

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
April 26, 2023 – 6:00 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Bender, Board President, at 6:00 p.m.
3. Roll call: Board members in attendance were Mr. Bender, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fehl, Mr. Miller, Mr. Heuermann, and Mrs. Quine with Mr. Strausbaugh being absent. Others in attendance were Dr. Baele, Mrs. Almasi, Asley Ricca, Brigitte McKown and Mr. Bishop.
4. Communications & Presentations – Dr. Baele reminded the board of education members that the deadline to complete their statement of economic interest is May 1, 2023.
5. Consent Agenda
ACTION: Mr. Miller made motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the March 22nd regular minutes, the March Financial Report, as well as the March Treasurer’s Report, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.
6. April Bills
ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the April bills and any bills that come due to the district by April 30, 2023, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items: None
8. Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Baele presented updated enrollment numbers with 295 students enrolled in all areas of Oak Grove with 12 of those students being out of district. Kindergarten numbers were projected at 16 to 17 students with historical data. Dr. Baele presented the award notification letter for the National School Lunch Program kitchen equipment grant in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase two warming tables, a new dishwasher, two reach-in freezers, and partial payment of range/oven hood. The board was also provided the certified tax levy document that shows Oak Grove will have the lowest tax rate in 11 years. Dr. Baele also provided a solar proposal solicited by the district as a preliminary cost analysis of solar installation. Dr. Baele also met with representatives from the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) based at the University of Illinois - Champaign to review energy efficiency at Oak Grove. We are seeking to become a certified green business through this organization. Finally, a recap was provided of the Bartonville Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast held by the Limestone Chamber of Commerce. Upcoming dates were also provided.
9. Director’s Report: Mrs. Almasi shared plans for training for the new reading curriculum and research being done for a phonics supplement. She also shared plans to extend the new math curriculum which is going into year two. The last school improvement day was spent reviewing the current School Improvement Plan and an update was provided on end of year assessments.
10. Principal’s Report: Mr. Bishop recognized our scholastic bowl team for their first victory of the season and their continued improvement. (The team finished 2nd in sectional competition on 4/26.) He also congratulated Logan Fluga on the awesome job he did reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in front of our morning meeting. The OG PBIS team is reviewing our Eagle Way PBIS plan for improvements and setting up our rewards system for the upcoming year. Mr. Bishop is also identifying some areas for improvement through the teacher evaluation process

and will be working with Mrs. Almasi on providing professional development to address areas of concern. Mr. Bishop thanked Dr. Baele for the tour of the hands-on learning space and is excited for all the great opportunities for project-based learning activities and practical knowledge of tools for our students.

11. Old Business – Discussion Item

- a. Press Packet #111 – Mr. Bender reminded the board members that press packet #111 is available in the member log-in area of the IASB portal. This constitutes the second reading of the proposed changes to board policies. Mr. Bender informed the members to contact Dr. Baele if they had further questions.

12. Old Business – Action Item(s)

- a. Oak Grove 2023-24 School Calendar

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Oak Grove School calendar, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- b. Lawn Services Agreement

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve Perfect Lawn Care for the 2023 growing season, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- c. HVAC Annual Services Agreement

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the service agreement with Ruyle Mechanical Services Inc. for boiler maintenance and annual services of heating and cooling equipment, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion was approved with all aye votes with Mr. Fehl abstaining.

- d. Accept County Clerk Canvass of Votes / Declare Election Results

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the results of the April 2023 consolidated election and proclaim Brian Fehl and Ashley Ricca as elected members of the Oak Grove Board of Education, Mr. Taylor seconded. The motion carried with all aye votes. Mrs. Ricca read the Oak Grove Board of Education Oath of Office as a newly elected Board of Education member. Mr. Fehl had previously been elected and was not required to recite the Oath of Office.

13. Presentation from Audience on Non-Agenda Business: None

14. Adjournment Sine Die to Reorganize

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adjourn sine die to reorganize the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Heuermann. Discussion: Mr. Bender thanked Mr. Mike Heuermann for his years of service on the Board of Education and all his support to the students, staff, and community. Mr. Heuermann was thankful for the opportunity to serve and appreciated his time on the board. Motion carried with all in favor.

15. Reorganization

- a. Establish pro-tem offices of President and Secretary

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to appoint Brian Fehl as president pro-tem and Ashley Ricca as secretary pro-tem, Mr. Bender seconded. Motion carried with all aye votes.

16. Closed Session

- a. The selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)]

ACTION: Mr. Bender made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:27 for the purposes of the selection of persons to fill public office, Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried with all aye votes.

17. Return to Open Session

- a. Motion to return to open session.

ACTION: Mr. Bender made the motion return to open session at 6:32, Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried with all aye votes.

