

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 5, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Mike Dursky, Ginger Allsup, R.D. Keep, Mike Goudy, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

CONSIDER 2016-2017 CERTIFIED BUDGET TAX LEVIES

Richardson introduced the purpose of the meeting, noting that it was primarily to discuss particular property tax items being proposed in the 2016-17 Certified Budget. Mr. Reiter then distributed a sample survey and requested comments regarding contacting the parents of students who are open enrolled out. Questions arose about the timing of enrollment decisions and who would be making the contacts.

Mr. Reiter introduced the proposed Aid & Levy worksheet and opened the floor for recommendations of changes. Edgren commented about the affect of negotiations, as well as whether weightlifting could be integrated into each sport. Richardson said that he conversed with Patti Schroeder at the Iowa Association of School Boards, who indicated that taxing for special authority is very common and that she isn't aware of a District that does not tax on that authority.

Drost noted the poor test scores of the District, and that our District report card is a factor as to why students are choosing to open enroll out. He added that he doesn't feel that property taxpayers should pay for the poor performance, and wishes the Board would address student achievement. Van Hulzen noted that the Board is only now receiving data to measure progress toward goals. Parlett added that the decline has occurred over many years and that it takes time to adjust to changing demographics. Other members noted that the changes in assessments and instruction should help, and will be measured over the next few years.

Vink introduced a potential motion for the Board's consideration. Discussion ensued on principal authority, framing the path for curriculum, the use of Curriculum Directors to align staff and convey successful programs, and the property tax effect of funding all of the authority.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the proposed Aid & Levy Worksheet for the 2016-2017 Certified Budget and Taxes as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary