

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
Oak Grove East Elementary
4812 Pfeiffer Road
Bartonville, IL 61607
November 18, 2015 – 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order; Time: 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. Fehl, Mr. Gruber, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Sanders, & Mr. Taylor. Others in attendance included: Mr. Baele, Mrs. Fancher, Mrs. Alison Dobbins, Mr. Todd Light, Mrs. Leanne Skuse, Mr. Scot Fairfield, Mr. Kevin Heid, & Mrs. Stallings.
4. Communications –
 - a. Mr. Baele was approached by a land owner regarding the fiber location at Oak Grove West going under their fence to the access box on the Oak Grove West property. Mr. Baele discussed this matter with Mr. Wendelin. Mr. Wendelin is coordinating the rerouting of the fiber with the original fiber installer at no cost for the district. The work is scheduled to be completed this week.
 - b. The District received a check from the PTO in the amount of \$1,250 to put toward the mesh project at West. The District thanks them for their hard work in raising funds and assisting with this project.
 - c. Mr. Baele has received 2 challenges for 2015 assessment of property from the Board of Review. Mr. Baele will be attending the hearings associate on December 2nd and 14th.
 - d. Mr. Baele received notification that the next TIF Joint Review Board meeting will be held at 5:00 at the Village Hall on December the 2nd.
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Sanders made the motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the October 28th Regular Meeting, the October Financial Report, as well as the October Treasurer's Report. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.
6. November Bills – Additional Bills

ACTION: Mr. Gruber made the motion to approve the November 2015 bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items: None.
8. Superintendent's Report – *East* enrollment – 168; *West* enrollment – 175; total enrollment – 343 students. No discipline to report for East. Mr. Baele received the PARCC results from last year's testing. The test scores will be used to determine areas of focus within the curriculum. The tentative date for the LAC Track meet will be April 26 (rain out date, April 28). The group discussed tracking & coordination of energy pricing, updating emergency call list, supporting each other with training when vacancies occur, potential legislation forcing tax caps on schools, & risk management plans as necessary components of tort expenditures. The staff & students are working on positive behavior. For positive behavior, students were informed that if school wide behavior for each day was good, they would receive a party planned for Dec 18th. Staff will work on higher order questioning as the focus for the upcoming SIP day. Upcoming Events: Nov 20 – 22: School Board Convention; Nov 25-27: Thanksgiving Break; Dec 2: Special Board of Education Meeting; Dec 5: Breakfast with Santa; Dec 9: East Winter Concert; Dec 10: West Winter Concert; Dec 16: Next Regular Board Meeting.
9. Principal's Report – There was 1.5 day out-of-day suspension. Parent/Teacher Conferences had a 58% parent attendance. Area Principals will meet with Jill Warren at LCHS on preparing our students for success at the high school, such as MAP Testing uniformity, feedback from Articulation Meetings, setting/communicating RIT scores from MAP, Professional Networking on student issues. Mrs. Fancher, Mr. Baele, & two teachers have been attending PERA training. They will be guiding the teachers through the process during the SIP days.
10. Old Business – Discussion Item(s)
 - a. West Addition Programming Update & Progress – River City Design Group & CM
 - i. Latest Design Drawing - River City provided an update and to seek any additional input on the addition at West.
 - b. Board Policy Updates & Changes – 1st Reading

- i. Enclosed this month are the log-in and summary pages for Board Policy updates for the October press release. Upon second reading which will be next month, the policies will become part of the district board policy packet.

11. Old Business – Action Item(s)

a. Design Group Contract & Exhibit A

ACTION: Mr. Sanders made the motion to approve the Architectural & Design Services contract with River City Design Group for work to be completed for additions and renovations at Oak Grove West. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

b. Construction Manager Contract

ACTION: Mr. Sanders made the motion to approve the Construction Manager Services contract with River City Construction for work to be completed for additions and renovations at Oak Grove West. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with 6 aye votes, Mr. Bender abstained.

12. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

a. Bonding Schedules & Information

- i. Kevin Heid from Stifel was there to review the bonding schedule and to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding the funding associated with the Middle School project.

b. Levy Discussion – First Look Levy & Levy Worksheets 2% Growth / 3.8% Growth / 10% Growth

- i. Mr. Baele ran through the tax calculations and the development of the levy so that there was an understanding of the amounts that we will be seeking. Discussion was held on the need for a truth in taxation hearing prior to the December Board Meeting based on the provided EAV scenarios. Last year's tax rate was 3.7305. Unlimited funds are capped at just between 4.5 and 5% to control for tax rate. The potential working cash increase would add approximately \$63.69 per yr. to a \$100,000 home based on the EAV projections for the upcoming levy. If EAV comes in higher, the tax rate would decrease; if EAV comes in lower the tax rate would be higher to cover the cost of the additional bonds.

13. New Business – Action Item(s)

a. Resolution – Lease Certificates

This resolution authorizes the issuance of the lease certificates which are the preliminary financing for our new addition at Oak Grove West. This financing establishes the obligation that will allow us to issue funding bonds. The funding bonds will be issued to repay these lease certificates. Funding bonds are repaid from our bond and interest tax levy. We expect to issue the funding bonds with a structure that will not increase our current bond and interest tax rate. Stifel solicited bids for the lease certificates. The low bid was Commerce Bank with an initial rate of 0.92%. That will adjust in December 2016. It is expected that the lease certificates will be repaid by the funding bonds in February 2016 long before that date.

Mr. Taylor read the following: Resolution authorizing and providing for a lease agreement for the purpose of improving the site of and building and equipping additions to the Oak Grove West School Building in and for School District Number 68, Peoria County, Illinois, and for the issuance of \$3,013,000 Lease Certificates, Series 2015, of said School District evidencing the rights to payment under said agreement, providing for the security for and means of payment under said agreement of said Certificates, and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to Commerce Bank.

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion to approve the resolution as presented by the Board Secretary authorizing and providing a lease agreement, as specified by the terms presented, with Commerce Bank for the amount of \$3,013,000 with an initial interest rate of .92%. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

b. Resolution – Working Cash – Mr. Bender

This resolution is a preliminary resolution that would give us the ability to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds in the event that the legislature imposes a property tax freeze. Under the proposed property tax freeze bills, we could be limited in our ability to issue bonds for future Life/Safety Bonds, Working Cash Fund Bonds and Funding Bonds projects. The bills would limit our ability to levy for such bonds to the amount of levy we have on file for either 2015 or 2016. Our planned bonds for the Oak Grove West project will be issued prior to effective date for these bills and would be grandfathered. However, our ability to issue other bonds for things like a Life/Safety repair such as a new roof could be severely restricted.

Mr. Taylor read the following: Resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 68, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to adopt the resolution declaring the intention of the District to issue working cash bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published. Mr. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

c. Tentative Levy

The levy was discussed earlier in the meeting and we went through how the levy is calculated. We are regulating the IMRF, SS, and Tort Funds for set increases of under 5%. All other funds will be over-levied at a 10% EAV growth projection which constitutes a total aggregate increase of 108.54%. Since this would constitute a levy greater than 105%, the district will provide truth in taxation notice and hold a public hearing prior to the December BOE meeting.

ACTION: Mrs. Lindsay made the motion to approve the 2015 tentative levy, with an aggregate levy of 108.54% of the previous year's levy and to authorize the publication of a truth in taxation notice stating the time and place for public hearing. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

14. Closed Session

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss student discipline, litigation, personnel matters, and to complete the semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Mr. Fehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Return to Open Session

ACTION: _____ made the motion to return to open session at 7:40 p.m., seconded by _____. Motion carried with all aye votes.

16. Action from Closed Session

a. Semi-Annual Review of Minutes

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the semi-annual review of the May through October unreleased closed session minutes and to keep all closed meeting minutes confidential. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

17. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business: Mrs. Dobbins suggested to Mr. Baele to have an assembly or go to each room on his idea of the "school behavior party" for December. Younger students did not understand Mr. Baele's instructions over the intercom for this party.

18. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business: Mrs. Lindsay complimented the District on the flexibility of the Parent/Teachers Conferences.

19. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Sanders made the motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gruber. Motion carried with all aye votes.

Board President

Matthew Bender

Board Secretary

Chad Taylor