

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
February 22, 2023 – 6 pm

1. Mrs. Quine led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mrs. Quine, Board Member.
3. Roll Call: Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Quine, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fehl, and Mr. Heuermann with Mr. Strausbaugh, Mr. Fehl and Mr. Bender being absent. Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, and Mr. Bishop were also in attendance along with audience members, Vickie Leibach, Fred Leibach III, Macy Huffman, Heather Hasty, Raymond Huffman, Ashley Ricca, Callie Leibach, Fred Leibach IV, Phil Quine, Taylor Jones, Alexis Kumpf, Alisha Martin, and Lisa Beckman.
4. Communications / Presentations – The following students were awarded the Soaring Eagle Award by the Board of Education; Alexis Leibach was nominated by Ms. Martin, Jillian Quine was nominated by Ms. Sams, and Macy Huffman was nominated by Mrs. Milstead and Mr. Cramer. The Board congratulated them on their awards, and each received a certificate as well as a picture with Mrs. Quine. The staff Best of the Nest awards were announced with the 2022-23 support staff BON award going to Troy Williamson. He was nominated by the fourth-grade teachers as well as Dr. Baele. The faculty Best of the Nest winner for the Spring of 2023 was awarded to Lenora Bright, she was nominated by the administrative team who thought it was fitting as Lenora will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Board congratulated each for their award and presented a certificate, the recipients later took a picture with Dr. Baele. All past SEA and BON award winners can be found on the district webpage under the school tab.
5. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the January 25th, 2023, Regular Minutes, the January Financial Report, the January Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fehl and carried with all in favor.
6. February Bills and bills through February 28, 2023.

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the February bills and any bills needed to be paid prior to the end of February 28, 2023, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele gave the members an update on the FY22 SRSA grant as equipment and supplies were purchased for the outbuilding. The district is using the dollars to develop a hands-on lab for student projects K-8. Reimbursement has already been received for the products purchased. The administration is meeting to discuss the use of FY23 SRSA funds. Dr. Baele provided information about the recent bus bid that showed Illinois Central School Bus as the low bidder for a three-year transportation contract. The BOE will review the contract and execute when the contract is finalized. Updated plans were provided for the kitchen remodel that will take place this summer at Oak Grove School, this is funded through the FY23 School Maintenance Program Grant. Dr. Baele also discussed the need for a new truck for many purposes here at Oak Grove School and the details of the model he is searching for and that the search continues. The district will continue its partnership with Skyward as

they renewed for three years for financial services software. Finally, Dr. Baele provided the upcoming events for the district.

9. Director's Report – Mrs. Almasi shared about positive feedback from the staff in regards to the ELA curriculum recommendation and the upcoming curriculum showcase night. Updates were provided on the writing book study, IDEAcon conference, and the Pop Up Library with Alpha Park. IAR will be taking place from March 7-24 and has been rebranded as "I Am Ready"- there will be various activities and incentives taking place to motivate students for the assessment.
10. Principal's Report – Mr. Bishop was very proud to report about the generosity of our school community as we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$3,600 by raising \$4,400 for Easter Seals, representing the largest donation from all the feeder schools. He also reported on continued work with families with students who are chronically absent from school to improve student attendance. Mr. Bishop also expressed how impressed he was with the writing book study and that he was enjoying another book study on helping students with childhood trauma.
11. Discussion Item
 - a. ELA Curriculum Presentation – Mrs. Almasi, Taylor Jones, and Alexis Kumpf, presented on the ELA curriculum pilot process and results. The group, along with Mrs. Koch and Ms. Sams, who could not attend the meeting, piloted multiple curricular packages since April 2022 concluding that the K-6 ELA curriculum resource being recommended is Into Reading, while the 7th-8th grades recommendation is Amplify ELA. Mrs. Almasi provided the administrative perspective and justification for the purchase. She also provided the cost breakdown for the purchase. The materials will be placed on the website for anyone to review along with being available at the curriculum showcase night. The Board thanked the team members for their dedication and participation through the pilot process.
 - b. 2023-24 Calendar – Dr. Baele presented the second version of the 2023-24 school calendar and informed the Board that this was an option that had been discussed with the calendar committee, which is made up of seven teachers and one paraprofessional. The group discussed the use of emergency days as three-day weekends in May. Although the Board appreciated the work of the committee, they felt that this deviated too greatly from the LCHS calendar which places all emergency days at the end of the school year. Other comments included the loss of interest in school in May if they only come 4 days a week and the burden on working parents to find the coverage for babysitting on those days. Mrs. Almasi reminded the Board that we do have the ability to utilize e-learning days instead of emergency days when we know that there is the potential of extreme weather. Dr. Baele informed the members that he will meet with the committee again to determine a different draft for the Board to review at the March meeting.
 - c. Oak Grove Tractor Quotes – Dr. Baele provided three tractor quotes to the board from three reputable local dealers. The three tractors were different models and different manufacturers. Board members provided their experiences with the different types and models and provided their thoughts on the purchase. Dr. Baele reminded the BOE that this was an item placed in the budget, but the final purchase order and approval will be on next month's agenda as a capital equipment action item.

12. Action Item

- a. Summer Student Worker Job Description

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made a motion, with Mr. Heuermann seconding, approving the summer student worker job description. Motion carried with all aye votes.

13. Closed Session

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made a motion at 7:18 pm, with Mr. Fehl seconding, to enter executive closed session for the purposes of appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees as well as student discipline.

14. Open Session

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made a motion at 8:00 pm, with Mr. Fehl seconding, to return to open session. All were in favor.

15. Action from Closed Session

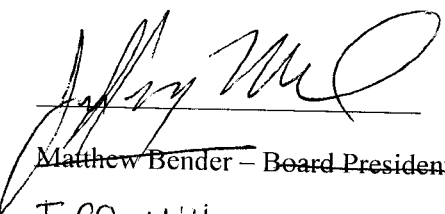
ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the updated contract of Lisa Anderson to reflect her new prorated salary amount of \$21,987.54 due to the completion of her master's degree, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

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: Mr. Fehl made the motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.


~~Matthew Bender – Board President~~

Jeff Miller, Vice President


~~Chad Taylor – Board Secretary~~

~~Jennifer Quine – Member~~

Adam Strausbaugh – Member

