

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
August 24, 2022 – 6 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
3. Roll Call: Members present included Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Fehl, Mr. Strausbaugh, and Mr. Bender with Mr. Miller and Mr. Heuermann being absent. Also present were Mrs. Almasi, Mr. Bishop, and Dr. Baele. Those in the audience included Tammy Miller and Amber Fisher.
4. Communications / Presentations - None
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the July 27th Regular Meeting, the August Financial Report, and the August Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all in favor.

6. August Bills and any bills that come due by August 31, 2022

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve the August bills, including pay application #6 from Bishop Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$42,924.63 for the outbuilding project, as well as pay application #3 in the amount of \$68,626.36 for the restroom project as well as any bills remaining through August 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele provided the August enrollment report showing 265 students attending Oak Grove School, 10 students within the Oak Grove Bright Futures classroom, there are 8 students that attend school outside of Oak Grove School and one that is currently medically homebound. The restrooms were ready for use on the first day of student attendance, the punch list items remain. Dr. Baele informed the Board that septic tank approval was provided on August 23rd by the PCCHD and Bishop Brothers was working with contractors to finish up remaining items on the building. A 10-year HLS survey meeting was held on August 23rd to finalize the 10-year HLS deficiency list with a draft to the Board at the September meeting. Dr. Baele also presented information regarding the driver shortage at First Student and thanked everyone for their patience. A meeting between the LAA schools and First Student is set for August 25th. Finally, important dates were provided to the Board of Education.
9. Director Report - Mrs. Almasi provided an update on the new Math curriculum as well as the ELA curriculum pilot that is taking place this school year. New handwriting materials have been purchased for K-2, and Mrs. Almasi is working on a curriculum

transparency document. Training on new features in IXL was provided for teachers prior to the start of the year, and a Standards Based Grading Committee is forming to look at grading procedures. Mrs. Almasi provided an update on the plans for IAR testing this year and the updated Assessment Matrix for the 22-23 school year.

10. Principal Report - Mr. Bishop thanked Mr. Williamson for all her work getting the school ready for school and thanked Mr. Taylor for his help painting and checking for defects with the new restroom construction. Mr. Bishop highlighted some transportation issues with First Student causing some delays in students being picked up and dropped off in a timely manner. We are hopeful to resolve those issues soon. He also highlighted work with Jr. High teachers on student behavior and engagement. 5th grade students will now be receiving a full year of science and social studies instruction. Morning meetings are going well with all students starting their day in the gymnasium for the Pledge of Allegiance, announcements, and some positive energy to start the day!

11. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Strategic Plan / Values Exercise – Dr. Baele discussed the results of the values exercise completed by the Board of Education members and the administration. Four areas of student values were identified as a strategic focus: Skill Development, Academic Challenge, Character Development and Content Knowledge. Four areas of focus for the district were identified as: Achievement, Communication, Community, and Competence. These areas will be the focus of the strategic planning moving forward. The Board emphasized the need for creativity within our school as well as working to increase community involvement. Dr. Baele thanked the members and administration for their participation in the process.
- b. Notice of Public Hearings – Mr. Bender provided notice there the district will hold public comment for three areas of need. First, the district will seek input regarding the 2022-2023 Budget, the second topic during the public hearing will be the use of e-learning days instead of emergency days, and finally public comment will be sought on the waiver for non-resident tuition costs for out of district pupils. Notification will be placed in the Limestone Independent News as well as on the main Board of Education webpage. Additional schools within the LAA are seeking this waiver.

12. Old Business – Action Items

- a. None

13. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

- a. Strategic Planning / Vision Exercise – Dr. Baele talked through the values items and how they relate to the next strategic plan exercise for vision. Board members and administration will look through the eight values and determine the vision for each value. The information collected will be used for future exercises toward the strategic plan.

14. New Business – Action Item

- a. Tentative Budget – 2022-2023

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the 2022-23 Tentative Budget, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes.

b. Employment – OG Cares Assistant

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the employment of Kate Simonich as the OG Cares Assistant with a starting hourly rate of \$13.50, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes.

c. Employment – 2nd Shift Custodian

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the hire, on a temporary basis, Alex Furniss as a substitute custodian for evening cleaning at the rate of \$16 an hour, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes.

d. Transportation Stipend Increase

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to increase the transportation coordinator stipend of Sherry Stobaugh from \$1500 to \$2500 per year, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion passed with all aye votes.

15. Closed Session – No closed session / No action from closed session

16. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business – Amber Fisher addressed the Board of Education regarding signage (Safe Zone Trained) outside of teacher’s rooms. She stated, in summary, that inappropriate material is accessible within two clicks on the safe zone trained website search and that pornographic and anti-Christian content is linked on the Safe Zone website under the resources page. She stated that if and when students would google, “safe zone trained”, they would have access to these materials, and she does not feel that this is appropriate at Oak Grove School. She requested that the administration and Board of Education take immediate action to remove the signage.

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

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mrs. Quine. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Matthew R. Bender

Matthew Bender – Board President

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Chad Taylor – Board Secretary