

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 7:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Carl Drost, Tom Richardson, Shelly Herr, Neal Hadden, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Members Shawn Moyer and Nik Rule were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Matt Kargol, Amanda Hoffman, R.D. Keep, Duane Nollen, Ken Allsup, Eduardo Zamarripa, Andy Hotek, Dale Nelson, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Mike Dursky, Ryan Parker, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Shari Barnhart, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Drost called the meeting to order. Hadden moved to approve the Agenda. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Richardson noted his attendance at the recent National School Board Association Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. He commented on sessions involving graduation rates, technology, college-ready and career-ready students, cyber-bullying, and music matters. He noted that he would present on the Conference more at a future meeting.

Van Hulzen noted the positive experience that he and Herr had when chaperoning a music trip to Chicago.

Hadden cited his appreciation for the extensive success of many Oskaloosa student groups.

BUILDING REPORTS

Drost mentioned his attendance and enjoyment at the Elementary Math Night, as well as the success of the High School Robotics Club.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Discussion ensued after a question from Richardson about piloting the Wonders and Journeys reading programs.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He started by saying that he wished to have the Board review the 200 Board Policy Series in the next few months. He continued by commenting on Legislative action, budget reductions, literacy funding, and the success of the recent Osky Relays. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Minutes from March 2015 as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS

Hadden moved to approve the Financials from March 2015 as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Abstract from March 2015 as presented except for the payment to Scholastic, Inc. for \$84,078.99. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION OF 2015 STUDENT TRIP TO CHINA

Matt Kargol, High School Instructor, came forward to initiate a presentation on the student trip to China in March. Each student and sponsor that attended conveyed experiences and photographs from the trip, as well as displayed souvenirs received from the region. The Board thanked the group for their presentation.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2015-2016 CERTIFIED BUDGET

Drost opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed 2015-2016 Certified Budget. Hearing no one after three announcements, Drost closed the hearing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 CERTIFIED BUDGET

Vink presented the Board with the proposed budget, recommending approving the version published on March 30, 2015.

Van Hulzen moved to adopt the 2015-2016 Certified Budget and Taxes as proposed and published with a property tax rate of \$15.31720. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to approve a revised calendar for the subsequent school year due to recently-passed legislation. Van Hulzen inquired about the Data Days listed, and Liebl, Veiseth, and Cooksley responded about their intentions.

Herr moved to approve the revised 2015-2016 School Calendar with a start date of August 25 as presented. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRIPS FOR STUDENTS

Mr. Reiter presented the details of three out-of-state trips to be taken by Oskaloosa students and sponsors.

Hadden moved to approve the out-of-state trip for the Oskaloosa High School Robotics Club to St. Louis, Missouri, occurring in April 2015. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Herr moved to approve the out-of-state trip for Oskaloosa High School Speech and Debate students and sponsors to Dallas, Texas, occurring in June 2015. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the out-of-state trip for Oskaloosa Community School District students to Kirksville and St. Louis, Missouri, occurring in April and May 2015. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER BIDS AND PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with three bids for the purchase of school buses to update the fleet. He recommended purchasing just one bus for the upcoming year, and perhaps purchasing a large SUV as well. Richardson asked about bidding and buying an SUV, and Mr. Reiter said that they usually use the State bid and purchase it locally.

Hadden moved to accept three bids for bus purchase and award the sale to Hoglund Bus Company, Inc. for one 77-passenger diesel school buses at a cost of \$101,420. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING GYM PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Drost opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak on the specifications for the gym flooring project. Hearing no one after three announcements, Drost closed the hearing.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION ACT

Drost opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak regarding the District's plan to execute its responsibilities under the Children's Internet Protection Act. Hearing no one after three announcements, Drost closed the hearing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF IAEP PURCHASING AGREEMENT 2015-2016

Vink took the floor to present the agreement to use the food service co-op for 2015-2016.

Hadden moved to approve the Purchasing Agreement 2015-2016 with Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT AND NOTICE FOR PUBLISHING

Vink again took the floor to recommend an adjustment to the current year's Certified Budget amounts, noting that it would not result in an increase in taxes.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the publishing of the 2014-2015 Amendment of Current Budget as presented and schedule a hearing on the same for Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:00PM. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUDIT SERVICES RFP AND TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS

Vink introduced the need for the Board to request proposals for a qualified firm to perform its annual audit for the next three years.

Hadden moved to approve the specifications of the Request for Proposal for Audit Services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with two resignations and one appointment.

Herr moved to accept the resignations of Elizabeth Foster and Noel Hoover effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

Richardson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jacie White as High School Business Teacher starting with the 2015-2016 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$34,165. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

The Board agreed by consensus to meet on April 27 with the intention of discussing and acting on gym floor bids, budget reductions, and Annual Conference highlights.

ADJOURNMENT

Drost adjourned the meeting at 8:36PM.

EXEMPT SESSION

Van Hulzen moved that the Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District hold a closed exempt session to conduct a strategy meeting concerning employment conditions for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement as provided in Section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa. Herr seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Hadden, Herr, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary