

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, January 10, 2017, 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, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Kim Gile, Lynette Stream, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Mike Goudy, Hailey Brown, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynette Stream, Oskaloosa, came forward to express disappointment over the lack of publicity for the special Board election, as well as the outdated Board goals currently listed on the District website.

BOARD REPORTS

Edgren said he visited classrooms and was impressed with the general discipline and responsiveness of the students.

Richardson commented on the meetings with staff members that Mr. Reiter and he recently attended. Van Hulzen recommended similar meetings for the support staff.

BUILDING REPORTS

Board members commented on the Winter Showcase at the High School, clothing donations, visitors from China, and the opportunity for fourth graders to talk with an astronaut.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Nothing in addition to the written report.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by stating that the 2017-18 School Calendar is being developed and will be available for approval in February. He also commented on the upcoming visit by

Chinese students, upcoming Eggs & Issues sessions, the local Youth Mentoring Program, and the opportunity for students to talk to astronaut Peggy Whitson. The Board thanked Superintendent Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After Board questions regarding the payoff of sales tax bonds, Van Hulzen moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO PRODUCTION COURSE

Kim Gile, Instructor for the Video Production course at the High School was in attendance to update the Board on the program. She noted the scope of the work of the students, the upcoming upgrades, and that classes usually involve about 65 students. The Board thanked Gile for the update.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOME SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Reiter provided the Board with information on the instruction, funding, staffing, components, characteristics, and requirements for a Home School Assistance Program. Board members inquired about covering costs, home visits, funding delays, attracting students, staffing, attendance limits, and employment contract language. It was agreed by consensus to consider the program again at a future meeting after obtaining additional information.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUS SPECIFICATIONS AND TO SOLICIT BIDS

Mr. Reiter introduced the specifications to purchase a new bus to keep the fleet rotation progressing.

Herr moved to approve specifications for the purchase of a diesel school bus and to solicit bids for the same. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF DISTRICT VEHICLE

Mr. Reiter introduced the specifications and State bid to purchase a Suburban to keep District vehicles updated. Board members inquired about four-wheel drive, the use of vans, and the comparable bid for a Ford SUV.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Suburban using the State of Iowa contracted price plus options in the amount not to exceed \$41,281.05. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW PROGRESS ON BOARD GOALS

Richardson led a discussion on the interim progress in achieving the Board goals approved at the beginning of the year. Members commented on State website reporting, surveys of staff and parents, expanded sharing opportunities, and technology progress at the buildings.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7PM, unless it was later determined that an additional meeting should be scheduled in the interim.

CLOSED SESSION

Herr moved that that the Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District hold a closed session to evaluate an individual whose performance is being considered as provided in Section 21.5 of the Iowa Code and pursuant to the individual's request. Parlett seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Edgren, Herr, Parlett, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

The Board entered closed session at 8:55PM

The Board exited closed session at 10:16PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:16PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary