

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, August 10, 2015, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Dale Nelson, Joy Prothero, Jon Sheldahl, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Nathan Wood, Angelisa Fynaardt, Shari Barnhart, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Jan Palmer, Eduardo Zamarripa, Kevin Den Hartog, Emery Songer, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Drost noted the passing of a previous Board member and father of current Board member Kraig Van Hulzen, Ken Van Hulzen, and conveyed his condolences. Drost also noted the marriage of Director Nik Rule and the exemplary performance of the District staff before and during the recent Donald Trump event.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He started by encouraging the Board to review their schedules to find a time for facility walk-throughs in the near future. He continued by commenting on recent maintenance projects, the gym floor project, and a Community Stadium gate access incident. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS

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

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for August 2015 as presented, including an additional invoiced amount to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$1,933.38. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON NATURE TRAIL PROJECT

Mike Goudy, High School Instructor and Boy Scout Leader, and Nick Den Hartog, Eagle Scout, were in attendance to present the current status and future plans for the bridge project and trail system on the District property to the east of the High School. After a series of questions and commendations, the Board thanked Goudy and Den Hartog for their presentation.

PRESENTATION BY GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Chief Administrator of Great Prairie AEA, as well as some of the AEA staff, came forward and provided an overview of who they are, their focus, and the services they provide. They also noted recent changes in professional development and curriculum, and indicated that they would be performing a survey in the fall for the school members to complete. The Board thanked them for the information.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DELIVERY PLAN

Mr. Reiter took the floor to introduce the need to approve an updated Special Education Delivery Plan. Drost reiterated that the composition and revisions were orchestrated through a committee within the District.

Hadden moved to approve the revised May 2015 version of the Oskaloosa Community Schools Special Education Service Delivery Plan as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BACKPACK WEEKEND FOOD INITIATIVE

Mr. Reiter conveyed his recommendation to approve the backpack initiative presented at a previous meeting. He highlighted the logistics and noted that he intends for it not to overload teachers in administering the program.

Rule moved to approve the Backpack Weekend Food Initiative for Oskaloosa Elementary School as presented. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY 606.3 – SECOND READING

Mr. Reiter introduced a second reading on the policy that will allow animals to be used in the classroom on a regular, structured basis.

Rule moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 606.3 – Animals In The Classroom as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 200 – SECOND READING

Mr. Reiter again presented the revisions to Board Policy Series 200. He highlighted the changes that were to be made, including grammatical corrections.

Hadden moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy Series 200 – Board Of Education as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TABLET COMPUTERS

Shari Barnhart, Technology Director, was in attendance to present two quotes for the purchase of tablet computers. Board members offered questions on the transition plan, the affects on learning, and the acceptance and use by the faculty.

Rule moved to accept two quotations for the Elementary School Tablet Computer Project and award the contract to CDW-Government at a total cost of \$42,300. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY-TREASURER

Drost introduced the need for the Board to appoint the Board Secretary and Treasurer, noting that, with the Policy change, this will no longer be done on an annual basis.

Herr moved to appoint Chad M. Vink as Board Secretary and District Treasurer until a successor is duly appointed. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

Drost administered the oath of office to Vink.

CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP IN IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to renew membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards. He recommended renewal, citing their training and improved financial supervision.

Rule moved to approve affiliation with the Iowa Association of School Boards and the related membership dues of \$7,401.00. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF IASB LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to identify the District's four priorities to convey to the Iowa Association of School Boards as the top agenda items for lobbying during the next legislative session. Drost asked each member to convey his or her priority numbers, and discussion continued until a consensus was reached.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the IASB Legislative Action Priorities for 2016 as presented and previously identified as Resolutions 3, 11, 24, & 37. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD GOALS

Drost opened the floor for discussion and revision of Board goals. After discussion on the results of the committee recommendations, the Board came to an agreement on final revisions.

Hadden moved to approve the revised Oskaloosa Community School District short-term and long-term Board Goals as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on the regular meeting date of September 14.

CLOSED SESSION – EMPLOYMENT HEARING

Drost declared that no request for an employment hearing was submitted, so it would be cancelled.

CONSIDER SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Drost adjourned the meeting at 8:38PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary