

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, December 13, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Bill Almond, Beverly Jenkinson, Tyler Riley, Steve Wanders, Joyce Eveland, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Amy Simmons, Chris Weinreich, Kim Gile, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Ken Allsup, Mike Goudy, Rich Waddington, Amanda Reynolds, Eduardo Zamarripa, Annette Wanders, Bret Foster, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Van Hulzen and Richardson complimented the Vocal Department for the superior performances at the Madrigal.

Drost said he was encouraged by the free discussions at the recent Board Worksession and hoped that the Administration and Board would continue to pursue those changes and discussions. Parlett asked that the survey and discussion results be displayed on the school website. Other Board members commented positively about the worksession discussions.

BUILDING REPORTS

Board members inquired about reading testing, fluency scores, Middle School tutoring, and the reduction of behavioral incidents at the Middle School.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Drost and Parlett commented on the interaction among District groups that has been promoted by Dr. Prothero and her intentions of publishing a newsletter.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by stating that the Home School Assistance Program investigation is almost complete and he intends on making a recommendation in January. He also commented on possible timber thinning east of the campus, the softball diamond project, a recent Farm Bureau meeting, and his investigations into a solar energy project. An ad-hoc committee of Van Hulzen and Drost was formed to investigate possibilities for the timber project. The Board thanked Superintendent Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After Board questions regarding positive teacher training opportunities, Parlett moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON PROGRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL MTSS

Stacy Bandy, High School Principal, was in attendance to provide data to the Board, including statistics on the success of the MTSS period. He displayed a slide show that included data on post-secondary remedial classes for Osby graduates, ACT results over the last several years, National Student Clearinghouse data on college participation, and MTSS data on students receiving failing grades. The Board thanked Bandy for the update.

PRESENTATION ON GYMNASIUM RENOVATION ALTERNATIVES

Tyler Riley, Partner with FEH Architects, provided the Board with initial information on considerations for updating and fixing the High School gymnasium, including siding, insulation, and air conditioning. Drost noted that the next step would be to set goals, and then come to the Board with a preliminary design. An ad-hoc committee of Richardson and Drost were formed to help with the goals and design. The Board thanked Riley for the information.

PRESENTATION ON HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER/TRIMESTER SCHEDULING

The High School Vertical Team came forward to convey the results of a recent survey as well as their discussions over the last several months regarding changes to the periods and terms used for scheduling at the High School. Board members asked about the proper length of class periods, inter-district sharing, and the effect on vocational courses. The Board thanked the group for their presentation.

CONSIDER APPLICATION TO SBRC FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION SUPPLEMENT

Vink provided information regarding the budget for the dropout prevention and at-risk programs and the associated request for a Modified Supplemental Amount. Mr. Reiter discussed the budget associated with the program and noted that the Board could decide later on taxing for the entire amount. Edgren expressed that he wanted to ensure that it was effective. Drost conveyed his desire for the Board to specifically act on taxing for this portion.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention budget in the amount of \$530,555 and request the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$336,220. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

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

Kim Gile, Student Council sponsor, requested permission to take several Student Council members to the National Conference out of state.

Drost moved to approve the out-of-state trip for Student Council students and sponsor to Manchester, New Hampshire, occurring in June 2017. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUIRED CHANGES TO BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Reiter presented some changes to Board policy that were required by law.

Herr moved to approve revised Board Policies, Regulations, and Exhibits 102, 102.E1, 102.R1, 404.R1, 500, and 603.4 as presented and required by law. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with one resignation.

Herr moved to accept the resignation of Ginny Foster effective December 21, 2016. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:43PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary