

OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR 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 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett (via phone), Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Lynette Stream, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Amanda McGraw was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Paula Wright, Bill Almond, Steph Wilson, Kim Gile, Stacy Bandy, Teresa Higgins, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Mark Scholes, Marlene Etter, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Jaden Moore, Stu Steffens, Linda Crookham-Hansen, Brian Jacobsen, Ann Jacobsen, Julie Knox, Amanda Foster, Michelle Purdum, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT AND VISITORS

Stu Steffens, 319 Spring Street, Chillicothe, Iowa, came forward to alert the Board about what his group, Tri-State Workers Coalition, considers to be continuing issues and unfair and unsafe labor practices by Bridge City Construction of Ottumwa, Iowa.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019-20 CERTIFIED BUDGET

Herr opened a hearing for any citizen to comment on the 2019-20 Certified Budget and Taxes. Hearing no one, Herr closed the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – SALE OF 2019 STUDENT CONSTRUCTED HOUSE

Herr opened a hearing for any citizen to comment on the sale of the 2019 student-constructed house. Hearing no one, Herr closed the hearing.

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members inquired and commented on District and Building reports, including regarding Middle School learning priorities, discipline designations, tardiness at the Middle School, and the musical talent of the Curriculum Director. Mr. Bandy also announced that the High School Student Council was recognized nationally for the fifth year in a row.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with seven appointments and two resignations. Edgren and Van Hulzen expressed concern about the Middle School Associate Principal interview process.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointments of Nicole Bunnell as Middle School Softball Coach and Alexandria Eckenrod as Assistant Golf Coach starting with the 2018-2019 school year.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Rebecca Bock as High School and Middle School Librarian starting with the 2019-2020 school year at the MA+30 Step 11 salary level, currently \$60,180.00. Stream seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jason Bunnell as High School Mathematics Teacher starting with the 2019-2020 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$36,535.00. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Tyler Coleman as High School and Middle School Orchestra Teacher starting with the 2019-2020 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$36,535.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Edgren moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Mark Scholes as Middle School Principal starting with the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$105,000. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Clint Gingerich as Middle School Associate Principal starting with the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$90,000 plus \$2,000 stipend in lieu of moving allowance. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the resignations of Kaleb Brown and Ayla Leopold effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Mrs. Wright and Kim Gile, Student Council sponsor, took the floor to inform the Board about the opportunity for the Student Council to attend the national conference in Pennsylvania. It was noted that 10 Oskaloosa students would attend and the conference would have 800-1000 students overall.

Drost moved to approve the out-of-state trip for Oskaloosa High School Student Council students and sponsor to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, occurring in June 2019. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER FINAL READING OF POLICY 505.5 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. Wright reintroduced revised Policy 505.5, which she noted is being changed to align with current practice and current law.

Van Hulzen moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 505.5 – Graduation Requirements – as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

After queries from Board members regarding Abstract payments, including on paper bids and fuel costs, Drost moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER RECEIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with two bids for the purchase of school buses and recommended the lowest bid in each category.

Van Hulzen moved to receive two bids for bus purchases and award the sales to Hoglund Bus Company, Inc. for one 77-passenger diesel school bus at a cost of \$88,000 and to Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. for one 53-passenger diesel school bus with lift at a cost of \$102,574.00 plus \$485.00 for lift upgrade. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Mrs. Wright announced that the last step in the sale of the Construction Trades house was to resolve to transfer the property so the Board President can close on the sale.

Van Hulzen moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Property Ownership as presented subject to proper closing procedures. Edgren seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Edgren, Herr, Parlett, Stream, and Van Hulzen.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2019-20 CERTIFIED BUDGET AND TAXES

Mrs. Wright recommended no changes to, and approval of, the budget that was published on March 26. Board members noted that it provides for a stable program with good class sizes, has a good rate in spite of increasing assessments, and the level of taxes is appropriate to meet the Board's objectives.

Drost moved to adopt the 2019-2020 Certified Budget and Taxes as presented with a property tax rate of \$14.20750. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND REC CENTER ARCHITECT

Mrs. Wright updated the Board on the progress of the Early Childhood and Recreation Center project about which we have a 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa. Drost noted that the recent architect selection went smoothly and that there was consensus about the best candidate. Those involved liked their experience, expertise, and projected timeline. Some Board members expressed their reservations about the project, but agreed that it should be done well.

Drost moved to affirm the joint committee selection of SVPA Architects, Inc. as the architects for the proposed Early Childhood and Recreation Center as provided in the 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 400

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with revisions to Series 400 as compiled by the Policy Review Committee. She noted specific changes to the Nepotism and Substance-Free Workplace policies.

Drost moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy Series 400 – Staff Personnel – as presented and amended. Stream seconded and all voted in favor.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – SECOND TRIMESTER DATA UPDATE

Stephanie Wilson, Curriculum Director, was in attendance to present data collected over the last three months regarding graduation rate, ACT results, preschool assessments, and FAST testing. The Board thanked Wilson for the format and content of the information.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00PM to award the contract for the Middle School Pavement Replacement Project.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:21PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary