

Board of Education  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

1. Mr. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mr. Miller, Board Vice-President.
3. Roll Call: Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Quine, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fehl, and Mr. Strausbaugh, with Mr. Bender, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Heuermann being absent. Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, and Mr. Bishop were also in attendance.
4. Communications / Presentations – Dr. Baele provided communications from the Single Audit completed by Gorenz and Associates as well as the communication with those charged with governance document.
5. Consent Agenda  

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, Regular Minutes and Closed Session Minutes, the February Financial Report, the February Treasurer’s Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fehl and carried with all in favor.
6. March Bills and bills through March 31, 2023.  

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the March bills and any bills needed to be paid prior to the end of March 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
8. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele presented the enrollment of the district and gave the members an update on the Oak Grove Kitchen & Health Life Safety Bid coming up. River City Design Group will again coordinate the bidding and work towards project completion. The motto for the district has been selected as “Be a Friend. Be a Leader. Be an Eagle.” The selection was made after student, staff, and community input. The district will continue to implement the motto in their communications. Dr. Baele gave the board an update on the challenges administrators will face with the implementation of Faith’s Law which requires verification of past employment history in regard to sexual abuse allegations or issues. There will need to be verification from all past employers where a candidate worked with school-aged children. Also Dr. Baele discussed the Illinois State Police requesting signature clearance for clear and present danger action in relation to FOID cards and weapons, discussion would be needed before board implementation. Finally, upcoming dates were presented.
9. Director’s Report – Mrs. Almasi provided feedback from the Curriculum Showcase night, which was a great success. She also shared about the March Madness book challenge organized by Mrs. Jones and the completion of IAR testing along with the extra incentive measures taken this year to motivate students.
10. Principal’s Report – Mr. Bishop was pleased to announce Ezarah David as the Better Banks student of the month. Ezarah is very active in school activities like student council and scholastic bowl. Mr. Bishop also took a moment to thank Mrs. Rademaker for all of the work she is doing to help students through counseling and student peer groups. In the area of school

improvement, Mr. Bishop thanked Mrs. Almasi and Mrs. Smith for their work presenting professional development on the Writing Revolution. Teachers are very excited about incorporating writing into their lessons. Mr. Bishop also let the board know that he and Mrs. Rademaker are working on updates to our Eagle League curriculum and will be presenting them later.

11. Discussion Item

- a. Playground Addition – The Board was presented an option for extending the playground in the current open space between the south curb and the existing equipment. This expense may be something we try to fund raise for or work toward in our facilities master plan. Dr. Baele informed the Board that he would like to determine where the kitchen bids come in before committing these additional dollars.
- b. 2023-24 Calendar – OG Version 3 – Dr. Baele presented the third 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 revisions and discussion from the February BOE meeting were implemented into the calendar and the committee created version 3 which was presented to the Board. Mr. Miller asked if the 23<sup>rd</sup> would be the last student day for students in the calendar, which was correct if no emergency days were taken. There was no other discussion.
- c. Press Plus Packet 111 – Mr. Miller informed the Board that Press Packet #111 was available for members to review. Any questions are to be directed to Dr. Baele.

12. Action Item

- a. English Language Arts Curriculum Purchase

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made a motion, with Mr. Strausbaugh seconding, approving the purchase and adoption of English Language Arts curriculum for K-6 as HMH Into Reading and grades 7-8 as Amplify with additional authorization to purchase supplies, supplementals, and training associated with the curricular adoption. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Summer Student Employment

**ACTION:** Mr. Strausbaugh made a motion, with Mr. Fehl seconding, approving the employment of Preston Quine and Dylan Bittner as Oak Grove student workers for the summer of 2023 at 11 dollars an hour. Motion carried with all aye votes with Mrs. Quine abstaining.

- c. Tractor Quotes – Capital Equipment Purchase

**ACTION:** Mr. Fehl made a motion approving the capital equipment purchase of a 1025R John Deere tractor as well as the mowing deck and box blade from Martin Tractor Inc. at a cost of \$23,875. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Quine and passed with all in favor.

13. Closed Session – No closed session.

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

15. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business – Members discussed the current drop off procedures and parents walking students across the drop off line. This will be a procedure that may need some improvement for next year.

16. Motion for Adjournment

**ACTION:** Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn at 6:24 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