

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
January 25, 2023 – 6 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm by Mr. Bender, Board President.
3. Roll Call: Those present at the meeting were Mr. Bender, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Miller, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Heuermann with Mr. Strausbaugh and Mr. Fehl being absent. Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, and Mr. Bishop were also in attendance.
4. Communications / Presentations – None
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the December 21st, 2022, Regular Minutes, the December Financial Report, the December Treasurer's Report, and policies associated with Press Plus Packet #110. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried with all in favor.

6. January Bills and bills through January 31, 2023.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the January bills and any bills needed to be paid prior to the end of January 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes.

7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele informed the Board that the administration will put out a quick survey related to the motto/tag line as part of the strategic plan. The ROE has signed off on both the boiler and restroom projects. The outbuilding is the only outstanding project currently. Dr. Baele informed the members that he made application for the National School Lunch Program equipment assistance grant through the ISBE which could bring in up to \$50,000 dollars toward new kitchen equipment, the grant was submitted on 1/20/23. Information was also provided about the addition of parcels to the Peoria County Economic Development Enterprise Zone within Bartonville. Communication between the county and Dr. Baele was also provided. Finally, upcoming events were given.
9. Director's Report – Mrs. Almasi provided updates from the ELA pilot teams work including recommendations that will be presented to staff and the BOE. She also informed the members of a workshop attended by Mrs. Jones and herself regarding lower grade level reading support. Collaboration is being completed with the Illini Bluffs School District as they are reviewing our new Math curriculum for possible implementation. She reviewed the January institute day, highlighted out of district professional development completed by staff, and the progress of the standards based grading committee. A district wide book study was kicked off focused on "The Writing Revolution" that will focus on techniques to improve students' writing skills. Finally, Mrs. Almasi shared that the mid-year MAP assessments showed positives over this same assessment last year and that she is looking forward to the Spring IAR.
10. Principal's Report – Mr. Bishop congratulated the 7th-grade boys' basketball team for making it to the regional finals. He also congratulated Logan Fluga and Rilee Young on being named Better Banks Students of the month for December and January. The Jr. High teachers have been

working on classroom expectations that will be connected to our PBIS expectations. We are also preparing for the upcoming 5Essentials survey for students, parents, and teachers and look forward to the feedback we will receive in August. Finally, Mr. Bishop talked about Random Acts of Kindness and presented our students ways that they can make a difference.

11. Discussion Item

- a. First Look 2023-24 Calendar – Dr. Baele presented a rough first draft of the 2023-24 school year to the members for review. Discussion points included the start of school in comparison to the high school calendar, where winter break would fall, and when spring break would be in the calendar. Additionally, emergency days and placing them within the calendar was also a point of discussion. Dr. Baele and the calendar committee plan to meet before the next board meeting and an updated calendar will be presented at the February meeting.

12. Action Item

- a. Scholastic Bowl Coaches

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made a motion, with Mr. Heuermann seconding, approving Nicole Koch as the 2023 Scholastic Bowl Head Coach and Abby Lindsay as the 2023 Scholastic Bowl Assistant Coach. Motion carried with all aye votes.

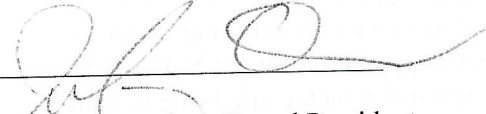
13. Closed Session - None

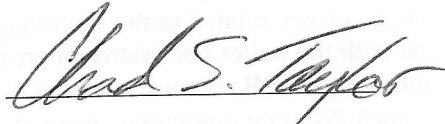
14. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business – None

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

16. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm, seconded by Mr. Miller. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.


Matthew Bender – Board President
Jennifer Quine


Chad Taylor – Board Secretary