18. Action from Closed Session

- a. Appointment of Board of Education Members

ACTION: Mrs. Ricca made the motion to appoint Jennifer Quine and Chad Taylor as Board of Education members until the next consolidated election in April 2025, Mr. Bender seconded. Motion carried with all aye votes.

19. Election of Officers

- a. Elect President - Mr. Bender was nominated as President of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Bender will serve as Board of Education President.
- b. Elect Vice President – Mr. Miller was nominated as Vice President of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Miller will serve as Board of Education Vice President.
- c. Elect Secretary. Mr. Taylor was nominated as Secretary of the Board of Education with no other nominations. Mr. Taylor will serve as Board of Education Secretary.

20. Appointments

- a. Treasurer – Denise Ryder

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to appoint Dr. Denise Ryder as the District Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Fehl. The motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Legal Services – Miller, Hall, & Triggs

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to appoint Miller, Hall, and Triggs as the Board of Education Legal Counsel, seconded by Mrs. Ricca. The motion carried with all aye votes.

21. Designate Date, Time, and Place of Regular Meetings

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion to accept the meeting times, dates, and locations for regular monthly board of education meetings for the 2023 – 2024 year, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried with all aye votes. Special note that the March meeting in 2024 will be the third Wednesday due to spring Break being the fourth week of March.

22. Adopt All Existing Policies, Rules, Regulations, and Contractual Obligations of the Previous Board of Education.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to adopt all existing policies, rules, regulations, and contractual obligations of the previous Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. Ricca. The motion carried with all aye votes.

23. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

- a. Kindergarten Sections / Posting – Dr. Baele provided the members a historical document of kindergarten pre-registration in the Spring to actual registration numbers in the Fall. The data shows that we will receive between 7 to 12 additional kindergartners, this

information allows the administrative team to be confident in having two sections of double-digit kindergartners for the Fall. Dr. Baele informed the board that the kindergarten position has been posted.

- b. Lockers for SEAPCO Rise – Dr. Baele informed the board that the SEAPCO rise program is looking for some lockers down at the old OGE building. We have a set of 14 lockers that are sitting inside the main drop off door that we would like to donate to the program. The board discussed donating the lockers. The administration would like to put an additional lost and found rack, ball bins, and other items there for better storage in the area. Dr. Baele will coordinate the disassembly and coordinate pick up with SEAPCO.
- c. Athletic Coop 23-24 School Year – The board discussed the current state of sports at Oak Grove as the highest need to coop. Proximity to Oak Grove made logical sense to coop so that there would be limited car or bus transportation issues. It was recommended to use our facilities as much as possible when determining schedules.
- d. Tuition Application Waiver Process – Dr. Baele discussed the goals of the tuition waiver program at Oak Grove starting in the Fall of 2023-24. This includes setting up a website that provides information about the school and waiver, a promotional video, a sign up for a tour, an application which would be reviewed by the BOE, and registration information. The board discussed the need for a “good standing clause” for all students from previous districts. The reduced amount set for tuition is \$3,000 per student, per semester.

24. New Business – Action Item(s)

- a. IESA Participation / Authorization

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to continue participation in the IESA activities for the 2023-2024 seasons and to authorize the administration to pay IESA membership and activity fees associated with participation, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- b. Recognition of Peoria Metro Low Kitchen / HLS Bid – V.E. Authorization

ACTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to recognize Peoria Metro as the low bid contractor for the Oak Grove Kitchen and Health, Life, Safety remodel and to authorize the superintendent to enter value engineering negotiations with Peoria Metro to determine additional cost savings, seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- c. Transportation Contract

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the transportation contract with Illinois Central Bus LLC for the 2023-2026 school years and to authorize the superintendent’s contract signature, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried with all aye votes.

- d. Peoria County Food Cooperative

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the participation resolution and \$350 payment to the Regional Office of Education as an active member of the Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2023-24 fiscal year, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

25. Closed Session

ACTION: Mrs. Ricca made the motion at 7:05 to enter closed session to discuss appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees as well as student discipline cases, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried with all aye votes.

26. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion at 8:02 to return to open session, seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.

27. Action from Closed Session

a. Employment Compensation Request

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made motion to grant Kelly Sam's non-retroactive compensation request recognizing 7 years of service not previously provided by the district at initial employment and to adjust her 2023-24 compensation to reflect the granted years, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.

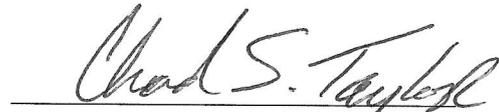
28. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business: None

29. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to adjourn at 8:08 seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.



Board President – Matthew Bender



Board Secretary – Chad Taylor

