

# 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 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Bill Almond, Lynette Stream, Jeff Akers, Ken Allsup, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Ginger Allsup, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Jeff Stream, Charles Stream, James Ott, Becky Ingamells, Larry Ingamells, Mike Goudy, Evie McKain, Sara Bonnett, Scott Boender, Mike Kindley, Michelle Purdum, Jason Schultz, Michelle Smith, Nick Smith, Chad Main, Sally Blake, and Chad Vink.

#### AGENDA

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynette Stream, 2539 Bill Bone Dr, Oskaloosa, came forward to comment on student discipline and the need to enforce the Elementary Handbook to maintain order and improve instruction.

#### BOARD REPORTS

Edgren encouraged action on allowing other physical activity to meet the requirements for the physical education credits required at the High School. Mr. Reiter noted that they were gathering information from other districts and would be providing a recommendation to the Board in the fall.

Van Hulzen noted that he is working with Drost, Dave Bower, and Garden & Associates regarding ideas for lots for the construction of future Construction Trades houses, as well as mentioned recent conversations about possibly moving the softball field. Drost noted that, if the District were looking to develop the land by Garfield for houses, it would cost about \$31,000 per lot to develop that area for 14 houses.

#### BUILDING REPORTS

None other than the written reports.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by reporting on summer facility projects and that they are on schedule for completion by the first day of school. He continued by commenting on the NSBA Conference in March, the Central Office humidity issue, and the schedule for the next few weeks with staff and students returning. He concluded by introducing Ryan Mabee and Mike Goudy, who detailed a project to continue to develop the old North pond area with benches and signage. The Board thanked them for their reports.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS**

Herr moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

## **DISCUSSION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK**

Richardson introduced the agenda item regarding behavioral concerns and the Elementary School Handbook, noting that, previous to the meeting, several Board members toured the school to view the facility modifications made to accommodate discipline procedure changes.

Drost cited that previously the High School had behavior issues that had been corrected and that the building of the Middle School tried to be defeated but wasn't. He noted how a number of students are attending other schools, and that one student doesn't have the right to disrupt the instruction of others, adding information from a parent e-mail he had recently received.

He said that he wanted to see changes made, and moved that the Oskaloosa School Board direct the Superintendent to implement a discipline program at the Elementary and Middle School that requires any student that causes a classroom evacuation to leave the school for that day in the 2016-2017 school year, starting August 23, 2016, and that any classroom evacuation incident have the police called immediately for the safety of students and staff.

Richardson stated that he had to follow the law on how agenda items were considered and that the motion was out of order. Disagreement followed on the status of the motion, and Richardson inquired of the Board members as to whether they wanted to consider the motion. Van Hulzen said that he didn't want to vote on it without having previous knowledge of the nature of the motion. Herr stated that she wants to have changes, and would also consider it at a future meeting. Parlett conveyed that, with the changes that have already been made, she wanted to think about the affects of the issue before considering a motion. Edgren commented that he is concerned, and wants assault handled by the authorities, but wished to be aware of the issue ahead of time.

Reiter noted the improvements being made, including hosting parents, teachers, and the AEA in crafting the Handbook changes, adding special rooms in the buildings, and training teachers for behavioral situations. Herr added that she would like to see an agenda item at the next meeting regarding behavior issues. Drost reiterated that he wanted action on the current agenda and was led to believe that they would be able to act on his motion. Edgren and Parlett both said they want to process the implications and consequences of any changes to discipline procedures.

### **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF REVISED 28E WITH PRESCHOOL PARTNERS**

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with a revised 28E agreement with the Oskaloosa Preschool Program Partners, saying that it was similar to the previous agreement for the partners to administer the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Oskaloosa, and they wanted to continue that relationship.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised 28E Agreement with Preschool Program Partners as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF LEASE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY**

Mr. Reiter introduced a renewal agreement for the Preschool Partners to rent space at Webster School.

Parlett moved to approve the revised 28E Lease of Business Property with Oskaloosa Preschool Partnership as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF AGREEMENTS – MAHASKA COUNTY YMCA**

Mr. Reiter introduced renewal agreements for the Mahaska County YMCA to rent several spaces and share secretarial costs at Webster School.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised Agreement For Services and three revised 28E Leases of Business Property with Mahaska County YMCA as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF LEASE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY – HEAD START**

Mr. Reiter introduced a renewal agreement for the local Head Start program to rent space at Webster School.

Herr moved to approve the revised 28E Lease of Business Property with Southern Iowa Economic Development Association as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 900 – FIRST READING**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to review Board Policy Series 900. He noted the policies included in the series and the pressing need to update the rates at which District facilities are rented. Van Hulzen cited the need to take utilities, wear, and tear into account when establishing the fees. Drost identified the need to work in conjunction with those involved with the Community Stadium in setting fees. Edgren stated that for-profit groups should certainly have a different rate than non-profit groups.

Parlett moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy Series 900 – Building and Sites as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with one appointment.

Van Hulzen moved accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Abby Helmon as Middle School Special Education Teacher starting with the 2016-2017

school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$34,885. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

**REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on September 13, 2016, for the Annual Meeting, including deliberation on Board Goals with a possible behavior goal incorporated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:24PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary