

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
September 28, 2022 – 6 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
3. Roll Call – Mr. Bender called for motion to previous roll from the public hearing.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to previous roll call, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all in favor.

Members present included Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Fehl, Mr. Heuermann, Mr. Bender, Mr. Miller, with Mr. Strausbaugh being absent. Also present were Mrs. Almasi, Mr. Bishop, and Dr. Baele. Those in the audience included Callie Leibach, Debbie Martin, Lenora Bright, Nichole Doyle, Russ Wittmer, Donna Wittmer, Tammy Miller, Amber Fisher, and Phil Quine.

4. Communications / Presentations - None
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the August 24th Regular Meeting, the August Financial Report, and the August Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried with all in favor.

6. September Bills and any bills that come due by September 30, 2022.

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the September bills, including the River City Design Group final restroom design fee #4 in the amount of \$1,260 and design fee #6 for the outbuilding in the amount of \$2,000, Bishop Brothers restroom pay application #4 in the amount of \$5227.20, Bishop Brothers outbuilding pay application #7 for \$36,162.63 and any bills that may come due by September 30, 2022, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele provided the September enrollment report showing 262 students attending Oak Grove School, 13 students within the Oak Grove Bright Futures classroom, there are 11 students that attend school outside of Oak Grove School and one that is currently medically homebound. Dr. Baele provided an update on the Audit and Financial Statements of the district. He stated that the fund balances represented in the budget were not audited balances. He also informed the BOE about Lego League starting once again this year with Mr. Lindsay helping Mr. Miller and Dr. Baele out with the sessions. Dr. Baele also gave an update on the progress of the SRSA

– REAP FY23 funding. Finally, he thanked Mr. Williamson for all his hard work over the past few months and a special thank you was given to all of those who provided condolences to Dr. Baele after the loss of a close family member this past month.

9. Director Report – Mrs. Almasi shared about the ELA pilot and delays in shipping some of the materials. She will be meeting with the pilot team, the Standards Based Grading Committee and each grade level to discuss math in the mornings throughout the year. It was shared that 3rd-6th grade classes will be participating in Ag in the Classroom this year. Mrs. Almasi reported on the September SIP day and the staff who presented on various topics and shared about MAP testing and the upcoming KIDS Assessment reporting window.

10. Principal Report - This month Mr. Bishop met with all teachers to discuss students' needs and the start of the school year. He congratulated our boy's baseball and girl's softball teams on the seasons and all of the newly elected officers and representatives to the Student Council. Mr. Bishop highlighted the success of the morning meetings to help set the tone for the day and set messages for kindness and caring. He also thanked Mrs. Rademaker for the great work she is doing helping students manage their behaviors and emotional regulation. Finally, Mr. Bishop thanked the school community during his family's recent loss.

11. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Strategic Plan / Values Exercise – Dr. Baele reminded the Board and administration who have not yet completed the vision exercise for strategic planning to complete the vision exercise when they have time. Next month, the Board will work on goals associated with the values and vision set forth in our strategic planning process.

12. Old Business – Action Items

- a. 2022-23 Budget

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adopt the 2022-23 Oak Grove School District budget, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes. The BOE asked about the status of the ESSER funds and the connection of fund 80 to bonding. Dr. Baele answered the questions presented by the members.

- b. Permanent Transfer

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the permanent transfer of \$96,500 from the Education Fund (10) to the Bond & Interest Fund (30) to support the partial payment of this year's alternate revenue bond payment and to reserve the principal payment for the 2029-30 alternative revenue bond payment in the amount of \$80,000, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes. Dr. Baele explained that there will be two more years of principal payments (transfers) before the bond can be called and paid off.

13. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

- a. School Maintenance Program Grant FY23 – Dr. Baele talked with the Board about options for the School Maintenance Program Grant for FY23 and the use of the funds for a kitchen remodel. In the past, this grant was used for the installation of the gym floor and most recently, the remodeling of the restrooms in the junior high. There are some cross over items between the Health Life Safety project and the SMPG grant within the kitchen. The grant will be provided for review and approval at the October BOE meeting. The due date for the grant is November 18.
- b. Health Life Safety - ROE Inspection Deficiencies – Dr. Baele provided the Health Life Safety walkthrough deficiencies to the Board. Minor items to report included emergency light batteries that had since gone bad since last monthly check, daisy chained power strips, and a carbon monoxide detector needed in the boiler room. Responses and corrective action were also provided the ROE for review.
- c. Health Life Safety – 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey (Added Agenda Item) Midwest Engineering provided the Board of Education the list of 10 Year Health Life Safety items for review. Dr. Baele explained the 10 Year process of surveying the site and building. The final list of items will be recommended for BOE approval at the October 26th BOE meeting.

14. New Business – Action Item

- a. Oak Grove E-Learning Plan

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the Oak Grove e-learning plan, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes with Mr. Taylor providing his thoughts on e-learning. Callie Leibach provided additional comment with Mrs. Almasi describing the plan to those in the audience. Mr. Bender reminded the audience that when discussion is called during the meeting, it is for the Board to discuss prior to a vote, not public comment or public discussion.

- b. Tuition Waiver for Non-Resident Pupils

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the waiver request under school code section 105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a allowing the Oak Grove School District #68 to charge less than 110% per capita tuition charge (not less than \$3000) to non-resident pupils to attend Oak Grove School, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes with Mrs. Quine abstaining.

- c. Gate Fees

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the student increase in gate cost from \$1 to \$2 for the 2022-23 indoor sports season and beyond, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion passed with all aye votes.

15. Closed Session – Exit to closed session.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 6:56 pm to enter closed session for the purposes of appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, and

performance or dismissal of specific employees [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)] seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed with all aye votes.

16. Open Session – Return to open session.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 7:47 pm to enter into open session, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes.

17. Action From Closed Session

a. Superintendent Amended Contract

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve addendum one of the Superintendents' contract, increasing the Board Clerk stipend to \$8200 as well as necessary adjustments to the additional salary calculation and budget classification for coverage of the building principal when he is absent, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed with all aye votes.

b. Lunch Recess Monitors

ACTION: Mrs. Heuermann made the motion to approve the hire of Jess Kilper and Kristin Miller as lunch / recess aides for the remainder of the 22-23 school year at a rate of \$14 an hour, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion passed with all aye votes, with Mr. Miller abstaining.

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

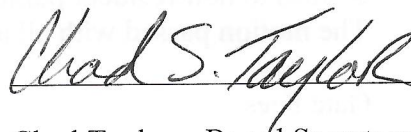
19. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business – The topic of 5-6 grade basketball was presented by a member. Given the current number of interested students, Oak Grove should be able to field its own 5-6 program this year but open it up to Hollis if they only have a handful of interested athletes.

20. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, seconded by Mrs. Quine. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Chad Taylor – Board Secretary