

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 regular session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 12, 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, Nicholas Hansen, and Sharma Parlett. Member Kraig Van Hulzen joined the meeting at approximately 8:07PM.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Polly Ehret, Joyce Eveland, Mark Scholes, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Jan Palmer, Mollie Roach, Dana Hols, Kim Gile, Tim Veiseth, Ginger Allsup, Mike Goudy, Kelly Luck, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Hunt, 1019 M Avenue West, Oskaloosa, came forward to comment on the providers offered in the District's 403(b) Retirement Program.

BOARD REPORTS

Parlett noted how impressed she was with the talent and hard work displayed at the Madrigal Dinner.

BUILDING REPORTS

None other than the written reports.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Parlett inquired about the change in Federal educational standards. Dr. Cooksley said that, while the SINA and DINA designations are gone, the process for improvement is the same and the assessment model is still unknown.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by providing the Board with options for the school calendar for the subsequent year for their consideration. He continued by noting budget meetings with staff, the Governor's proposal to extend sales tax revenues, an upcoming RFP regarding a school bus camera

system, and that the District would be hosting students from China in February. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT

Herr moved to approve the Minutes, Abstract, and Financial Statements presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION BY MIDDLE SCHOOL PBIS TEAM

Members of the Middle School PBIS Team were in attendance to update the Board on the progress of their group. They identified their purpose, goals, PBIS MTSS Pyramid, expectations, tools, and examples. The Board members followed with questions regarding programs associated with companies as well as teacher modeling. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

PRESENTATION ON REVISED HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING STRUCTURE

The High School Vertical Team came forward to provide information regarding possible changes to the schedule structure at the High School. They provided a history, the considerations, and the staff survey results. They also conveyed a series of opinions on the effects of changes, including regarding coordination with post-secondary schools. The Board posed questions about early-bird classes, the use of quarters, finances, capacity, study halls, trimester use statewide, and the timeline for possible changes. The Board thanked the Team for the report.

PRESENTATION ON BACKPACK WEEKEND FOOD INITIATIVE

Jan Palmer was in attendance and updated the Board on the status of the weekend food initiative approved last summer. She noted that it has been a success. The Board thanked Palmer for her time.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Richardson opened the floor for anyone wishing to speak regarding participation in the Instructional Support Program. Hearing no one after three announcements, Richardson closed the hearing.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Chad Vink, School Business Official, took the floor to notify the Board that the required public hearing has been conducted and notice of the hearing was properly published, so the Board could now resolve to participate in the Instructional Support Program. He noted that the language in the Resolution to Participate is the same as that provided in the Resolution of Intent to Participate.

Drost moved to adopt the Resolution to Participate in Instructional Support Program as presented. Van Hulzen seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Edgren, Hansen, Herr, Parlett, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 700

Mr. Reiter introduced revisions to the Board policies in series 700 and highlighted his recommended changes.

Van Hulzen moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy Series 700 – Auxiliary Services as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW PROGRESS ON BOARD GOALS

Mr. Reiter offered comments on the District's status with each Board goal. The Board conversed on the use of the Iowa Report Card and how best to use it for comparisons.

CONSIDER CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Mr. Reiter noted local Board policy regarding committees and identified the options that the Board has. Board members came to a consensus for each to discuss their interests with the Board President, who will establish contacts and ad-hoc committees as necessary.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with seven retirements.

Parlett moved to accept the resignations of Michael Sash, Janet Dodd, Kristen Sarver, Jay Harms, Shirlee Gallagher, and Susan Knox effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and award them benefits as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Herr moved to accept the resignation of De Thostenson effective immediately and award her a package and benefits as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, for the regular meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Hansen 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. Drost seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Edgren, Hansen, Herr, Parlett, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

The Board entered closed session at 9:13PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board exited closed session at 10:06PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 10:06PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary