

OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in regular session at 7:00PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Tom Richardson, Shelly Herr, Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Nicholas Hansen, Sharma Parlett, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Bill Almond, Brett Hoffman, Kirsten Stek, Amanda Hoffman, Mark Scholes, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Diane Crookham-Johnson, Mollie Roach, Ann Roberts, Brett Doud, Darrin Alderson, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Joe Crookham, Jean Bieri, Eduardo Zamarripa, John Wayne, Efrain Garcia, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Richardson called the meeting to order. Van Hulzen moved to approve the Agenda. Hansen seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darrin Alderson of the American Legion Post 34 came forward to speak in favor of American Legion Youth Programs that will soon be growing in the area.

BOARD REPORTS

Van Hulzen noted, and Parlett concurred, that Parent-Teacher Conferences went well and that the concurrent Exhibition Night was a good event with which to couple them.

BUILDING REPORTS

None.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Drost commented that, with piloting of Middle School and High School mathematics curriculum, he wished to not see Go Math! be chosen due to the experience of the Elementary School, and that the curriculum should be a decision of the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began noting that he is continuing to research student interaction with Astronaut Peggy Whitson, who is originally from the Oskaloosa area. He also commented about a possible land sale he may be recommending, about masonry work that will soon be starting, about High School flooring recommendations, and about boiler replacement at the Middle School. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

Drost moved to approve the revised Minutes, Financial Statements, and Abstract as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON 2016 STUDENT TRIP TO CHINA

Mark Scholes, Middle School Associate Principal and sponsor for the trip to China, introduced the students that traveled to China in March, noting their maturity and desire for a fun, enjoyable trip. The students thanked the sponsors and noted their favorite city and events. They also answered questions on communicating and food, as well as offered advice for any students traveling in the future. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Members of the sixth grade faculty were in attendance to update the Board on the progress of their PLC by playing a video of their work so far this year. Board members followed with questions regarding self-paced learning, dyad success, reading goals, and the genius hour. The Board thanked them for the information.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2016-2017 CERTIFIED BUDGET

Richardson opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed 2016-2017 Certified Budget. Hearing no one after three announcements, Richardson closed the hearing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 CERTIFIED BUDGET

Vink presented the Board with the proposed budget, citing that it was published on March 28, 2016. Drost noted that the District currently pays out approximately \$500,000 more than it receives in open enrollment tuition, and if it were equal, that \$500,000 could be used by the Oskaloosa District.

Herr moved to adopt the 2016-2017 Certified Budget and Taxes as presented with a property tax rate of \$14.92794. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against. Member Van Hulzen was absent during the vote.

CONSIDER RECEIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with two bids for the purchase of school buses to update the fleet. He also noted the quoted trade-in values for retired buses and that they would be taking advantage of that option.

Hansen moved to accept two bids for bus purchase and award the sale to Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. for two 77-passenger diesel school buses at a cost, with trade-in allowances, of \$174,192.00. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF STUDENT HOUSE

Mr. Reiter presented the letter that he and Van Hulzen will be sending to local realtors to solicit their proposals for services. Vink noted that the first step to selling the Construction Trades house is to conduct a hearing, and he recommended the May regular meeting.

Drost moved to schedule a public hearing regarding the sale of the 2016 student-constructed house for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7PM and publish notice of same in a local newspaper of general circulation. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS WITH TWIN CEDARS CSD

Mr. Reiter introduced contracts to continue sharing operations with Twin Cedars Schools. Vink noted that the contracts were the same as the previous year other than dates.

Van Hulzen moved to extend the agreements with Twin Cedars Community School District for a shared Maintenance Director and shared Transportation Director for the 2016-2017 school year. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF IAEP PURCHASING AGREEMENT 2016-17

Mr. Reiter presented the agreement to use the food service co-op for 2016-2017.

Drost moved to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement 2016-2017 with AEA Purchasing as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT AND NOTICE FOR PUBLISHING

Vink took the floor to recommend an adjustment to the current year's Certified Budget amounts, noting that the increase recognizes the expected purchase of computers in the Instructional function.

Parlett moved to approve the publishing of the 2015-2016 Amendment of Current Budget as presented and schedule a hearing on the same for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7:00PM. Hansen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY SERIES 800 - SECOND READING

Mr. Reiter presented various updates/revisions to the 800 Series, noting that 804.5 would be introduced later. Board members noted their hesitancy to provide epi-pens, citing parental responsibility.

Edgren moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy Series 800 - Business Procedures as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter provided the Board with two resignations and three appointments.

Drost moved to accept the resignation of Acacia Morris effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the resignation of Pamela Behning effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and award her benefits as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Hansen seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jessica Ryals as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2016-2017 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$34,515. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Benjamin Chestnut as Middle School Physical Education Teacher starting with the 2016-2017 school year at the BA Step 5 salary level, currently \$39,347. Hansen seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Alana Hutchinson as High School Social Studies Teacher starting with the 2016-2017 school year at the MA Step 7 salary level, currently \$47,179. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 7PM to discuss Technology Project proposals.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary