

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
October 26, 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. Strausbaugh, Mr. Heuermann, Mr. Bender, Mr. Miller, with Mr. Fehl being absent. Also present were Mrs. Almasi, Mr. Bishop, and Dr. Baele. Those in the audience included Elizabeth Heuermann, Carly Heuermann, TJ Doyle, Greg Doyle, Teagan Doyle, Cori Fluga, Grace Fluga, Randy Martin, and Sharon Martin.
4. Communications / Presentations – Soaring Eagle & Best of the Nest Presentations
 - a. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Miss Teagan Doyle. Mrs. Koch nominated Teagan, stating that she is a remarkable young lady that gives 110% to everything she does while being kind to everyone. She is creative, funny, confident, and a natural leader. Mrs. Koch looks forward to seeing her continue to grow at Oak Grove. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Teagan by Board President, Matthew Bender.
 - b. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Miss Carly Heuermann. Mrs. Zalesiak and Ms. Sams nominated Carly, stating that she puts a great deal of effort to her classwork, and she is involved with numerous extracurricular activities. She is at the top of her class she treats her classmates and the staff with respect. Carly is a great example of what it means to be a Soaring Eagle. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Carly by Board President, Matthew Bender.
 - c. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Miss Grace Fluga. Mrs. Upp nominated Grace, stating that she is always willing to help other students and never takes a break from her own education. She always asks Mrs. Upp if there is anything she can do in class. She has helped other students, organized the classroom, and helped Mrs. Upp with class organization. The Soaring Eagle Award was presented to Grace by Board President, Matthew Bender.
 - d. The Best of the Nest Award was presented to Mrs. Taylor Jones. Mrs Almasi wrote, “Taylor is participating in the language arts curriculum pilot, but her advocacy for quality instructional materials is not new. She is knowledgeable in the practice of teaching early reading skills and has spent a large amount of time during her years at Oak Grove researching and adjusting her practice to ensure her students become readers. Taylor is a fantastic colleague. She has been a great collaborator and mentor to her new first grade teammate and to many others in the elementary hallway. She is a positive and approachable person to everyone in the building and all of these qualities make her the best candidate for the Best of the Nest Award!” The administrative team agrees that we are fortunate to have Mrs. Jones at Oak Grove and she is fully deserving of this year's Best of the Nest

award! Congratulations Taylor for your outstanding efforts to make Oak Grove School the very best!

5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the September 28th public hearing, regular meeting, and closed session minutes, the September Financial Report, and the September Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried with all in favor.

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

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the October bills, including the principal and interest payments on the general obligation bonds 2016 and general obligation bonds alternative revenue 2017 bonds, the board conference per diem amounts, and any bills that may come due by October 31, 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 October 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 grade level meetings for the new math curriculum, the initial meeting of the Standards Based Grading Committee, and upcoming Erin's Law education through the Center for Prevention of Abuse. She also highlighted beginning of the year goal setting meetings with teachers, partnership with Peoria Proud for staff Safe Zone training, student success from the first round of data meetings and shared that school performance levels would be public through the Illinois Interactive Report Card on 10/27.

10. Principal Report - Mr. Bishop introduced Carly Heuermann, Liam Garrett and Avery Daymude as the August, September, and October Better Banks Student of the Month. He also thanked the Oak Grove RtI team for the great work they are doing helping students in ELA and Mathematics. Oak Grove School is also starting an after-school detention program for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help students make better choices and give students who are not completing homework an opportunity to catch up. Finally, the school is implementing the Standard Response Protocols from the I Love You Guys Foundation to provide clear direction for students and staff in the event of an emergency situation at school.

11. Discussion Items

- a. Assessment Data Analysis – Mrs. Almasi presented the assessment analysis for our students related to Math / ELA. She reviewed the difference between the IAR and the local assessment, NWEA MAP. She emphasized the difficulty for students to reach the exceeds category of performance on the IAR. Locally, we use the data on the NWEA MAP test in the Fall, Winter, and Spring to measure students' performance and growth. The results for the same assessment time frame shows that Oak Grove has students that do exceed on the MAP test which is a nationally normed assessment.
- b. Strategic Plan / Values Exercise – Dr. Baele and the members of the Board went through an example of setting a goal for one of the values and vision statements created in previous months of the strategic plan. The continued development of Board goals will be an effort between meetings until the board has a clear set of goals associated with the values and vision of the district. Members discussed the potential need for a round table discussion with the public in the future to determine any blind spots to our district and what areas may need improvement. The BOE brainstormed ways to get involvement in the strategic planning process and to ensure that we seek staff within the conversation.

12. Action Items

- a. Insurance Renewal

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve and pay the insurance renewal with Unland Insurance Company, Selective Insurance. and Beazley for the 2022-23 insurable coverage period of November 15, 2022 to November 15, 2023 at the total cost of all packages of \$50,080. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all aye votes. Mr. Bender stated that the increase in the cyber liability insurance coverage should not be a shock as this area of insurance is extremely expensive.

- b. Cleaning Services Contract

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the janitorial services contract with Vonachen Group for cleaning services for the remainder of the 2022-23, the full school year of 23-24, and the full school year of 24-25. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried with all aye votes. The board discussed the price compared to the square footage being covered within the contract and believe it to be a good deal for the district.

- c. Ameren Illinois Service Award / Building Permit

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the Ameren Illinois Savings Award program grant as well as to approve the removal of the existing boiler and the installation of two new high efficiency boilers at no cost to the district, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes. Dr. Baele informed the Board that the estimated savings to the district for this project will be close to \$90,000.

d. School Maintenance Project Grant

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve and submit the FY 2023 SMPG Round 1 application for kitchen renovations and improvements to the Regional Office of Education an Illinois State Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

e. 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the 10-year Health, Life, Safety survey as presented by Midwest Engineering and River City Design Group and to authorize the submission of the survey to the Illinois State Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.

13. Closed Session – Exit to closed session.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 7:36 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)] and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)], seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed with all aye votes.

14. Open Session – Return to open session.

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion at 8:36 pm to enter open session, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Action From Closed Session

a. Supplemental Education Services

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve Brigitte McKown as the Supplemental Education Services Coordinator for the 2023-24 school year, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion passed with all aye votes.

b. Employee Request / Additional Hours Consideration

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the formal request for recognition of additional years of service not provided at initial employment for Whitney Heflin and to make retroactive her pay beginning in the 2022-23 school year to reflect full credit for her years of teaching service related to her pay, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion passed with all aye votes.

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: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Matthew R. Bender

Matthew Bender – Board President

Chad S. Taylor

Chad Taylor – Board Secretary

