

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
May 24, 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 6:03 p.m.
3. Roll call: Board members in attendance were Mr. Bender, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fehl, Mr. Miller, Mr. Strausbaugh, and Mrs. Quine, with Mrs. Ricca arriving at 6:20 pm. Others in attendance were Dr. Baele and Mrs. Almasi.
4. Communications & Presentations – None
5. Consent Agenda
ACTION: Mrs. Quine made motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the April 26th regular and closed session meetings, the April Financial Report, the April Treasurer’s Report, the Alpha Bakery Bread Bid for 23-24, as well as the Board of Education policies associated with Press Packet #111, the motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried with all aye votes.
6. May Bills
ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the May bills and any bills that come due to the district by May 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Fehl. Motion carried with all aye votes.
7. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items: None
8. Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Baele informed the BOE of the May 20th awards presentation hosted by the Illinois State Board of Education where he received the Meritorious Service Award. He also provided the members with the “summer to do list” of projects and items to be accomplished by the end of the summer. It will be another race to the start of the next school year. Dr. Baele will be working on finalizing our federal grant dollars and working to complete all of the many grants that the district is participating in. The Science position continues to be an issue as we head into the summer with few leads. Dr. Baele will be working with any potential leads as they come in. He also reminded the members that summer hours for the office are 7 am to 3 pm most days and notifications will be posted on the office door in the event the office is not open! Dr. Baele wished everyone well as they headed into the summer!
9. Director’s Report: Mrs. Almasi reported on the first staff training with the new reading curriculum, which took place in May, and provided an update on the status of supplemental phonics materials for K-2. She shared that the writing book study was completed and will be followed up by a voluntary summer book study of The Knowledge Gap by the same author. Finally, she reported on the end of the year benchmark assessments and provided an analysis of student growth by grade level for math to show progress with the new Illustrative Math curriculum implemented this school year.
10. Principal’s Report: Mr. Bishop provided a written report to the Board of Education that stated seven suspensions of students over the month with issues such as prolonged tantrums, insubordination and violence without physical injury. He congratulated Grace Fluga and Alivia Billingsley for achieving 1,000 dojo points for the year earning them “Principal for a Day” honors. Mr. Bishop also thanked Mr. Cramer and Mr. Hermann for organizing “field day”. He also thanked the scheduling committee for their work on assisting with the 23-24 school

schedule. Finally, Mr. Bishop thanked the Bartonville Christian Church along with Ms. Heuermann for putting some time into the flower and plant beds in the courtyard. In his final words of wisdom, he was thankful for the relationships he built while at Oak Grove School. He emphasized the importance of our SEL programs and he reiterated his position on loving students through their difficult times.

11. Discussion Item

- a. RCDG / Peoria Metro Kitchen Remodel Update – The Board was informed of a meeting between River City Design and the Oak Grove building committee to review the value engineering possibilities proposed by Peoria Metro for the kitchen remodel project. The building committee recommendations were presented and discussed.

12. Action Items

- a. Board of Education Committee Assignments

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the committee assignments as Strausbaugh and Fehl – Building Committee, Ricca and Taylor – Negotiations Committee, Quine and Miller – Finance, with Mr. Bender serving in many capacities, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- b. Final Public School 2022-23 School Calendar

ACTION: Mr. Strausbaugh made the motion to approve the final 2022-2023 Oak Grove School calendar, seconded by Mrs. Ricca. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- c. Oak Grove Single Audit Engagement

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to approve Gorenz and Associates to perform the independent audit for the 2022-23 fiscal year, seconded by Mrs. Quine. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- d. 2023-24 Milk Bid

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made the motion to approve Better Beverage as the provider for milk products for the 2023-24 school year, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. The motion was approved with all aye votes.

- e. Authorize Superintendent to enter into Construction Contract.

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to finalize and execute the kitchen and health, life, and safety renovations and upgrades to Oak Grove School with Peoria Metro Construction, Mr. Miller seconded and the motion passed with all aye votes.

13. Closed Session

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 6:31 pm 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.

14. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion at 7:15 pm to return to open session, seconded by Mrs. Ricca. Motion carried with all aye votes.

15. Action from Closed Session

a. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made motion to keep the closed session minutes from November 2022 to April 2023 closed, seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.

b. Technology Position

ACTION: Mr. Fehl made motion to approve the employment of Shawn Lindsay as a technology education teacher at Oak Grove School for the 2023-24 school year with a contract length of 190 days, seconded by Mr. Strausbaugh. Motion carried with all aye votes.

c. Kindergarten Position

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made motion to employ Kacey Bohanan as a kindergarten teacher at Oak Grove School for the 2023-24 school year and to authorize the Superintendent to finalize the teachers contract, seconded by Mrs. Ricca. Motion carried with all aye votes.

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

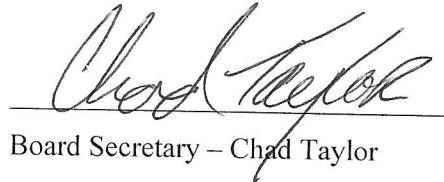
17. Presentation from Board Members / Administration on Non-Agenda Business: None

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Miller made the motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm seconded by Mrs. Quine. Motion carried with all aye votes.



Board President – Matthew Bender



Board Secretary – Chad Taylor

