

**OAKDALE GRADE SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

1. Oakdale Grade School Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll call of members:

Roll Call:	Present		Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X		
Blake Patton	X		
Kristy Geppert	X		
Mark Snead	X		
Samantha Harre	X		
Zachary Vahlkamp	X		
Charlie Giacomo			X

Also present: Wendy Bergmann, Crystal Vahlkamp, Mary Cotton via Google Meets.

3. Mark moved, Sam seconded a motion to approve the July agenda.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

4. Kristy moved, Mark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June and the Amended Budget Hearing Minutes.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

5. Kristy moved, Sam seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**6. Mark moved, Sam seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills.**

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**7. Public Comment:** Wendy Bergmann asked what the settlement agreement with Mary Cotton was about. Mr. Peterson read a statement: “Mary Cotton filed a Charge of Discrimination with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The District expressly and explicitly denies any wrongdoing, and further purports and defends that it took no action at any time other than those that were fair, reasonable, legal, and appropriate. Both Ms. Cotton and the District desire to avoid the further pain, cost, time, and risk involved with litigation. Therefore, Ms. Cotton and the District have settled all claims arising out of Ms. Cotton's employment for the District.” Wendy Bergmann asked if there was an agreement, and asked if she could get one. Mr. Peterson explained that after board members signed the agreement, he could make a copy and give Wendy a copy. Mrs. Vahlkamp also wanted a copy of the agreement. Mary Cotton asked questions regarding our discussion for 10.C. Gov. Pritzker Mitigation. Mary Cotton asked if we would be opting for local control regarding July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 IDPH guidance. Mr. Peterson explained the guidance to all and more will be discussed at the next meeting.

**8. Superintendent’s Report:**

- Online Registration
- Teacher Institute Days: August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>
- First Day of School: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 Dismissal
- Next Board Meeting: August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**9. Old Business: None.**

**10. New Business**

**A. Amended 2021-2022 School Calendar**

Sam moved, Kristy seconded to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**B. PRESS Policy Updates Issue 107**

No Motions Made. First Reading. Second Reading August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 School Board Meeting.

**C. Resolution to Governor JB Pritzker Requesting Local Control and Immediate Guidance for COVID-19 Mitigation for the 2021-2022 School Year.**

Kristy moved, Mark seconded to approve the Resolution to Governor JB Pritzker Requesting Local Control and Immediate Guidance for COVID-19 Mitigation for the 2021-2022 School Year

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**D. 2021-2022 Handbook**

Sam moved, Zack seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Handbook.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**E. FS Propane Bid**

Mark moved, Kristy seconded to approve FS Propane Bid of \$1.74 per gallon.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**F. Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Renewal**

Kristy moved, Blake seconded to approve PSIC Renewal for Property/Casualty (\$9624) and Workers' Compensation (\$3608).

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Sam moved, Zack seconded to exit open session at 8:36 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**11. Executive Session:**

a. Mark moved, Zack seconded to go into closed session at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

b. Kristy moved, Zack seconded to leave closed session at 8:09 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Mark moved, Zack seconded to go into open session at 8:12 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

## 12. Action Items Following Closed Session

### A. Consider Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes:

Mark moved, Zack seconded to approve the Semi-Annual Review of the Closed Session Minutes.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

### B. Consider 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

Sam moved, Zack seconded to hire Johnna Bergmann as the full-time 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann			X	
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

### C. Consider Jaime Blair as Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Mark moved, Sam seconded to hire Jaime Blair as the full-time substitute Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year, until the position is filled.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

### D. Consider Employment for Teachers: Jill Clary, Nichole Mueller, Lucas Giacomo and Allison Moran:

Sam moved, Mark seconded to approve the employment for Jill Clary for the 2021-2022 School Year, full-time, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Kristy moved, Blake seconded to approve the employment for Nichole Mueller for the 2021-2022 School Year, full-time, Kindergarten.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Kristy moved, Zack seconded to approve the employment for Lucas Giacomo for the 2021-2022 School Year, full-time, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Blake moved, Kristy seconded to approve the employment for Allison Moran for the 2021-2022 School Year, part-time, 80%, Band/Music/Computers.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**E. Consider Employment of Aides, Bus Drivers, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Cook and Custodian:**

Sam moved, Kristy seconded to approve the employment for **Aides:** Janine Moore, Tammy King, and Jaime Blair, with an increase of 2.1% for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead			X	
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Sam moved, Kristy seconded to approve the employment of Janine Moore, Crystal Diecker, and Ray Williams as **Bus Driver** with a pay of \$31 per route for the 2021-2022 School Year, and \$17 per hour for field trips.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead			X	
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Mark moved, Zack seconded to approve the employment of Crystal Diecker as **Cook** with an increase of 2.1% for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

Mark moved, Blake seconded to approve the employment of Jayme Schoenherr and Crystal Diecker as **Custodians** with an increase of 2.1% for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**F. Action on Settlement Agreement with Mary Cotton**

Kristy moved, Mark seconded to approve the settlement agreement with Mary Cotton.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

**G. Possible Action with Respect to Closed Session:**

**None.**

**13. Adjournment:**

Samantha moved, Zack seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Bergmann	X			
Blake Patton	X			
Kristy Geppert	X			
Mark Snead	X			
Samantha Harre	X			
Zachary Vahlkamp	X			
Charlie Giacomo				X

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Jeff Bergmann, President

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Kristy Geppert, Secretary