

Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oak Grove School
6018 W. Lancaster Rd.
Bartonville, IL 61607
February 27, 2019 – 6 pm

1. Mr. Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll Call: Those present at the meeting were Mr. Bender, Mrs. Quine, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Georges, Mr. Heuermann, Mr. Fehl, and Mrs. Lindsay. Dr. Baele, Dr. Gresham, Dr. Ryder, Tiffany Baughman, Nichole Doyle, Lisa Garrett, Kyle Garrett, and Savannah Cheatham were also present.
3. Communications / Presentations
 - a. PTO Donation Closet - Nichole Doyle presented a willingness of the PTO to support a donation closet for the needy students of Oak Grove. The presentation was supported by the PTO President, Mrs. Tiffany Baughman. The donation closet would be supplied and organized by the PTO and provide clothes, shoes, and snacks to any student that would need them. The desire is to start small and then grow as they believe the need is great at Oak Grove.
 - b. LCHS Education Fund Referendum - Dr. Gresham and Dr. Ryder, LCHS administrators, presented to the Oak Grove Board of Education and the audience information about the LCHS Education Fund Referendum. The concept of taking money from the Bond & Interest Fund and moving it to the Education Fund was explained as well as the annual amount that would be gained by shifting the money on the levy. Audience members had some questions that the LCHS administration then answered.
 - c. ISBE Communication - Dr. Baele presented communication from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) determining that Oak Grove School District #68 did not qualify for the Illinois Property Tax Relief Grant that was submitted in January.
4. Consent Agenda

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the January 23rd Regular Meeting, the January Financial Report, and the January Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heuermann and carried with all in favor.
5. February Bills

ACTION: Mr. Heuermann made the motion to approve the February bills, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion carried with all aye votes with Mrs. Lindsay abstaining.
6. Presentation from Audience on Agenda Items - None
7. Superintendent Report – Dr. Baele presented the current enrollment of the district at 276 students with 9 students being served out of district and 16 ECE/PK students. Dr. Baele informed the Board that Oak Grove has 24 pre-enrolled kindergarten students up from 4 at this time last year. Dr. Baele informed the Board of Limestone Area Administrators (LAA) meeting as well the latest IASA regional meeting at which Dr. Brent Clark spoke. Finally, Dr. Baele informed the Board about the library committee and what they have done to date.
8. Principal Report – Dr. Baele informed the Board of Ms. Baughman's written report regarding student suspensions to be discussed in closed session. She wanted the Board to know that she

had challenged teachers to make positive phone calls home in the month of February, for every five calls made their name was put into a drawing for prizes. Ms. Baughman wanted to thank Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Stobaugh for their help with the concession stand, the money raised will be used for positive behavior field trip costs. Ms. Baughman informed the Board of Education about the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (old PARCC), this will be completed March 11 through April 11. Track is set to begin on March 5th and the second annual trivia night (day) was another success, raising \$1600 for the activity fund at Oak Grove School.

9. Old Business – Discussion Items

- a. Building Committee Update / RCDG Latest Drawings – The building committee members discussed the latest thoughts on the proposed addition to the back of the Heath Gymnasium with the entire Board. Much of the discussion centered on the need for a stage and what other options may be necessary in the future for school programming. The addition will most likely feature a classroom for PK, two changing rooms, PE teacher's office, PE Storage, Custodial storage and gym storage. Renovations for the interior old PE locker rooms would include a copy room, teacher storage, two offices and a nurse's office. Also, the Heath Gymnasium will be improved over the summer potentially including new lights, new floor, new scoreboard, basketball backboard mounts, paint, and new sound system.
- b. Library Survey Presentation – Dr. Baele presented the results of the library survey that was presented to the faculty. The results showed that the library, as it is currently configured, is not being utilized well. The causes for lack of use were discussed as well as reasons that teachers do use the library, of which were mainly for copying. Board members expressed concern over instilling the love of reading into our classrooms and that a maker space, although the latest thing, should not replace literacy objectives. The Board also discussed the idea of moving the books from a centralized location into the classrooms and that decisions pros and cons. The need for hands-on activities within a maker space was also found to be valuable and more discussion may be needed on this topic.

10. Old Business – Action Item

- a. None

11. New Business – Discussion Item(s)

- a. National Investigations – Dr. Baele presented a contract for review from National Investigations for services to verify residency of Oak Grove families. The cost structure was presented. The service does not have to be recurring and could only be used for the upcoming registration year. It has been determined that we have 203 families which includes individual student families where there is no sibling or siblings do not attend Oak Grove and students that have siblings that do attend Oak Grove. The Board would like to see this as an action item next month.
- b. We Pay Credit Card Processing / School Insights – Dr. Baele will implement on-line credit card processing through our student information system for on-line registration. This could be used for registration fees, lunch balances, and any other fee associated with the school. Board members discussed and wanted to ensure that any convenience fee associated with this was passed to the parents. Traditional forms of payment would continue to be accepted. There is no contract with this so Dr. Baele plans to offer the services and wanted the Board to be aware.
- c. 2019-2020 First Look Calendar – The Board of Education was presented with the first look calendar for next school year. Dr. Baele informed the BOE that the calendar was not open within the ISBE web-based portal called IWAS. The big difference for the upcoming year would be moving Spring Break away from the Easter weekend. There are numerous regulatory items that need to be approved from the General Assembly but the discussion was centered on many common things associated with the school calendar.

12. New Business – Action Item

a. None

13. Closed Session

ACTION: Mrs. Quine made the motion at 7:28 to enter into closed session for the purposes of appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees as well as the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, seconded by Mrs. Lindsay. Motion carried with all in favor.

14. Return to Open Session

ACTION: Mrs. Georges made the motion to return to open session at 9:03, seconded by Mrs. Lindsay. The motion passed with all in favor.

15. Action from Closed Session

a. None

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

17. Presentation from Board Members on Non-Agenda Business - Mr. Taylor informed the Board that he has received the resignation of Mrs. Carrie Webster as the assistant track coach for Oak Grove School. The Board thanked her for her work with our students.

18. Motion for Adjournment

ACTION: Mrs. Georges made the motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm, seconded by Mrs. Quine. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.



Matthew Bender – Board President



Chad Taylor – Board Secretary

