

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, February 14, 2017, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Bill Almond, Ann Roberts, Amanda Reynolds, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Hailey Brown, Denise Morgan, Corey Trainer, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Betty Ann Latchaw, Charlie Thomas, Jennifer Keogh, Kurt Keogh, Jason Herr, Ethan Herr, Aaron Vos, Steve Dixon, Kris Butler, Ethan Doak, Sam Carmichael, Lore Doak, John Edgren, Coce Hauser, and Chad Vink. Also, several students from William Penn University were in attendance to observe the meeting as part of a class.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Thomas, 1848 235th Street, Oskaloosa, came forward to express concern over a policy that resulted in the suspension of his son.

BOARD REPORTS

Richardson welcomed the newest member of the Board, Amanda McGraw [Secretary's Note: Amanda McGraw was sworn into office in the District Board Room on Tuesday, January 17, 2017].

Herr reported on analysis of FAST data with McGraw at the Elementary School as well as the High School student teams associated with the Iowa Quality Center.

Richardson noted the parent meeting on March 28 to review both the PBIS data and the handbook for 2017-2018.

BUILDING REPORTS

None in addition to the written report.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS

McGraw inquired about an upcoming math pilot meeting, and Dr. Prothero said that it would be February 17 at 8AM at the Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by reporting on conversations with FEH Architects on the status of the High School Gymnasium Renovation Project. He also commented on the recent visit by Chinese students, the recent Mentoring meeting, and the upcoming meeting with the City on the proposed Recreation and Childcare Center. The Board thanked Superintendent Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After Board questions regarding nutrition balances, debt retirement, and audit valuations, Van Hulzen moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented, including an additional invoice of \$1,300.00 from Solution Tree, Inc. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION BY HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

The High School Robotics Team, sponsored by Steve Dixon, came forward and detailed the competition for the current year, the results of the competitions, and the specifications of the robot used to compete. The Board thanked them for the presentation.

PRESENTATION OF 2015-2016 AUDIT REPORT

Vink provided information to the Board on the 2016 Audit Report. He highlighted several areas of the audit, noting the unmodified opinions throughout, and the current health of the funds.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2016, as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP BY PHEASANTS FOREVER

The High School Pheasants Forever Chapter, with their sponsor Mike Goudy, were in attendance to update the Board on recent projects, discuss upcoming activities, and request approval for an out-of-state trip to the National Convention.

Parlett moved to approve the out-of-state trip for the Pheasants Forever Chapter to Minneapolis, Minnesota, occurring in February 2017. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON PROMISE OF IOWA CAMPAIGN

Mr. Reiter introduced and read a resolution recommended by the Iowa Association of School Boards. Edgren and Van Hulzen questioned the value of the resolution, noting that funding wasn't available to push initiatives forward. Parlett noted the need for community-wide support for schools.

Due to lack of strength in his voice, Richardson vacated the chair to Herr for the remainder of the meeting.

Parlett moved to adopt the Resolution of Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign as presented. Richardson seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor

when the roll was called were Herr, McGraw, Parlett, and Richardson. Edgren and Van Hulzen voted against.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Herr opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak regarding the proposed 2017-2018 School Calendar. Hearing no one after three announcements, Herr closed the hearing.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to approve a calendar for 2017-2018. He recommended a calendar that continued using Wednesday early-outs and had two shorter breaks in lieu of a week-long Spring Break. Van Hulzen noted that he liked the collaboration with staff and the results of the calendar.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar, including the minimum instructional hours of 1080, as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER RECEIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with two bids for the purchase of a school bus to update the fleet. He also noted the quoted trade-in values for retired buses and that they would be taking advantage of that option.

Richardson moved to accept two bids for bus purchase and award the sale to Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. for one 84-passenger diesel school bus at a cost, with trade-in allowance, of \$107,128.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 STUDENT FEES

Mr. Reiter presented the proposed Student Fees for 2017-2018 and stated that the fees will remain the same as the current year.

Parlett moved to approve the student fees for District educational programs as presented effective for the 2017-2018 school year. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF BUDGET GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

Vink recommended that the Board adopt a resolution that would allow them to adjust their budget for the subsequent year to allow for 1% growth if aid from the State was insufficient.

Van Hulzen moved to adopt the Resolution to Levy for Regular Program Budget Adjustment as presented. Parlett seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Edgren, Herr, McGraw, Parlett, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOME SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Reiter presented additional information to the Board on a Home School Assistance Program and recommended approval to establish one. The Board inquired about insurance for the staff member, guidelines on timing, limits to the number of students, job duties of the employee conducting the program, and promotion of the program.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the establishment of a Home School Assistance Program as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 402.2 - FIRST READING

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 402.2 on Child Abuse Reporting.

Parlett moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 402.2 – Child Abuse Reporting as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 501.16 - FIRST READING

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 501.16 on Homeless Children. Edgren noted some concern about the watering down of the term “homeless” and if that harms others seeking help that may need it more.

Parlett moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 501.16 – Homeless Children & Youth as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 503.1 - FIRST READING

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 503.1 on Student Conduct.

Van Hulzen moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 503.1 – Student Conduct as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter provided the Board with one resignation.

Richardson moved to accept the retirement of Denise McLellan effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract year. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7PM, for a worksession on assessment data and budget items, among other items. After discussion and determining that several Board members, staff members, and community members may not be available to convene a regular meeting on March 14 due to Spring Break, Board members agreed by consensus to move the regular meeting from March 14 to Wednesday, March 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Herr read a statement from President Richardson acknowledging that the Board was aware of the changes in labor law that would be affecting the District, and that the Board would be working with the staff and community to judiciously execute the law so that the students and employees are fairly treated. Herr adjourned the meeting at 8:51PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary