

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, December 11, 2018, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett, Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Amanda McGraw, Lynette Stream, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Paula Wright, Stephanie Wilson, Bill Almond, Shari Barnhart, Beth Danowsky, Amy Bidwell, Stacy Bandy, Teresa Higgins, Ginger Allsup, Mike Dursky, Linda Crookham-Hansen, Jeff Krausman, Michael Schrock, Amanda Reynolds, Tim Veiseth, Neal Hadden, Tom Flaherty, Angie Holland, Jaden Moore, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Herr called the meeting to order. She recommended moving item VI.c.4 to immediately after item III. Parlett moved to approve the revised Agenda. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND VISITORS

Herr recognized the media, presenters, and a Student Council member. She then invited two individuals to come forward for public comments.

Neal Hadden, 807 Woodland Road, talked in favor of approving the proposed 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa. He said it was a project close to his heart and one that he had been working toward for several years. He mentioned the benefits to early childhood education, especially for students that are already struggling at that young age.

Tom Flaherty, 2107 South 11th Street, also came forward and talked in favor of the proposed 28E agreement. As the Executive Director of the Mahaska Community Development Group, he spoke to the benefits that a recreation and early childhood center has in attracting a skilled workforce and improving the local economy.

CONSIDER 28E AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF OSKALOOSA

Mrs. Wright introduced the opportunity for the Board to deliberate on a 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa to build and operate a local Recreation and Early Childhood Education Center. She also introduced Jeff Krausman, the attorney who negotiated the agreement on behalf of the Board, and encouraged Board members to ask questions of him about the version of the agreement before them.

Drost began the deliberations by conveying the history of the project and the concepts with which the Committee wrestled over the last several months. He noted that he feels that the funding for the project will be available and encouraged approval of the agreement. He also

cited that the Board will not be responsible for more than \$7,500,000 unless it specifically agrees to exceed that amount.

Discussion ensued on the value of early childhood education to the community, the different nature of the preschool environment compared to an elementary school environment, payments for the operations and capital improvement funds, the use of common areas, the option to buy the property after the end of the term, the lack of ownership throughout the period, the nature and timeliness of other funding, the authority to act on changes to the property, the value of the pool use, construction of separate buildings, the value of renting the property rather than owning it, concerns of pool size, and what language for an option-to-buy might look like. The Board thanked Krausman and the Committee for their work on the project and the 28E agreement. Drost requested a roll-call vote.

Drost moved to approve the Shared Use 28E Agreement with the City of Oskaloosa as presented. Parlett seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Parlett, Herr, and McGraw. Members Van Hulzen, Stream, and Edgren voted against the motion.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Wright and Board members provided written reports about the Facilities Planning Committee, the Safety & Security Ad-hoc Committee, the Middle School Scheduling Committee, and serving lunch at the Elementary School.

BUILDING REPORTS

Board members inquired regarding items in the Curriculum Director and Building Reports including trauma-informed care, High School office referrals for behavior, and High School scheduling.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Herr opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address the Board regarding the proposed 2019-2020 school calendar. After hearing no one, Herr closed the hearing.

CONSIDER FINAL READING OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Wright introduced a draft of a calendar for next school year. She noted that she has received some questions from the public to which she has responded. Van Hulzen requested to get input on future calendars from the public prior to discussion at the Labor Relations Committee, and Mrs. Wright agreed.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar based on student hours as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CAMERA SYSTEM

Mrs. Wright recommended delaying action on the security camera proposals until January to ensure the proposals are completely reviewed and due diligence is performed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT COMMUNICATION PLAN

Mrs. Wright provided an outline to distribute to the public on how the District will communicate with the community in various situations. Board members commented on the need for a central point-of-contact for outside inquiries, updates to webpages with such information, and possible student involvement in maintaining those webpages.

Drost moved to approve the Oskaloosa Community School District Communication Plan as presented and amended. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH LIFETOUCH

Mrs. Wright provided the Board with three options if they wished to retain the services of Lifetouch for District photography and badge printing: a one-year, a three-year, or a five-year agreement, with the longer versions including new badge printers.

Edgren moved to approve a one-year agreement with Lifetouch National School Studios as presented. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

After queries from Board members regarding the outgoing payments, McGraw moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER RECEIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with two bids for school buses and recommended purchasing from Hogland Bus Company.

Drost moved to receive two bids for bus purchases and award the sales to Hoglund Bus Company, Inc. for two 77-passenger diesel school buses at a cost of \$170,000.00 and exercise trade-in allowances if advantageous to the District. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mrs. Wright presented an agreement with Garden & Associates to conduct architect and engineering services for the Parking Lot Replacement Project to be completed next summer.

Drost moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Garden & Associates as presented with an estimated cost of \$74,500. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OEF BOARD

Drost indicated that he asked Parlett to serve on the OEF Board instead of him and she agreed.

Drost moved to appoint Sharma Parlett as Board representative to the Oskaloosa Education Foundation Board effective immediately. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 6PM. They also agreed to hold a worksession on January 22 at 6PM and to move the February regular meeting from February 12 to February 4 at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 8:36PM.