

# **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 work session at 7:00PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 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, Erik Edgren, Amanda McGraw, Sharma Parlett (by telephone), and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Carl Drost was absent.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Jolene Liebl, Mike Dursky, Tim Veiseth, Brita Oyen, Angie Holland, Stacy Bandy, Andy Hotek, and Chad Vink.

### **REVIEW OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FAST ASSESSMENT DATA**

Brita Oyen, Consultant from Great Prairie Area Education Agency was in attendance to present information on the FAST assessments conducted at the Elementary School recently. She noted the aspects of the District's School Improvement Plan, including the Continuous Improvement Process, differentiated accountability, site visits, and desk audits. She continued by noting components of the FAST assessment, including its purpose and the screening tiers used, and displayed a standard example test. She then provided results of winter testing for the Elementary School, citing extensive progress at all grade levels. She concluded by discussing the subsequent student progress monitoring. The Board thanked Oyen for her report.

### **UPDATE ON MAHASKA COUNTY RECREATION/CHILDCARE FACILITY PROJECT**

Mr. Reiter updated the Board on the progress of the proposed Recreation/Childcare Facility, noting that, at the recent meeting he attended, the City was continuing to adjust the scope of the project to meet the needs of the schools and community while restraining costs.

### **REVIEW PRELIMINARY 2017-2018 CERTIFIED BUDGET**

Mr. Reiter and Chad Vink, School Business Official, took the floor to present the proposed Certified Budget documents for the 2017-2018 school year. They provided information on the concepts and limits in school budgeting, as well as initial information that would indicate a decrease in the property tax levy rate for next year.

### **UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT**

Mr. Reiter provided a worksheet and explanation from the architect with initial estimates on the costs of the options for renovating the High School main gymnasium.

### **UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

Mr. Reiter summarized how the recent legislative changes may affect the District and its negotiations. He noted the continued importance of recruiting, training, and retaining the best employees.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:08PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary