Mrs. Marie Alvarado, Mrs. Myra Tripp, Mr. Bill Harmon, Mr. Kevin Hyde, & Mrs. Stallings. Absent: Mrs. Kyra Fancher.
4. **Board President – Public Hearing**

Mr. Bender stated the first item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$200,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District, \$3,025,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District, and \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the purpose of building and equipping an addition to, improving the site of and altering, repairing and equipping the Oak Grove West School Building and allowing for all written and oral public comment through this public hearing.

**Motion:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to open public hearing meeting at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sanders. Motion carried with all aye votes.

**Board President Starts Discussion:** Mr. Bender stated, let it be known that the issuance of the 200,000 working cash fund bonds will be used for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. This will be a two year issuance of 100,000 each year as to minimize the tax impact in one given year. The increase in the working cash will provide additional security and protection for the district in the future.

**Board Member's Comment:** None.

**Board President calls for written testimony:** Mr. Bender called for written testimony to be read into the record by the Secretary: Mr. Baele stated he had not received any written testimony on this issue.

**Board President calls for oral testimony:**

In accordance with Board Policy 2.230, Mr. Bender invited public participants to make oral comment at this time. In accordance with this policy, time limits will be kept to 5 minutes for each participant. Mrs. Dobbins stated that it was great our District is moving forward, but stated all comments & questions that the staff have made are important. Mr. Stobaugh had questions on the increase of working cash bonds, the 1,000,000 & 3,000,000 bonds, & stated this is a huge project. Mr. Oedewaldt stated he had never seen the plans for the new addition at West & had concerns of the new addition being on his property line, where the "run off" direction of the new construction would be, & when would this project start & end construction. He asked about the leasing of East building, if it would make money for the District, & would it cover expenses of East. Also is the alternate gym at West in the plans. Mr. James asked about the current outstanding bonds for the school windows & how much

more would taxes be raised. He had concerns on the traffic/road in front of West when construction started & after the new addition was completed.

**Board President:** All persons desiring to be heard have been given the opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds.

**Board President Continues Discussion:** Let it be known that the issuance of 3,025,000 funding bonds will be used for the purpose of paying claims against the District. The funding bonds will be used to pay for the lease certificates through structured repayment within the tax levy.

**Board Member's Comment:** None.

**Board President calls for written testimony:** Mr. Bender called for any written testimony to be read into the record by the Secretary. Mr. Baele stated that he had not received any written testimony on this issue.

**Board President calls for oral testimony:** In accordance with Board Policy 2.230, Mr. Bender would invite public participants to make oral comment at this time. In accordance with this policy, time limits will be kept to 5 minutes for each participant. Mr. James asked about the \$3,000,000, 15 year loan, & how much will tax be raised. Also he stated his concerns about the road in front of West. Mrs. Dobbins had concerns for West on pick up/drop off problems & would like plans for it before the construction begins. Mr. Stobaugh stated how can taxes not raise, questioned about current bonds & new bonds, the Tift District expires, & was this addition rushed to beat the Governor's January ruling. He asked what would it cost to repair the East & West school & if East is rented/leased what would the up keep cost be. Mr. Oedewaldt had concerns of the consolidation of other school districts & how that would impact West's new addition. He also asked of the West acreage and suggested to get a handle on the road in front of West before construction begins.

**Board President:** At this time, all persons desiring to be heard have been given the opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Funding Bonds.

**Board President Continues Discussion:** Let it be known that the issuance of 1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) will be for the purpose of building and equipping an addition to, improving the site of and altering, repairing and equipping the Oak Grove West School Building.

**Board Member's Comment:** None.

**Board President calls for written testimony to be read into the record by the Secretary:** Mr. Bender called for any written testimony to be read into the record by the Secretary. Mr. Baele had not received any written testimony at this time on this issue.

**Board President calls for oral testimony:** In accordance with Board Policy 2.230, I would invite public participants to make oral comment at this time. In accordance with this policy, time limits will be kept to 5 minutes for each participant. Mr. Stobaugh asked about bussing to West which is a huge expense to the District & asked how much it would cost. He asked if there was a reimbursement from the State for "hazardous bus route". Mr. James stated that the State is not paying bills now & asked how the District's Transportation Fund is currently. He also asked if the loans were 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 & if River City Construction would be doing all the construction or just managing the work to be done. Mrs. Dobbins stated the staff concerns on the new building & when they could get answers on these issues. Mr. Stobaugh asked if the new addition to West would include a tornado shelter and would any old portions at West be changed/improved. Also he asked if East were to be leased, the East restrooms would need to be greatly improved & what would that cost the District. Mr. Oedewaldt asked why the public has not seen or heard of the addition at West & if the plans could be displayed at the Alpha Park Library or another place of business which would inform the public. Mr. James asked where would the construction trucks/vehicles/materials be parked or placed during the time of construction.

**Board President:** At this time, all persons desiring to be heard have been given the opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Alternate Revenue Bonds.

5. Close Public Hearing.

**Motion:** Mr. Sanders made the motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gruber. Motion carried with all aye votes.

6. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items: None.

7. New Business – Action Item

- a. Resolution for application to the Illinois State Board of Education regarding Qualified School Construction Bonds.
  - i. Board President stated that the district may apply to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for the District, and the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution approving such application and the issuance of qualified school construction bonds of the District for such projects. This application sets forth 1,000,000 to be designated for the improvements and additions at Oak Grove West Junior High School. The resolution will approve the application, authorize the President to execute the application and directs an official of the district to submit the application to ISBE by January 15, 2016. Mr. Gruber presented the resolution and it was read by the Secretary, Mr. Taylor.

RESOLUTION approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for Oak Grove School District #68, Illinois, authorizing the President of

the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application.

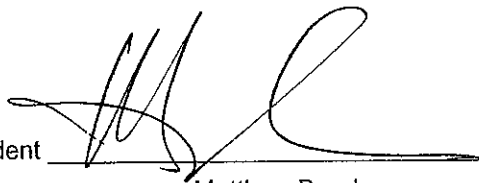
**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the resolution as read by the Secretary approving application, execution, and submittal of said application to the Illinois State Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Sanders. Motion carried with all aye votes.

8. Presentation from Board Members on Non-Agenda Business: None.

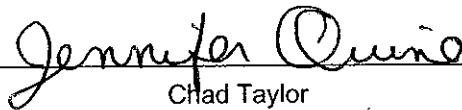
9. Motion for Adjournment

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Lindsay. Motion carried with all aye votes.

Board President

  
Matthew Bender

Board Secretary

  
Chad Taylor